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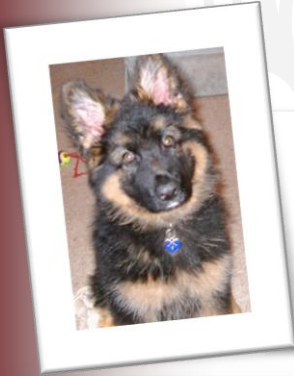
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Summer

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Introducing the new member of the Thomas Vineyard Estate family...

Max the German Sheppard

A happy new year to all our customers and friends, Merv and I hope that you all have a healthy and fun filled 2011, thank you for your support throughout the year and enjoyment of the Thomas Wines. We are very proud of our awards and the consistency we have been able to achieve with each vintage.

Summer in the vineyard

We have had a good start to the 2011 Vintage with cool spring conditions and a better than average rainfall.

In a season where there is more than adequate soil moisture, most of the vines have continued to grow vigorously, this has resulted in having to trim the vines for the first time to halt their growth slightly and allow tractors to pass through the mid-row without damaging the canes.

The dense canopies combined with overcast conditions increase the potential for all three major grape diseases, powdery mildew, downy mildew and botrytis, it is so important to monitor the vineyard on a regular basis. Other important jobs during the walk through the vineyard is to check the drippers prior to irrigating, assess fruit set, and bunch numbers and size.

We are expecting harvest to be two to three weeks later than in recent years with moderate grape yields.

Recent wine competitions

We have had some good results from recent wine competitions. The 2004 Reserve Shiraz won a Silver Medal Best In Class at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London judged in November. Considered one of the world's most prestigious wine competitions the show judged 450 Shiraz entries with the total number of wines tasted over 6,000 from 80 countries. To add to the medal tally both the 2005 and 2006 Reserve Shiraz won a Top 100 Blue-Gold Medal in the Sydney International Wine Show.



A few of our sleepy visitors to the vineyard over summer



Summertime in the Thomas Vineyard



New Release
2007 Shiraz

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