



Terra Vitae AGM Taylors Pass Vineyard

November 2009

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The season in brief 2008-2009.....

- Good flowering on all varieties
- Hot January and February
- Heavy rain at the end of February
 - A lot of work dropping fruit



The season in brief 2009.....

- New Pellenc harvester performed well
- Pruning completed on time
- More forecasted frost events this season to date
 - Snow on the hills in November!!



The Season in brief- conclusion.....

- One of the toughest seasons as a Manager so far
 - Shoot thinning Sav Blanc!!
- Record rainfall in February
 - resulting in fruit having to be dropped
- Hopefully not to be repeated for a long time!!



Harvest time.....



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Winter pruning.....



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New 4 Row Sprayer in action...



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Pinot Noir and Taylors Pass...



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Pinot Noir shoot growth.....



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Pinot Noir fruit clusters....



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Pinot Noir characteristics...

- PN is ultimately about elegance and finesse with underlying power
- Our aim is to produce perfumed wines with intense aromas, concentration and power, layered complexity and a long silky texture
- They are wines which will age gracefully in the bottle



Taylor's Pass Pinot Noir....

- Taylor's Pass is capable of regularly producing these wines
- In good years the wines have good colour, are perfumed and fragrant, deep fruit concentration and long palate with fine silky tannins
- This wine can have a mix of elegance and power which is a hallmark of the best pinots



Managing Pinot Noir.....

- Very hands on variety-shoot thinning
 - Hand leaf removal
 - Bunch removal
- Yield sensitive – shows through in flavours
 - aim to crop at 2-2.5
per vine
- Watering is key at ripening- not to over water from ripening through to harvest as it can create dilute flavours and not to under water causing stressed vines



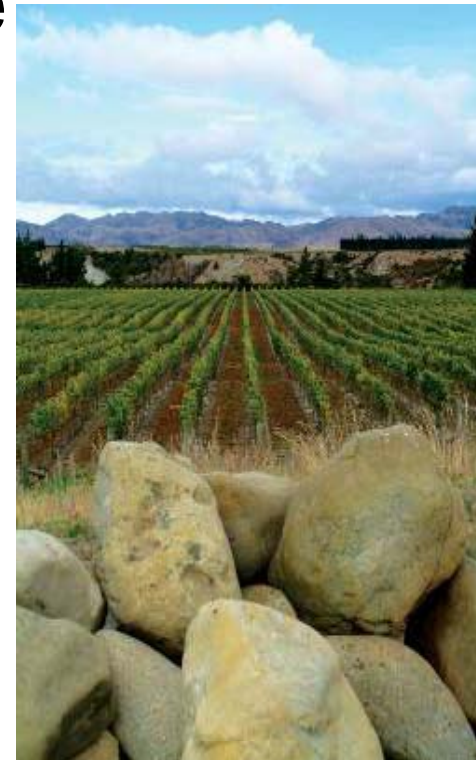
Taylor's Pass Single Vineyard 2007 Pinot Noir - Winemakers comments.....

- Benchmark year, best vintage to date
- Similar in quality and style to 2003
- 07 a fantastic and benchmark Pinot vintage
- Wines are perfumed, concentrated, deep and powerful, yet retain grace and elegance
- Good volume of Single Vineyard made



Recent success for 2007 Single vineyard Taylors Pass Pinot Noir...

- Gold medal- NZ International wine show
- 4.5 stars–Cuisine magazine
- Champion Pinot trophy-
Liquor land top 100
- Trophy for best Pinot –
Royal Hobart International
wine show



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