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Gibson Bridge Vineyard

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White Gold Club 2009 Winter News

Winter greetings from the team at Gibson Bridge.

The 2009 harvest hand picked from our one and only single vineyard was this year undertaken in stages.



April 20th
The Corner Block, all the Gewurtztraminer and the second harvest for this Pinot Gris.

May 2nd
1250 Block—main crop of Pinot Gris, 4th harvest for this fruit.

May 6th
Together Howard and Todd again picked the red varietal.

We have 16 rows of Pinot Gris still on the vine due for harvest on July 13th as we endeavour to make our first late harvest Pinot Gris—this being a difficult task due to the unpredictability of this variety, so we are really looking forward to a very special limited release and will keep you informed. These grapes will be the last delivery to Indevin for the '09 vintage—so lets hope its 'lucky last'.



As in previous years our fruit was truly exceptional yet again—no problems with disease or botrytis so the fastidious vineyard management conducted by

Howard throughout the season proves yet again to bring stunning results. All going well our 2009 releases include three styles of Pinot Gris:

RESERVE

A classic simplistic fruity aromatic style made in stainless tank.

CELLAR SELECTION

A blended luscious wine having time in French oak barrel, extremely popular and a favourite with many customers.

CORNER BLOCK

Higher brix and more intensive flavours due to very low yield are really shaping this into a wine of excellent varietal definition.

We have applied the same principles to the Gewurtztraminer so look forward to great results.



The recent release and Premier Vintage of our stunning blended red wine 2008 Trèzor Rouge, although very youthful, light/medium bodied is a fantastic wine to cellar and enjoy in future years. In very limited supply and only available at the cellar door, do get your order in early.



Our 2009 wines will be released in late October and we will keep you informed nearer the date. In the meantime please refer to our website for placement of orders and enquiries.



Bud's Spot

Many of you will have met Bud our Wiemaraner and he is finally settling down and getting used to the continued stream of visitors but still loves to say hi and get plenty of pats from those who are missing their own pets back home..... So he says 'Hope I help and keep it up—I love it'.

Our wine studio has been extremely well patronised and once again we have achieved a 'Gold Award' in the annual mystery shopper assessment so of course we are very



proud. Cellar door sales have been fantastic and we have quickly become a favourite vineyard to visit. Both Howard and I work very hard and long hours and we delight in giving all our visitors an informative and

truly memorable experience. Visitors are from around the globe and our website is proving to be great for both New Zealand and worldwide orders and continued customer contact and we thank you all for your continuing support.

Howard has finished pruning and is presently stripping, mulching and the vines are being trimmed, wrapped and tied so although it is the middle of winter the vineyard activity is very busy and the wine studio is still open daily—11am to 4.30pm over the winter months.

We are presently partaking in regular tastings of the '09 vintage with Gordon our winemaker which as your can imagine is very exciting and loads of fun.

Until next time

Howard & Julie

White Gold Members

Post Harvest Special—An extra 10% discount on all orders for the month of July.