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In the paddock...

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Latest News

Welcome to the seventh edition of **In the paddock...** the newsletter to let you know of upcoming wines, special offers and events.

As the summer comes to an end, we are moving into a very busy period on the vineyard and in the winery. With the dry weather throughout summer and some very hot days a few weeks back, the grapes have ripened very early this year and picking is all but done throughout the Pyrenees and Grampians. This is very similar to the 2008 vintage which I must say is very promising if recent barrel tastings of the '08 wines is anything to go by.

In the winery (in our case, the wineries in Landsborough and Yarra Valley), we've been working around the clock as the fruit comes in, is crushed and then starts fermentation. At the same time, the 2007 McKinlay Shiraz has been bottled ready for release at the end of this year (for those of you who are wondering if it is usual to have a wine in the barrel for nearly 24 months before bottling? The answer is no. Only wine that is made from grapes that are perfectly ripe with the sugar and acid perfectly balanced could handle this much oak without impacting the wine—the '07 is such a wine so watch out when it is released)

By popular demand, we're introducing some new **members only** offers on a mixed dozen and bigger savings on some 2 case orders—these are in addition to your regular 15% off for being members of the Eleven Paddocks Club. See the order form for all the details.









Until the next edition... *The Eleven Paddocks Team.*

2006 Vintage—Launch Night

Last October we launched the 2006 range of wines at the Geebung Polo Club in Hawthorn. For the 150 people that could make it, I'm sure you'll agree it was a fantastic evening.

Certainly, the new ranges of wines were well received as were the older vintages which are maturing beautifully. But, I think the biggest hit were the Magnum's—the band that kept the singing and dancing going all night long. *(If they make it to the top, I think we could lay some claims on this band as four of the Eleven Paddocks partners were on stage during the night)*

Awards & Tasting Notes

Wine	Tasting Notes
<p>2006 Eleven Paddocks Chardonnay Bronze 2007 Cowra Show Bronze 2008 Boutique Wine Awards  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (87 pts)</p>	<p><i>The 2006 Chardonnay has been carefully crafted from hand picked fruit from the Yarra Valley and the Pyrenees regions of Victoria. Partially barrel fermented than matured in French oak barriques for 11 months, the result in a finely structured wine with a balance of oak and fruit characters. The wine is best enjoyed over the coming 3 to 4 years.</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gary Mills</p>
<p>2006 Eleven Paddocks Pinot Rosé  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (91 pts)</p>	<p><i>A great summer wine made from Yarra Valley Pinot Noir. Fermented in French oak using indigenous yeasts, it is refreshing yet still retains the complexity of the cool climate Pinot Noir. Best served just below room temperature.</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gary Mills</p>
<p>2004 Eleven Paddocks Cabernet Sauvignon  2007 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (91 pts)</p>	<p><i>A combination of estate grown and select parcels of Grampians Cabernet was chosen for the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon. French and American oak as well as traditional wine making techniques have created in a finely balanced wine that continues to improve with age.</i> Closure: Cork Winemaker: Gabriel Horvat</p>
<p>2005 Eleven Paddocks Cabernet Sauvignon 4 Stars Winestate (Equal top of category – Western Victoria) 4 Stars Winestate Annual 2008 – Top 4 Victorian Cabernet Gold 2007 Boutique Wine Awards Bronze 2007 Royal Melbourne Wine Show Bronze 2007 Ballarat Show Bronze 2007 Vins des Concours – French Australian Chamber of Commerce Bronze 2008 Cairns Wine Show  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (87 pts)</p>	<p><i>Made from fruit sourced from our estate vineyard in the Pyrenees and a premium vineyard in the Grampians, the resulting wine displays the hallmark characteristics of regional Cabernet Sauvignon. Matured in a combination of French and American oak for 16 months, the finely structured wine with a balance of fruit, tannin and oak can be enjoyed over the coming 5 – 7 years.</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gabriel Horvat</p>
<p>2005 Eleven Paddocks Shiraz Bronze 2006 Ballarat Show Bronze 2007 Cowra Show 3 Stars Winestate  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (89 pts)</p>	<p><i>The 2005 Shiraz is a single vineyard wine from the southern side of the Pyrenees. Indigenous yeast fermentation in open top containers then aged in blend of French and American barrels has resulted in a finely structured wine with great character. The wine is best enjoyed now through to 2012.</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gary Mills</p>
<p>2005 Eleven Paddocks “McKinlay” Shiraz  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (92 pts) Silver 2008 Boutique Wine Awards Bronze 2008 Cairns Wine Show Bronze 2007 Royal Melbourne Wine Show Bronze 2007 Cowra Show Bronze 2008 Cowra Show 3 Stars Winestate</p>	<p><i>The Eleven Paddocks McKinlay is our ‘reserve’ label that is restricted to wines from very good vintages that will stand the test of time. The wine has been made from the highest quality fruit and has enjoyed extended barrel maturation with higher concentrations of new oak to provide a balance of flavour, depth and longevity. This wine will drink well for many years and will benefit from decanting..</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gabriel Horvat</p>
<p>2006 Eleven Paddocks Shiraz  2008 Australian Wine Companion, James Halliday (93 pts) Bronze 2008 Cairns Wine Show 3 Stars Winestate</p>	<p><i>“Crimson-purple; elegant wine, the restrained alcohol immediately apparent, and not depriving the well-focused palate of juicy fruit flavours; clean finish.” (James Halliday) - Enjoy now through to 2016</i> Closure: Screwcap Winemaker: Gary Mills</p>
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