



MOUNT RILEY NEWSLETTER

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2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC—A 5 STAR & GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Mount Riley's 2008 Sauvignon Blanc has only just been released and has already won a gold medal and received a 5 star rating! The 5 Stars were awarded by Winestate Magazine, and the gold medal was awarded by the NZ International Wine Show, which in 2008 was the largest wine competition ever held in New Zealand.

At the NZ International show, Mount Riley Block 2 Sauvignon Blanc 2008 also won a gold medal. That means that Mount Riley won 2 of the 15 gold medals awarded in the Sauvignon Blanc category—a fantastic result! Block 2 is available to independent and fine wine stores and on-premise outlets only.

NEWS FROM OUR VINEYARDS & WINERY

Marlborough's long, wet winter is finally over! Our vines have awakened from their winter dormancy and bud burst is upon us. Our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines are now looking green and healthy and our Sauvignon Blanc vines are just beginning to burst. The next few weeks will be a nervous time for all the Mount Riley's vineyard crew. New buds are tender and easily damaged by frost. That means many late nights for Kerry, our senior vineyard manager, and his team as they have to be on hand to start and run windmills on any night when there is a risk of frost.

In the winery, Matt, Dean and Cam have been busy finishing and bottling our 2008 Sauvignon Blanc over the last few months. In the weeks ahead, the boys will be just as busy as they prepare and bottle our 2008 Savée (NZ's only bottle fermented sparkling Sauvignon Blanc). Our 2008 Savée will be released in early November, just in time for Summer BBQ season and Christmas functions.



PINOT GRIS PRICE REDUCTION

Mount Riley Pinot Gris has been reduced in price. It is now line priced alongside Mount Riley Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Chardonnay and Merlot / Malbec.

WELCOME TO PAUL—MOUNT RILEY'S NEW NZ SALES MANAGER



Mount Riley welcomes Paul Dragicevich to the Mount Riley family. Paul started at Mount Riley in September and will oversee Mount Riley's sales throughout New Zealand. He lives on Auckland's North Shore with his partner and children Brianna and Jack. Paul will be based out of Mount Riley's Auckland office but will work closely with Mount Riley sales staff nationally. The Mount Riley team are thrilled to have Paul on board and wish him well for his wedding later this month.

AMY & MATT TIE THE KNOT

On 20 September Matt & Amy celebrated their wedding with family & friends in Marlborough. The day was beautiful and sunny and Matt & Amy had a fantastic day. They are pictured here on their wedding day at Mount Riley's Renwick vineyard, with the Mountain of Mount Riley in the background. After their wedding, the newly weds honeymooned in the Cook Islands but have since returned to Marlborough, moved into their new home in Blenheim and are back at work, renewed and refreshed!