

WARRENMANG VINEYARD & RESORT



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***AN INCREDIBLE YEAR at
WARRENMANG VINEYARD & RESORT
And the BAZZANI's keep on CELEBRATING!***

2008 – 2009 has been quite a year at Warrenmang – so little rain, so much heat and so few grapes – but the vintage was special and harvest as exciting as always; Owners of Warrenmang, Luigi and Athalie Bazzani have certainly managed to balanced out any pain from fruit loss with the pleasure of many celebrations and spectacular wine and food events, including **Luigi's 70th birthday** and a fabulous party to mark the **30th Anniversary** since he became part of Warrenmang Vineyard and made it his life!

On 20th June there was yet another great excuse for party in the Pyrenees; it was exactly **20 years since the official opening of Warrenmang's Restaurant and Resort village**. The opening in 1989 marked the pioneering of wine tourism in Victoria and the tranquil Resort Village and the multi award winning restaurant still remain a favourite destination for lovers of wine food and nature twenty years on. Countless awards have been bestowed on the property over the years.

Guests have enjoyed two super premium wine releases created especially for these celebrations, including *Luigi "Tribute" 30th Anniversary* wine and *Torchio, multi vintage aged pressings*. Both wines have been applauded by the wine media and sold out quickly.

Invited guests throughout the year have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the memorable anniversary events. Daniel Jones, executive chef at Warrenmang has created a series of degustation dinners and long slow lunches resulting in outstanding regional food and wine experiences; Wine loving guests have reaped the benefits of Luigi's unswerving dedication to maintaining a serious museum cellar. For each celebration, he has burrowed deep into the darkest corners and brought out some amazing wines including an original 1980 Cabernet, some early 1980's Shiraz wines and the first vintage of Grand Pyrenees from 1985. All were exceptional and had maintained their fruit, their rich colour and distinctive Pyrenees characteristics of mint and spice.

In 2009, it is also **40 years since Luigi arrived in Australia** and though his Australian story is long and momentous, he thinks the best celebration is yet to come. In September **he and partner Athalie will celebrate 40 years of marriage** and plan to continue sharing their lifelong love for a common passion, wine food and hospitality.

The next Winemakers' Lunch with Luigi will be on Saturday 15 August at 12 noon; bookings can be made by telephoning 5333 2121 or emailing bazzani@giant.net.au Everyone is welcome to join the party!

Luigi & Athalie Bazzani

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