

BETTENAY WINES



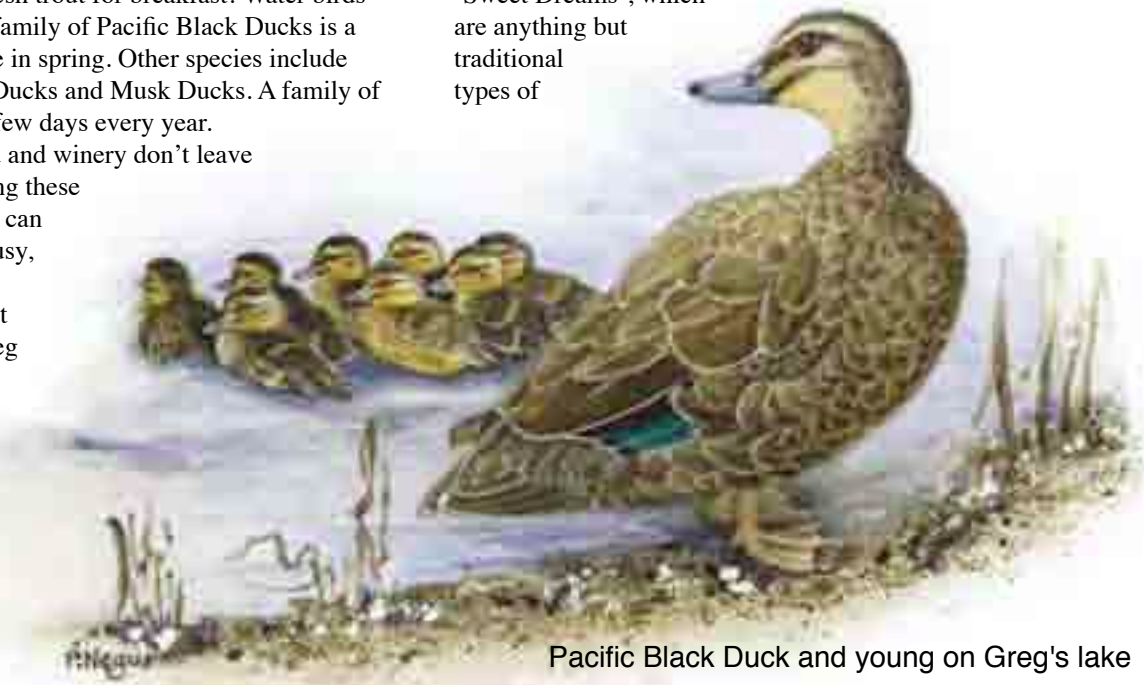
Established: 1989

There are definitely some trout in the lake at Bettenays, because Greg once caught a poacher with the proof! He does stock the lake each year with several hundred plate-sized rainbow trout. Visitors staying in the cottages have ‘fishing rights’ and any fish caught are paid for on an honour system. There is nothing like a fresh trout for breakfast! Water birds also love the lake, and a family of Pacific Black Ducks is a common sight on the lake in spring. Other species include Wood Ducks, Mountain Ducks and Musk Ducks. A family of Black Swans visits for a few days every year.

However, the vineyard and winery don’t leave Greg much time for fishing these days. In fact, at vintage it can become just a little too busy, sometimes necessitating working through the night to process the grapes. Greg once ended up in a hospital bed for a short while after one such ‘Vintage Blitz’, and was told by his doctor that he’d “lost the plot”! Well, of course, that just

became the theme, along with the Lost Plot Dog, for the second label of Bettenay Wines.

Some of Greg’s colleagues in the wine industry might believe that he has, indeed, lost the plot, with such wines as the famous ‘Chilli Rose’ and ‘Sweet Dreams’, which are anything but traditional types of



Pacific Black Duck and young on Greg's lake