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HUNTER VALLEY | ORANGE | AUSTRALIA

NEW LABEL FOR THE FIVE FAMILIES RANGE

We will be moving to a new label for our popular Five Families range in Mid March 2006.

The new label is a natural progression on the Pentagon imagery in our packaging and early research and comments from our clients have been extremely positive; making us believe we are heading in the right direction. The labels now invoke more prestige and elegance which we believe is more in line with the quality that has always been in the bottle.

You will start to see this new packaging on our wines over the coming weeks and months



A NEW WINE

IN THE YATALLA CREEK RANGE

A new white wine has been added to the Yatala Creek Range. In February 2006 we launched the 2005 Yatala Creek Semillon Sauvignon Blanc.

Tasting note:

The two wines were blended together to produce this lively and refreshing wine. The Semillon forms the backbone of the wine with its crisp acidity, while the Sauvignon Blanc adds some tropical and herbaceous characters

NEW VINTAGES OF THE ENTIRE YATALLA CREEK WINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE SO PLEASE CONTACT MATTHEW EAGAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

- 2005 Yatala Creek Semillon Chardonnay
- 2005 Yatala Creek Semillon Sauvignon Blanc
- 2003 Yatala Creek Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon

2006 EARLY VINTAGE REPORT

We have almost finished our vintage in the Hunter Valley and we are about to start in Orange, however early indications show that John Hordern and our winemaking team, will have some very high quality fruit for our future wines

HUNTER VALLEY

The major seasonal influence that followed through spring and early summer were mild, steady temperatures reminiscent of the great 2000 vintage. In general terms, the weather pattern was one of mild to warm days with unusually cool nights punctuated by rain events that tended to accelerate vine growth and fill out the crop. The normal heat spikes that can occur for the Hunter were limited, and followed by cool to mild periods. Yields for the 2006 vintage were about average, with the white varieties Semillon, Chardonnay and Verdelho producing excellent crops. The wines show intense varietal aromas and flavours balanced by crisp acidity. The principle red variety, Shiraz, is slightly down in yields, however the wines have benefited from concentration producing deep intense colour and fruit-driven aromas.

ORANGE

Over the summer period, it was dry and mild, with days averaging in the high 20s and very cool nights. This is the ideal climatic balance we are after, with the fruit ripening exactly how we want. At the moment the reds are showing outstanding colour and flavour, with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot looking especially strong. Our Pinot Noir is also looking very good. The whites look powerful and beautifully balanced with the Sauvignon Blanc a standout.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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2005 PENMARA SAUVIGNON BLANC

The Threshers Group in the UK, with around 2,000 stores, is the leading off license retailer in that country. We are pleased to announce that they have agreed to sell our 2005 Penmara Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyard in Orange. The first container shipment left Australia in late January and should be on their shelves by mid March 2006

Tasting Note:

A very elegant wine from the cool climate growing region at Orange. The nose has lovely steely characters with a hint of passionfruit. The palate is fresh and crisp with lovely citrus and herbaceous characters, with zesty acids, adding length and structure



2004 PENMARA RESERVE SEMILLON IN SWEDEN

Our first shipment of wines will be heading to Sweden, to be sold in the Systembolaget Stores. After an open tender held by this Government owned organisation, our 2004 Penmara Reserve Semillon was selected from very stiff competition.

Hunter Valley Semillon is one of Australia's great gifts to the world of wine, and we are proud that our own Semillon will now be drunk by the Swedish in their own country.

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