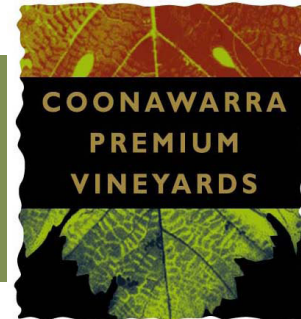


Coonawarra Premium Vineyards Project

Summer 2010 Newsletter



GROUP VINEYARD MANAGER'S REPORT

With a warm but mild spring / early summer and average rainfall occurring, the scene was well established for a good fruit set in all varieties, which also included the usual poor performers in Cabernet and Merlot. December having average temperatures between 10 – 26 degrees and 36mm of rain has certainly made a difference to the Cabernet variety this year. Whilst tonnage estimates are around 7.5 tonnes to the hectare on average, the fruit itself appears to be of very good quality with small berries, very little chicken and hen and good colour.

Our usual busy "Frost" period was a little easier this past spring mostly due to the previously mentioned weather conditions. We were called out on several occasions and certainly started a few pumps each time but there was not a significant frost event and the vineyard sustained no damage at all.

Our Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc blocks have all been harvested. The white fruit this year was picked in excellent condition. The milder temperatures avoided the usual bit of sunburn and there were very few incidents of botrytis in the Sauvignon Blanc, so little if any remedial treatments were required. Crop levels were good and close to estimates on most blocks. Harvesting occurred at night and was quite cool, less than 9 degrees each night (good for the fruit, rather cold for the operators).

The red grape canopies are looking great, with good leaf senescence occurring along the cordon, as you would expect approaching harvest. Target maturity levels are not far away and I would think this vintage will be finished by mid April, approximately two weeks earlier than last year.

Unfortunately the grape oversupply problem continues and our good quality cool climate fruit is selling at such low prices. At the time of writing we are still looking for a market for our Shiraz. This variety is now in major oversupply with most wineries having more than sufficient previous vintages in tank and are reluctant to add to the stockpile.

Irrigation in general has not been a big feature this year due to an average monthly rainfall of 27mm for the three summer months. However small irrigations have occurred immediately prior to spells of warm to hot weather to ensure that we didn't suffer any heat damage (sunburn or shrivel). We have had a few hot weather periods but nothing like the previous two years when we had several over 40 degree days in a row.

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