



MOUNT RILEY NEWSLETTER

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MOUNT RILEY 2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC – A STAND OUT

After winning a gold medal at the NZ International Wine Show in August, acclaim for Mount Riley's 2008 Sauvignon Blanc has continued to flow.

We are particularly proud of being awarded **5 stars and named Michael Cooper's "Best (equal) White Wine Buy of the Year"** in his 2009 Buyers Guide to NZ Wines. In addition to this rating, the wine has also been awarded:

- Gold: National Australian Wine Show
- 5 Stars and equal top in tasting of 2008 Sauvignon Blanc & Blends - Winestate Magazine
- 92 points: December Wine Business Monthly
- 90 points: Bob Campbell MW

MOUNT RILEY 2008 PINOT NOIR RELEASED

Mount Riley's 2008 Pinot Noir was released in December. The wine is delicious with berry and cherry aromas at the forefront supported by spicy, earthy characters. It is approachable with fine tannins and great concentration. At just over \$20 this wine really punches above it's weight.



Head Winemaker Matt Murphy finishing our 2008 Pinot Noir



Winemaker Matt, Founder John & General Manager Amy

NEWS FROM OUR VINEYARDS & WINERY

In 2009 Mount Riley's winery expansion project got underway. We are increasing the size of our tank farm by 420,000 litres (that's over half a million bottles of wine!) and upgrading our winery refrigeration. This will be completed in time for the 2009 vintage, which we expect to start mid-March.

In the vineyards, our staff have been busy managing crops in a prosperous season. We had a warm spring in 2007 and continued good weather in 2008 through flowering and fruit set. We have been removing shoots and bunches to bring yields down and ensure quality over quantity. As this newsletter goes to print, bird protection netting is being put up in the vineyard around our winery - vintage isn't far off now!

MAILING LIST SPECIALS

In an effort to promote the full Mount Riley range, we have lowered the price of our Riesling, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay to match the price of our Sauvignon Blanc. In addition, for our mailing list and cellar door customers we have also introduced a 10% discount and free delivery for orders of 1 case or more. Please see our website www.mountriley.co.nz for information about all of our wines & fill in the attached order form if you would like to purchase any.

NECKTAG PROMOTION WINNERS

Mount Riley is pleased to announce the winners of our 2008 necktag promotion. Margot Stuart from Queensland in Australia and Jean Denholm from Glenfield in Auckland (pictured to the right with Mount Riley's New Zealand Sales Manager Paul Dragicevich) have each won a luxury long weekend in Marlborough. Jean's sister will be joining her and Margot's partner will be coming too. Congratulations to both winners and thank you to everyone that entered the competition.

