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*McLaren Vale - Estate Grown*

# *Newsletter - Winter 2017*



Winter is a busy time in Thomas Vineyard, especially between pruning and budburst.

During July, barrel pruning starts the winter seasonal practices - A contracted mechanical barrel pruner navigates along each row, at trellis level, to reduce the length of the canes ready for manual hand pruning later in the month. We generally hand prune to two bud spurs depending on the size of the vine and number of spurs on the vine. This sets the number of buds which then determines the expected yield at the next vintage. Random bud dissection by the technical team of vineyard Agronomists is also important to assess the fruitfulness. Once the pruning is complete, a recount of buds and spurs is done and adjusted if necessary.

Pest and disease control is always on-going particularly for snails and rust mite at the woolly bud stage - this occurs just prior to bud burst.

Soil tests, trellis and irrigation maintenance are all part of the winter schedule.

This winter has been one of the driest starts in years. June's rainfall was 60ml down on the 2016 vintage, if July and August have below



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Thomas Vineyard Estate

Degustation Dinner

## Events Calendar

August - Melbourne degustation dinner

September - 27th - 'Women in Wine'

Australia House, The Strand, LONDON U.K.

## Current releases

2010 - Thomas Vineyard Estate Reserve Shiraz

Silver medal Melbourne international wine show.

2015 - Thomas Vineyard Estate Shiraz

The best part of Winter...



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