What is happening at Broomstick Estate

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Hello and welcome to the third edition of the Broomstick Estate newsletter. In this issue, we report on:

- Exciting developments at Broomstick Estate,
- Report on the 2004 Harvest,
- Perth Restaurants offering our wine,
- What does Broomstick wine and a yacht have in common?
- Outcome of the survey into Corks vs Screwcaps

New Developments at Broomstick Estate

We often are asked by our customers "…do you sell white wines as well as your great Shiraz?" Well, we can now report after taking a deep breath and much soul searching, we are about to plant new blocks of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc grapes.

We have commenced soil preparation, installing sub-surface drainage and irrigation. The planting will occur after winter.

The bulk of the grapes will go to Howard Park Wines but we will ensure a Broomstick Estate Chardonnay will also be available.

The 2004 Harvest

The 2004 harvest occurred a little early this year. We believe it will be known as one of the best vintages in Margaret River. A warm, dry Summer running into Autumn allowed the fruit to ripen slowly. Quality was exceptionally good with yields slightly down for the red varieties.

We picked our Cabernet Sauvignon for the first time this year. The wines are now maturing in oak for release in a year's time.

Interesting stories

Imagine our surprise when we discovered a 60' cruising yacht named Broomstick in the Whitsunday Islands!

Read all about the history of this fine vessel's travels on our website.

Broomstick Estate Shiraz available in Perth Restaurants

Broomstick Estate Shiraz is now available in some good Perth Restaurants.

Try a great meal and wine at Millioncino in Murray Street in the CBD. It is owned and run by Mario Chiametti, a Michelin chef from France. Also try our Shiraz with a great meal at Il Palazzo in St Georges Terrace (opposite the Duxton Hotel).

Watch for other restaurants offering Broomstick Estate Shiraz coming soon.

Corks vs Screwcaps?

You may recall in our last newsletter we canvassed readers' views on whether to seal bottles with corks or screwcaps. The result? Opinions seemed to be evenly divided between the tradition of pulling a cork and drinking untainted wine sealed with a screwcap. Thank you to all those who emailed us offering their opinions.

Website

Don't forget to visit the Broomstick Estate web site to purchase our wine on-line. If you haven't done so, please visit us at www.broomstick.com.au.

Franklin Tate recently said, "There will always be too much wine in the world, but never enough good quality wine!"

Cheers
Robert & Susan Holloway