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NEWS & REVIEWS FROM OUR VINEYARDS AND BEYOND

Vintage 2009

Unlike South Australia and Victoria, New South Wales was largely spared the fierce heat wave conditions and bush fires over our summer.

I am sure you saw the distressing images on TV and our thoughts go out to the families that have been badly affected by the bushfires in Victoria and particularly those wine families in and around the Yarra Valley.

2009 in the Hunter Valley headed back to somewhat normal conditions after the rain in 2008 and the drought of 2007. We expect to deliver both excellent red and white wines to John Hordern and our winemaking team

Orange continues its tradition of delivering excellent growing conditions year in and year out, and 2009 will be no exception. Although a little warmer than normal, the cooler night time temperatures have ensured the excellent acidity and structure in the



grapes. The colours and flavours from the reds during fermentation are some of the best we have seen, so we are looking forward to releasing these wines in a few years time. The Sauvignon Blancs and Rieslings are also looking great.

2008 Five Families Riesling


ORANGE



3 ½ STARS • WINESTATE MAY 2009 • EQUAL TOP IN CATEGORY

This is the fourth vintage of this excellent wine and it continues to go from strength to strength.

Riesling really is the most underappreciated wine style from Australia and the Cool climate of Orange is producing some really exciting wines.



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Thoughts and Musings FROM THE FIVE FAMILIES

We have been reading with interest the ongoing debate amongst the wine commentators of the world and their criticism of Australian wine styles in being too alcoholic and too "over the top". They talk about the need for Australian wines to be more elegant, refined and food friendly

We find it very amusing that the wines that they are talking about are the wine styles that we have been advocating for years and that other producers of the Hunter Valley have been making for decades and generations.

As they say if you stick with something long enough it will come back into fashion (Although we do hope that flares and safari suits will stay away forever)

We really don't think you can go past our own Penmara Reserve MCP and Shiraz as examples of these wine styles. Great wines, full of flavor, yet also elegant and restrained. Wines that you can happily have a second and third glass of, rather than just a few sips.

Please remember that Australia produces an incredibly wide diversity of wines and wine styles, so go out there and drink as many as you can.



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