

NEWS FROM CORIOLE

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2011

40 YEARS OF CORIOLE SHIRAZ

The latest release 2009 Shiraz is in cellar door. The first Shiraz made at Coriole in 1970 was called "Claret". Most Australian wines then were called either "Claret" (ie Bordeaux) or "Burgundy" - a tribute to the powerful history and marketing of those prestigious French regions. By 1971 the Shiraz at Coriole assumed its varietal name.



LOCAL MCLAREN VALE PRODUCE - MARKET & BREWERIES

People of McLaren Vale embrace buying local with the Willunga Farmers Market in full swing every Saturday. This year the market celebrates 10 years. All stall holders are required to produce what they offer for sale. The market was started by local foodie Zannie Flanagan who developed the model of community membership of stallholders and patrons which enables it to operate with professional management - a key to its success. Zannie used this model when she started a farmers market, held every Sunday, in the Adelaide Showgrounds. The latest addition to local produce is Goodieson's Brewery which is very conveniently placed a few kilometres down the road. Geoff Goodieson has many years of experience with the big brewers. He makes an excellent Pilsner.





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VINEYARDS



MORE FRENCH VINTAGE WORKERS - DEBORAH & YVON

The French invasion continued this vintage with Deborah and Yvon. Deborah from Champagne is a yeast expert and she was busy for several months at Coriole. She is researching small batch fermentations using non traditional wine yeasts. This has created some exciting results for the 2011 Fiano and may be extended to some red wines next year. Yvon from Avignon (near Chateauneuf du Pape) has been such a hard worker this vintage. Now that his girlfriend has joined him, his phone bill will be much reduced!



A GREEN MARCH

March 2011 produced an unseasonal green landscape with quite heavy growth on unwatered vines. These Shiraz vines were planted in 1969

- running east west
- and look towards the sea in the distance.



NATIONAL WINE POET

This year Coriole launched a poetry prize to find the "National Wine Poet". Entries closed on 30 May. The winning poet receives a cash prize of \$4000 and their poems are featured on a bottling of Cabernet Barbera named after the poet. Well known Australian poets Chris Wallace-Crabbe and Jude Aquilina are the judges of the many hundreds of entries from poets around Australia. The wines will be presented as a 6 pack with each of the bottles containing one of the 6 poems on the back label. The 2006 Cabernet Barbera will be released later in the year along with the announcement of the winning poet.



RELAXING AT VINTAGE

Senior Winemaker Simon White always sports the most handsome beard at Vintage. To get visitors close to the wine production at Coriole, Simon arranged for cellar door workers Tim and Lis to run tastings in the fermenting cellar for the first (quieter) two weeks.

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