



Cuttaway Hill News

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Winter 2006

2006 Vintage Report

Near perfect seasonal conditions have resulted in a 2006 vintage to remember. It was one of the earliest vintages on record with harvest commencing in the first week of March for Sauvignon Blanc and the majority of the Cabernet harvested by late April. Spring rains led to an even budburst and early strong growth followed by hot conditions through December and January. Intense heat adversely affected many of Australia's warm climate wine regions, but produced rapid growth and ripening conditions in the high altitude cool climate of the Southern Highlands. Flowering and fruit set was even and full, followed by a dry autumn for perfect ripening conditions. Disease levels on all blocks were virtually non-existent giving excellent clean fruit at harvest.

Precise viticulture and management ensured crop loads were moderate with an increase in overall volume harvested due to increasing vine age and consistency. Again it is projected due to an increasing high demand, that there will be a shortfall in pinot gris and pinot noir from this excellent vintage.

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon produced moderate crops with concentrated varietal characters and clean flavours. The Pinot Gris reached its usual high maturity levels, which enables us to make the full bodied Pinot Gris style Cuttaway has received many accolades and awards for in past vintages.



The view from atop the machine harvester during late Autumn and Cabernet Sauvignon picking

Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon all cropped lightly to produce intense flavours, tannin ripeness and exceptional balance across the board. It was definitely a red wine vintage when reserve selections are

possible due to premium quality grapes

First impressions of the 2006 wines are of concentrated aromatic whites and super ripe reds all balanced by the natural acidity and structure.

In our opinion the super premium 2006 vintage will be known for abundant flavour, maturity and intensity in all white and red wines across the range.

Cellar Door Tastings and Sales

In the past we have had no cellar door facility available at our vineyard for tastings and sales. We have now arranged with the Southern Highland's newest tourist attraction Highlands Wines of Berrima, to offer Cuttaway Hill wines for tastings and sales.

So please visit Highlands Wines and taste the Cuttaway Hill's new release red wines.

Highlands Wines
Shop 3 The Post Office Corner
Old Hume Highway Berrima

Seven Daughters

Cuttaway Hill's logo and label is named "Seven Daughters" in honour of the seven daughters of the current generation of the O'Neil family. It was modelled on an etching by local artist Peter Hickey from The Bell Gallery.

The original etching named "Seven Sisters" was for Deb O'Neil, daughter of Laurence and Philomena O'Neil owners of Cuttaway Hill Estate.



The original "Seven Sisters" etching by Peter Hickey of the Bell Gallery

The "Seven Daughters" logo and label, coupled with quality wines continues to be an integral part of the winery's success.

Visit www.bellgalleryfineart.com for more information on Peter Hickey and The Bell Gallery in Berrima NSW.

New Release Red Wines

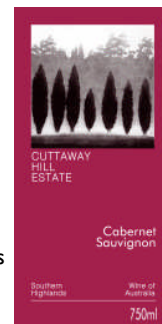
With the onset of cold conditions in the high altitudes of the Southern Highlands, and frosts knocking on our door every morning, we thought it would be an appropriate time to bring a bit of warmth into everyone's life.

So we are happy to announce the release of our new red wine vintages.

The new release red wines include the 2005 Merlot, 2005 Pinot Noir and 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2005 vintage red wines hail from an excellent vintage with warm dry conditions allowing the grapes to fully mature, offering strong varietal characters. The 2005 red wines are showing full fruit flavours with ripe mature tannins.

The 2004 vintage was an exceptionally brilliant with low yields and dry ripening conditions producing intense mature flavoured wines across the range.



Special points of interest:

Trade announcement

We are pleased to announce that High Range Wine Merchants have been appointed as our selling agents in Canberra and NSW South Coast regions of Australia.

Look out for Cuttaway Hill wines in your nearest Local Liquor outlet or a local restaurant in your area very soon.