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Newsletter

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Pinot Noir

Alluring in the name; seductive in the glass; picknickety in the vineyard.

The 2002 Pinots impressed and were gone in a flash. Then the 2003 - a year in which the vines expressed their ire at the unusual climatic events of 2002.

We made some hard decisions based on the wine in barrel and used our 'reserve' grapes for the one pinot wine we produced from 2003, but chose not to honour it with 'The Reserve' title because, in our judgement, it did not quite reach the bar.

What would have been 'The Bonython' was a further hard decision - the fate of the lemming! The agony of the Pinot producer!

We have a small quantity of **2003 Piccadilly Valley Pinot Noir** which we price tagged between 'The Reserve' and 'The Bonython'. James Halliday blessed the wine - five stars and 94 points and still in the 'Best of the Best by Variety' list. It is a lovely wine and will continue to develop in bottle. Lindsay describes it as a 'pretty' pinot.

Release of the 2004 'The Reserve' & 'The Bonython'

The 2004s look very exciting. 'The Reserve' has great colour, a typical varietal aroma and a rich, complex and lingering palate. 'The Bonython' is also classical Pinot, fruit driven and delightful drinking. Great value!

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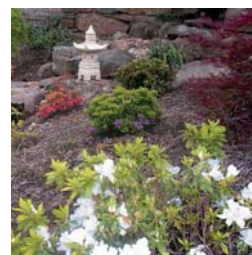
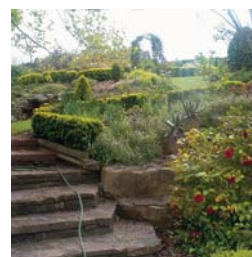
(in reference to 2003 Piccadilly Valley Pinot Noir - James Halliday's Wine Companion 2006)

Merlot

After having sold out of the 2002 Piccadilly Valley Merlot, which was a more developed wine at the time of release than the 2001, the 2001 Piccadilly Valley Merlot has benefited significantly from the additional time in bottle. An amazingly big and complex wine, considering it was made from our first crop, this is one to cellar with continuing improvement expected over many years. A hit at cellar door!

Magic Summer Wines Recently released and already very popular!

The **2005 Sauvignon Blanc** is chosen by respected wine journalist Nick Stock as one of the top 2005 Sauvignon Blancs from the Adelaide Hills and acclaimed in the Spring Edition of the relatively new and classy 'Sumptuous' magazine.



The **2005 Piccadilly Sunrise Rosé** follows the style of the 2004, 100% Pinot with delicious strawberry fruit and hints of Turkish delight. Unlike many Rosés, this one is made from some of our best fruit as a wine in its own right, not a byproduct of another wine (saignée method).

Chardonnay - a Wine for All Seasons

In the wake of the bad press of Chardonnays in years gone by, the Anything But Chardonnay cult and the proliferation of many new white varieties, Chardonnay has almost become a forgotten wine. It is still the most interesting and complex white wine around and deserving of renewed interest. Ours continues to be served at some of the top restaurants in the country. We have not yet released our 2003 Chardonnay. The 2002 is still being offered as the Chardonnay of the moment and is a class act.

Twelve Years of Pinot Noir

Twelve days to Christmas, Twelve Years of Pinot On Tuesday, 13th December at 7.30 p.m. at Uley Vineyard, we will be holding a **Vertical Tasting** of our Pinots of the last twelve years. Reservations are imperative (08 8390 1788 or email info@barrattwines.com.au) and places limited. There will be a nominal charge of \$20 per head. And, there's sure to be a partridge in one of the pear trees on Collins Road!

Cellar Door at Uley Vineyard

There is a surge of interest in the Adelaide Hills and all it has to offer, not the least of which being over 25 cellar door outlets. Ours is growing in popularity. We offer cellar door ... and more: garden setting

and walks, seated complimentary tastings with tasting notes, wine by the glass and food platters highlighting the wonderful produce of the region and not to forget the pugs. In summer, people linger and love it.

We currently open Cellar Door on the weekends. However, **from 1 December 2005, our doors will be open daily** (except Tuesdays) from 11.30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Hills Harvest Festival

This will be held at Uley during the last weekend of February 2006. We will again be having a special luncheon on the Saturday (25th February) and bookings for this are already heavy (prior to advertising!).

Special Offers

Many of you would have had a telephone call regarding a special offer made during June. Good sales followed and, from our point of view, this was a successful exercise. From the number of repeat orders and positive comments it would appear that few, if any, took offence at this approach. Since many of our wines, especially those of limited volume, sell out readily, special price offers such as this will be infrequent.

However, designed especially for those unable to visit Cellar Door, we are offering a New Release Special to allow our mail order customers to sample the new wines.

Order Forms are enclosed for new release and current wines. We welcome orders by mail / fax / email or, if you are able, call at cellar door and try what you buy.

All the best, Lindsay & Carolyn.

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Winery Rating in James Halliday's
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