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Newsletter

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Welcome to the Thomas Vineyard Estate inaugural Newsletter. We would like to share with you our story, in particular what is happening throughout the four seasons in the Vineyard and Winery.

Thomas Vineyard Estate is a family owned company personally built and operated by Merv and Dawne Thomas which was established in 1998. The vineyard is located 45 kilometres south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula and is 3 kilometres from the coast of the Gulf of St Vincent. The vineyard is 5.6 hectares producing premium Shiraz Grapes.

2010 Vintage

The 2010 grapes were picked on the 19th February, weather conditions were reasonable throughout vintage and the quality of the crop so far is looking excellent. The wine is now maturing in French and American Oak Barrels for twelve to eighteen months.

Spring in the vineyard

Budburst is now well underway, it is now time to walk through the vineyard on a regular basis to, check for pest and diseases, access the % of budburst and shoot numbers, count bunches for preliminary yield estimates and access the health and vigour of the vines.

We also start to monitor the soil moisture through probes in the vineyard to maintain adequate soil moisture levels leading into flowering; it's also a good time to check all the irrigation for maintenance. Finally nutrition is very important, we check for any deficiencies and apply kelp to the foliage and through the drippers.

We have had a good start to the 2011 Vintage with better than average rainfall; let's hope that the weather is kind until picking in February. Welcome to the first issue of the Thomas Vineyard Estate newsletter. Speak to you in summer; in the meantime try our new release the 2010 Verdelho.



*2010
Verdelho*

Medal Winner

Boutique Wine Awards

Winewise Small Vigneron
Award



Springtime budburst in the Thomas vineyard

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