



Caroline Hills

Caroline Vineyard

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Autumn Newsletter

Website at last at www.carolinehills.com.au

We have finally become a little more organised and our patient website designer has delivered on our often tardy information to provide the Caroline Hills website. Go to the website for information, orders and to find out about our vineyard and wines.

New label with a shade of purple

We have a new label for our white wines and soon to be released sparkling, which adds purple to our black, grey and gold palate. Our label is a water colour of our vineyard, complete with statue of Saint Marcellin Champagnet, a French priest and teacher who enjoyed country life and learning – a bit like us really although rather more saintly.



Vintage Report

A near perfect vintage! A burst of heat in November was followed by a warm spring and good even fruit set. Well spaced rain events ensured that the frost that has troubled us in previous springs was not a factor in 2010. Toward the end of the season several weeks of cool cloudy weather tended to extend the ripening period. Both Pilot Noir and Pinot Gris fruit developed beautifully and were harvested at target baume and acid levels, a rare event. We hand picked the young Pinot Gris which shows wonderful green apple and pear characters and good acid levels. The Pinot Noir was picked at 13.5% baume and is showing sweet cherry/strawberry fruit characters. The year 2010 looks like being a vintage to remember.



Soil to toil

Recently when we dug deep for some building work it was fascinating to look at the soil profile – as you can see from the photo, the mixture of sand, clay and limestone is typical of many areas of the region. This soil has an impact on the vines we grow. Once they have their feet into the clay and limestone, a stable environment makes for fine wine.



Grief over last of the Gris

The 2008 Pinot Gris is almost at an end – this has been a very popular wine and we expect that our Gris vines will continue to show us in the future that they enjoy the cool climate we enjoy. See our price list to order – but be aware there are not many left.



Our current wines

Caroline Hills Pinot Noir 2003	\$22	\$250
Caroline Hills Pinot Noir 2007	\$24	\$270
Caroline Hills Shiraz 2007	\$18	\$210
Caroline Hills Cabernet Merlot 2006	\$16	\$180
Caroline Hills Chardonnay 2007	\$15	\$170
Caroline Hills Chardonnay 2008	\$16	\$180
Caroline Hills Pinot Gris 2008	\$18	\$200

Our order form on the website lists our current wines – or pick from the newsletter, and contact us to supply. If you are in the region, please phone us to check whether we are available for tasting in the barrel store – we are often available on weekends.

We compete by being different

We know we can't make the cheapest wines around – our small scale doesn't allow that. But we can offer you something different – wines that reflect the season, the winemaker's passion, the soil and location in which they are grown and our commitment to flavour.