



Merry Christmas 2015 - Join us in Hobart on New Years Eve.

2015 has been a happy and busy year for our family. Highlights include family birthday celebrations in Bridport at Easter especially Nan's 100th. We also managed to fit a mid year break to Kiama and an October wedding getaway to Bellinghen/Dorrigo amongst a full year of teaching at Charles Sturt University and Em's work at the Wagga Hospital.

Easter was saw a stunning eclipse over the beach at Bridport and some beautiful mornings camped by the beach. The vines looked good at Easter in advance of vintage. Although the canopy did show some signs of some Downy mildew pressure the fruit looked clean and robust. Ella (3 years old) did her own quality assessment.

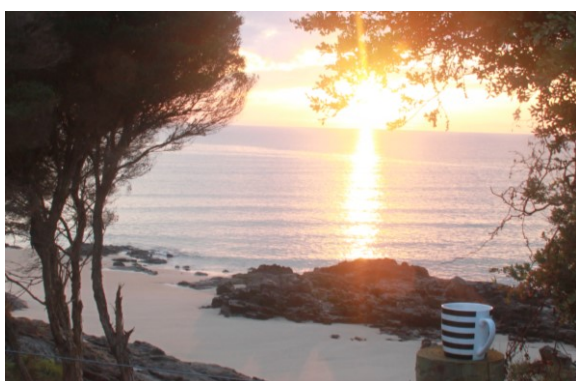


Figure 1 Sun rising over tranquil waters in Bridport. Fruit on vines at Easter



Figure 2 Ella testing sugars with a refractometer and tasting fruit 6th April 2015

I used the Clonal trial in teaching Analysis of Variance in the Precision Agriculture and Data Handling course at CSU. We mostly used Genstat and Excel in the course. I have been teaching myself some R. R can produce more elegant outputs than these other packages and is open source software. Some visualisation of our trial data below shows a Box and Whisker plot generated in R of bunch weights for the different clones from the 2013 vintage.

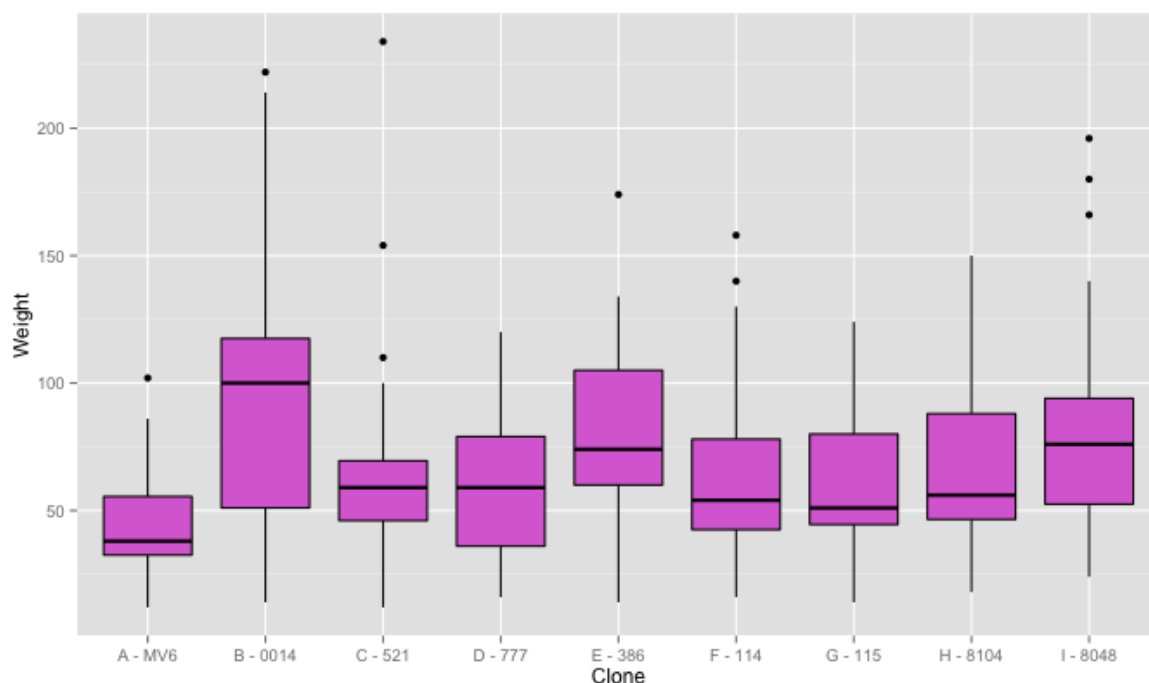


Figure 3 2013 Harrisons Bunch Weights from 10 bunch sampling presented as a Box and Whisker plot using R. The Fischer's Least Significant Difference is 18.89grams. The line in the middle of the box is the mean bunch weight for each clone.

It was another steady and productive year at Harrisons vineyard. This year we welcome Ruth Fell to the daily joys of the vineyard team. She is learning the ropes from Marc and with many phone calls from Wagga mastering each operation in turn.

Some dates if you would like to catch us in Wagga or Tassie. New Years Eve is a great time to be in Hobart and we will be there. We will host a release of the 2014 vintage in the boardroom of the Savoy from 5:30 till 6:30pm before going to the Taste of Tasmania. We will be at the Wagga Wagga Food and Wine Festival on 19th March 2016. Have yet to make a decision on attending Fesivale in Tasmania in February but do recommend this if you are planning a trip. Let us know if you are. Will we will be in Tasmania for Vintage with a target around ANZAC day (April 25). Send Duncan an [email](#) to RSVP for a New Years Eve drink or use the [Facebook group](#) to help get organised for a Wagga or Tassie trip.

The 2014 is a fine wine that reflects the vineyard settling in and coming of age. We have tasting notes for all of our wines here on our website. Phone Duncan 0438585148 email duncan@hpinot.com or [click](#) through to our online [store](#).

Cheers and blessings to you and your family as you prepare for Christmas.
Duncan Farquhar



Figure 4 Harrisons Pinot Stall prepared for customers at the Wagga Food and Wine Festival



Figure 5 Emily and Alexander (2) in the dunes in the morning at Hat Head 8 October 2015. Our return from Nicola and Andrew's wedding in Dorriggo.