

# 2009 DogRock Spring e-newsletter

Dear Members,

Welcome to the spring of 2009. A relative wet winter has seen some water find its way into our dams and this is good. The bad part is the warming trend which means our vines are waking early and we had to hurry to finish pruning but all is well. Our 2009 new release wines are all crackers and 2008 was superb for reds. Sure, I hear you say. Well, for starters, our 2008 Grenache topped the points and was awarded a silver medal at the recent Winewise small vignerons awards and the 08 Degraevs Road was given 3<sup>rd</sup> top points in its class and just missed a silver by 2 points. All this just 5 days after being bottled. (bottling sends the wines into a short period of shock for those unaware). James Halliday also gave the 2007 Pedro's Sparkling red 93/100 points and the 2008 Grenache 92/100 points. Spring is here, it's all good.

If you visit the Wineaustralia.com website you will see that DogRock is the featured winery promoting the Pyrenees region to the world while the Victorian Dept. of Primary Industries have us on their website as the wine industries business feature with relation to adapting to climate change. And who said that 12 years of unpaid labour, many hundreds of thousands of dollars and no weekends would go unnoticed?

**Cellar Door re-opens with our new release wines on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>. 114 Degraevs Road Crowlands or follow the signs. Enquiries on 0409 280 317**

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**2009 Riesling - \$20 RRP – floral, perfume, guava, textural and long.**

**2008 Chardonnay \$25 RRP – vibrant, peaches and cream, complex and sumptuous.**

**2008 Tempranillo - \$25 RRP – red fruits, savoury and balanced.**

**2008 Grenache - \$25 RRP – liquid chocolate, juicy, long brilliant red fruits. 92/100 James Halliday 2010 Wine Companion, silver medal (09 Winewise small vignerons)**

**2007 Shiraz - \$25 RRP – smooth, cherry, nutmeg and fine tannins**

**2007 Sparkling Red - \$29 RRP – mulberry, refreshing and complex. 93/100, 2010 Wine Companion**

**2008 Degraes Road - \$68 RRP – a pup, complex red fruits, long fine backbone and spicy textural finish. A class of its own.**

**Due to the appointment of Vino Bambino as sole distributors in Melbourne, we now have limited stocks of wine for direct sale. As wine club members you are able to have first option of purchase at 15% discount off RRP prices. Purchasing through other outlets will most likely cost you the full recommended retail prices as per above.**

**Still available – 2008 Riesling and 2006 Shiraz, the rest is gone.....**



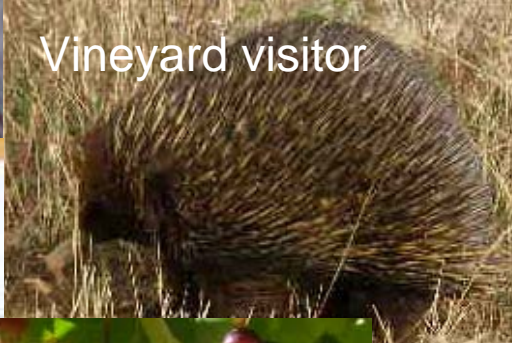
Autumn 09



Halls Gap Grape Escape



Al's "BIG roof" to catch rain water



Vineyard visitor



Autumn 2



2009 Grenache



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