



### Update from the Vineyard

Hello and welcome to this 2006 pre-harvest newsletter. I am keeping this brief as we anxiously await the end of one of most difficult grape growing seasons in recent memory in Margaret River.

We have had the coolest summer in 40 years with intermittent rain showers delaying the ripening process and causing intense disease pressure in the vineyard. We have had to be constantly vigilant in the vineyard to monitor the vines and ensure our spray program is targeting the current threat. Crop yields are significantly reduced this year compared to previous years. We predict our Shiraz will only yield 5.5 tonnes/ha this year compared to a normal year of 8-10 tonnes/ha. This decrease is approximately 50% on a normal year.

Strangely, I believe we may have the best year ever in Margaret River quality wise as the extended ripening period will allow the flavours to accumulate and develop in the grapes. This should lead to beautiful full-bodied, fruit driven wines with intense flavours. I am praying the rains will stay away in March/April and allow the fruit to reach its full potential. I will let you know the outcome after harvest.

Robert.

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### Broomstick Estate Wine of the Month - Western Australian Club

We are pleased to announce that Broomstick Estate wines have been selected as the Wine of the Month at the Western Australian Club. The wines offered are the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2003 Shiraz.

The Western Australian Club is located at 101 St Georges Terrace, Perth. It is the leading business and professional persons' Club in the City of Perth.

The WA Club was founded as the Exchange Club in 1893 and became The West Australian Club in 1897, and in 1979 became The Western Australian Club Inc. For 73 years The Club was situated on the site of the current St Martin's Tower office complex. In 1970 The Club moved "off the Terrace" for the first time in its history to 18 The Esplanade, Perth where it remained for 26 years. In 1995 the Esplanade site was sold and The Club moved "back on the Terrace" in the heart of central business district at 101 St George's Terrace.



Food & Beverage Manager, Myles Harrison, will welcome you to the restaurant. Don't forget to ask for Broomstick Estate wines with your meal.

### **Broomstick Estate Wine Selected for Meads Restaurant Mosman Bay**

We are also pleased to announce that the 2004 Broomstick Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has been included on the wine list of the Oyster Bar Meads Restaurant Mosman Bay.

Meads Restaurant is owned by well known Perth identity Warren Mead and is acknowledged as one of the best restaurants in Perth. It is located on the water in Mosman Bay with panoramic views along the Swan River.

I encourage you to visit Meads Restaurant, enjoy the oysters and fine food, take in the breath taking views and ask for the Boomstick Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.



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### **March/April 2006 Winestate Magazine review**

The March/April edition of Winestate magazine reviewed the wines of south western Australia. The 2003 Broomstick Estate Shiraz was awarded 3 stars and described as, "Spicy menthol nose and a slightly minty palate with a touch of leather. dry on the finish."

This puts Broomstick Estate in very good company as only 23 wines were recommended from a total of 36 wines in the category.

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### **Appointment of Mark Pizzuto as Vineyard Manager**

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Pizzuto as the Vineyard Manager of Broomstick Estate. Mark has a real commitment to grow exceptional quality wine grapes coupled with an excellent academic record. I will provide a more detailed interview with Mark in our next newsletter.

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### **Ordering information**

If you would like to try any of the Broomstick Estate wines mentioned here it is as simple as clicking on [www.broomstick.com.au](http://www.broomstick.com.au) and we can send the wine to your doorstep anywhere in Australia via Australia Post. It generally takes 5-7 days to reach the east coast from Perth.

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