

# T'GALLANT

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## **Intriguing characters and the obscure inspire new wine styles from innovative Mornington Peninsula winemaker**

T'gallant's new wines have been created with flamboyant, colourful and interesting characters as the inspiration. Crisp whites, expressive reds and an innovative and potentially controversial 'cloudy wine', the **2007 T'Gallant Claudius** features in the collection. Claudius takes inspiration from the fascinating wines of Friuli's Josko Gravner. For Gravner, "working with Mother Nature, not abusing it" is his focus and using lessons from the past rather than constant modernisation has become his way of living. These expressive new wine styles take T'Gallant to the next level.

### **New wines from T'Gallant include:**

- 2007 T'Gallant Claudius RRP \$44.99
- 2007 T'Gallant Romeo RRP \$24.99
- 2006 T'Gallant Volante RRP \$21.99

### **New vintage releases from T'Gallant include:**

- 2006 T'Gallant Cyrano Pinot Noir (*replaces "Dotty"*) RRP \$24.99
- 2007 T'Gallant Grace Pinot Grigio (*replaces "Flag"*) RRP \$21.99
- 2007 T'Gallant Imogen Pinot Gris RRP \$21.99

T'Gallant Winemaker Kevin McCarthy said, "We are passionate about the obscure and we try to make a spectrum of styles at our winery. Our style is authentic, expressive and passionate. Great food and wine coming together to create amazing textures and experiences is our ambition. Yes, we are heavily influenced by European winemaking techniques and more recently by ancient winemaking styles - from the primitive to the crazy as you can see with Claudius – but our true focus is on creating heartbreakingly beautiful wine and food utopia."

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. Gravner's only rule is that wine is made by nature and not by humans, therefore it requires the least manipulation in the cellar and great attention in the vineyards. McCarthy's wine is 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 further 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.

**2007 T'Gallant Imogen Pinot Gris** is a generous and weighty Pinot Gris potent and true to style. The nose is ripe and very complex with floral notes and touches of tropical fruit. This wine is expressive of vineyards across Mornington Peninsula.

Singing the Pinot Noir song with purity and intensity that adds a deeper chord to this already aromatic wine is the **2006 T'Gallant Cyrano Pinot Noir**. The perfume is exquisite, reflecting perfect vintage conditions which lead to a palate with real tannin structure and great length.

**The T'Gallant Wine Collection Includes:**

**T'Gallant Core – Fine Wine Retail**

2007 T'Gallant Grace Pinot Grigio RRP \$21.99  
2007 T'Gallant Imogen Pinot Gris RRP \$21.99  
NEW 2007 T'Gallant Volante RRP \$21.99  
NEW 2006 T'Gallant Cyrano Pinot Noir RRP \$24.99

**T'Gallant Tribute – On-Premise**

2006 Tribute Pinot Noir \$29.99  
2007 Tribute Pinot Gris \$29.99  
2007 Lot 2 Chardonnay \$29.99

**Cellar Door Only**

NEW: 2007 T'Gallant Claudius  
NEW: 2007 T'Gallant Romeo – & selected on-premise \$24.99  
NEW: 2007 T'Gallant T'Gallivant *to be released August 2008*  
2007 T'Gallant Moscato (pink) RRP \$20.99

When visiting Victoria – a visit to T'Gallant is a must! Home to **La Baracca Trattoria** and **Spuntino Bar** - restaurants that celebrate Italian influenced cuisine, peppered with some French classics. The menus highlight the best of the region's seasonal produce, often accompanied by an ever expanding stable of musicians. Under the shaded canopy of the fig trees, and with a glass of T'Gallant in hand, there is no better place to drink in the views of the vineyards and laze away.