



## Amphora Euphoria At T'Gallant Cellar Door

**Labour Day Weekend, 4-10pm Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The T'Gallant winemaking team in Mornington is set to host a wine event to highlight their unique range of wines and show how they enjoy blending in with today's modern lifestyle.

**Amphora Euphoria** on Saturday 8 March 2008 will be an epicurean delight into bygone eras of winemaking involving a day of food, wine, art and music that will open your eyes to the days when wine was produced in Amphora - large clay pots which were buried in the soil to enable wine to ferment in cooler conditions to retain fresh fruit flavours.

Food and wine will be in abundance as characters that personify the unique T'Gallant range – Juliet, Grace, Imogen, Volante, Cyrano and Romeo - pass through cellar door – chatting to festival-goers and imbibing their wine wisdom while punters sip on the new release wines.

Included in the Amphora Euphoria line-up is an Amphora Hunt – a clue finding expedition to find Amphora and dig them up! One lucky Amphora will reveal clues to marvelous prizes!

The evening will involve casual grazing of dishes inspired (just like the wines) by Roman times, where participants can enjoy the setting sun and the stars in the night sky.

When: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm – 10.00pm

Where: T'Gallant Cellar Door, 1385 Mornington Flinders Rd, Main Ridge

Cost: \$40 per person includes food, wine and entertainment

Bookings: 03 5989 6565

Nb. Cellar Door and Spuntino bar will be open for wine tastings and sales.

### T'Gallant Characters

**Juliet's** youthful effervescence and quasi-hippydom is certain to enchant **Romeo** – the Don Juan of wines with bold sex appeal and brooding mystery.

Awe-inspiring and draw-droppingly attractive, **Grace** will stun Amphora Euphoria attendees, while **Imogen** will look on nonchalantly with French panache and style.

A cross between Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot, **Cyrano's** elaborate style will engage – while **Volante's** quirky character will delight, amuse – and perplex!

Among all of these shenanigans will be blue, misty-eyed **Claudius**...

### New Wines From T'Gallant

The 2007 T'Gallant **Claudius** Mornington Peninsula White Wine is innovative winemaking on the edge, inspired in part by the controversial but fascinating wines of Friuli's Josko Gravner. A blend of Chardonnay, Moscato Giallo and Gewurztraminer, Claudius was made using red wine techniques such as extended maturation on skins before being transferred to new oak and bottling without bentonite fining or cold settling.

Following initial stages of development of the Calibrating Gris concept The 2007 T'Gallant **Grace** Mornington Peninsula Pinot Grigio is being re-launched to highlight a stylistic evolution towards the classic austerity and restraint of Italian Pinot Grigio.

The 2006 T'Gallant **Volante** Mornington Peninsula White Wine is an aromatic, textural wine constructed from equal parts of Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Viognier. Drawing on the strengths of each variety Volante is an expressive and complex wine not reliant on oak to provide character.

Volante is paired with the 2007 T'Gallant **Romeo** Mornington Peninsula Red Wine, a supple, medium bodied wine created primarily from Pinot Noir and Sangiovese with a touch of Shiraz. Expressive of the cool climate Mornington Peninsula, Romeo is an approachable wine ideal for the casual, rustic cuisine of T'Gallant's La Baracca Trattoria.