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TOPPER'S MOUNTAIN WINES

2008 New England Wine Show—Gold!

Here I go—late again!
The 2008 New England Wine



Lineup at the Wine Show (photo—Mark Kirkby)

Show was held in October 2008 in Glen Innes, as usual. Overall the Judges were very complimentary of the rising standard of the wines on show from the emerging New England region.

For our part, we did very well. We received a Gold Medal for our 2005 Topper's Mountain Traminer (which just missed out in a taste-off for the Best Aromatic

White Wine of the Show). All in all, we entered ten wines, which were all the wines on hand that met the minimum quantity rule—so I didn't just select those that I thought would do well in the Show. From these entries, we won one Gold Medal, four Bronze



Spring in the vineyard (photo—Mark Kirkby)

Medals and two of our unfinished wines received scores equivalent to Bronze Medals. The list is as follows; Gold—2005 Topper's Mtn Traminer,

Bronze—2007 Topper's Mtn Tempranillo,

Bronze—2006 Topper's Mtn Chardonnay,

Bronze—2007 Thunderbolt's "Combo" Dry Red,

Bronze—2007 Thunderbolt's "Beeswing" Dry White,

16.17 (Bronze equiv) - 2008 Tempranillo (just released—see below) & 16.0 (Bronze equiv) - 2008 Shiraz.

That is a total one Gold, four Bronzes & two Bronze equivalents from ten entries—so I'm stoked!!

6th quarterly draw of a mixed 1/2 doz for Wine Club members!

Our lucky winners are

**Sharon & Peter
McLachlan**

of Inverell. Sharon & Peter own & run McLachlan's Smash Repairs in Inverell.

I met Sharon & Peter at one of the events we sponsored

at the Inverell Art Gallery in 2007.

Tell your friends of our Wine Club and ask them to email me their details if they would like to join and become eligible for the quarterly draw.

Next draw will be in the Veraison (mid-summer) Newsletter at the end of January 2009.



2008 VINTAGE RELEASE !

Our second wine from last Vintage has just been released. It is our **2008 Topper's Mountain Tempranillo** with a beautiful herbal & black-berry nose followed by a long, spicy, crisp finish with nicely balanced acid. \$20/bottle(+ frt) available in straight or mixed 1/2 or full dozens.



toppers mountain
new england



Inverell vs Bukkulla, Jan 1860

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COUNTRY NEWS
INVERELL.

The long talked of match between the Bukkulla and Inverell cricket clubs came off yesterday, and resulted in favour of the Bukkulla Club in one innings, by fifteen runs. The fielding of the Bukkulla cricketers was considered good, and certainly proved too good for their adversaries. In the evening a sumptuous dinner was provided, and ample justice done to it—all the arrangements reflecting the greatest credit upon the Inverell people. After some appropriate toasts and songs, the meeting dispersed, highly delighted with each other and everything. The utmost good feeling and order prevailed throughout the entire day.

INVERELL.

First Innings.

Holmes, b. by E. Topper	0
Morgan, c. by H. Wyndham	3
John Cameron, b. by C. Wyndham	5
Frank Cameron, c. by J. Codrington	1
Brown, b. by E. Topper	2
Geo. Rose, c. by Graham	7
Harnes, b. by E. Topper	0
Flynn, b. by Graham	0
Armstrong, c. by A. Codrington	0
Selby, not out	0
Ayres, b. by C. Wyndham	0

Byes, 0; wide, 0; no ball, 0; total.. 20

Second Innings.

Holmes, c. by J. Codrington	0
Morgan, c. by Graham	0
John Cameron, c. by J. Codrington	0
Frank Cameron, b. by E. Topper	0
Brown, c. by C. Wyndham	0
George Rose, b. by E. Topper	0
Harnes, L.B. W.	0
Flynn, not out	0
Armstrong, run out	0
Selby, b. by G. Wyndham	0
Ayres, b. by G. Wyndham	0

Byes, 1; no ball, 0; wide, 0; total
Add first Innings

Grand total.....

BUKKULLA.

First Innings.

J. Codrington, c. by J. Cameron	0
H. Wyndham, b. by Morgan	0
A. Wyndham, b. by Morgan	0
C. Wyndham, b. by Morgan	0
G. Wyndham, b. by Morgan	0
J. Fletcher, b. by Morgan	0
R. Graham, b. by Brown	0
W. Topper, b. by Brown	0
E. Topper, b. by Brown	0
J. Rose, b. by Morgan	0
A. Codrington, not out	0

Byes, 6; no ball, 0; wide, 0;
The Bukkulla Club thus wins
innings, by fifteen runs.
Inverell, Jan. 2, 1860.

Armidale Express Jan 12 1860
(courtesy Dickson Library
UNE & Susan Moore)

The meeting dispersed, highly delighted with each other & everything. The utmost good feeling and order prevailed throughout the entire day." Should do it more often!

Note both E. & W. Topper playing & a C. Wyndham. We think Topper's Mountain is named after these Topper brothers.

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Upcoming Events & Sponsorships

1. Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival—16th to 26th Jan 2009—come and see us at the Wine Stall on Friday 23rd Jan.
2. Sydney Cellar Door is on again on Sunday 1st March in Hyde Park. Make a day of it & taste ours & many other wines. See <http://www.nswwineweek.com.au/> for details.
2. Inverell Bridge Club—we are sponsoring their raffle for the Bridge Clubs Congress coming up in mid-February.
3. Inverell Charity Bowls Day, Nov 2008—we were proud to sponsor this event which was run by the New England Credit Union in Inverell. The day raised \$2,700 which was donated

equally between
St. Vincent de
Paul & the Sal-
vation Army
Christmas
Appeal.

Keep safe & I hope
to see you soon at one
of these excellent
events, or somewhere
else, soon. ☺



The underside (photo—Mark Kirkby)



The Perfect Gift—Monogrammed Topper's Mountain display boxes are available for special occasions & gifts for 1, 2 or 3 bottles with clear or timber lids. Prices (all inc. GST);

with monogrammed ply lid;

- 1 bottle box— \$9
- 2 bottle box— \$16
- 3 bottle box— \$19

with monogrammed clear acrylic lid;

- 1 bottle box— \$16
- 2 bottle box— \$20
- 3 bottle box— \$25

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2005 Topper's Mountain Traminer wins
Gold at 2008 New England Wine Show