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VINE To WINE



Curly Flat



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RELEASE OF 2002 CURLY FLAT CHARDONNAY
GOOD NEWS: Great Vintage! BAD NEWS: Not much of it!

We are pleased to release our 2002 Chardonnay – the first of our wines produced 100% in our new winery - from grapevine to bottle. Our decision to construct the winery was based on matching our attention to detail in the vineyard with similar attention in the post harvest stages of production. This Chardonnay is a solid endorsement of the decision. We are delighted with the result. Unfortunately the drought resulted in a reduced harvest - supply is limited, with the allocation priority going to existing clients, but you will need to respond early.

The wine is already receiving attention from the wine media:

Macedon Ranges 2004 Wine Exhibition: Trophy for the Best Chardonnay (and runner up to the 2002 Curly Flat Pinot for Best Wine of Show)

Small Vignerons Awards: Gold Medal "...beautifully textured, with subtle cashew overtones enhancing the fresh, intense melon fruit"

Winewise: "This Macedon wine is a model for cool climate chardonnay producers to follow."

The Bulletin: "Very restrained yet concentrated nose, underpinned by a beautiful floral quality. Generous on the palate, yet with excellent structure and delineation."

James Halliday in his Wine Companion 2005 "...elegant and subtle; sophisticated winemaking; barrel ferment and malolactic ferment inputs to cashew, melon and fig flavours; harmonious."

Peter Bourne (The Wine Man) "This is a very, very good wine which deserves at least two more years in bottle to reach its peak."

Why are Curly Flat wines different? Reason No. 1 - The Lyre Trellis



What People Are Saying

James Halliday, in his Australian Wine Companion 2005 gave Curly Flat a Five Star Rating (Outstanding winery regularly producing exemplary wines).

Curly Flat 2000 Pinot won a Silver Award at the London “Decanter” Awards.

Curly Flat 2000 Pinot won Australian Gourmet Pages 2004 Pinot Challenge “With Food” category judged by 12 restaurateurs and wine critics at Claude’s Restaurant in Sydney.

(The 2000 Pinot had been described as a “sleeper” - a wine that would take extra time to develop to its potential in the bottle - this has proven to be the case—it’s drinking superbly now)

“World class, kick-arse Chardonnay with depth, complexity and finesse” - *Sophie Otton in the Bulletin on the 2001 Curly Flat Chardonnay.*

Right up there with Australia’s best Pinots -Outstanding *Winewise Feb 04 on the 2001 Pinot*

Curly Flat 2001 Pinot Noir won the Trophy for Best Pinot in 2003 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition.

“Curly Flat is well on its way to becoming one of Australia’s great producers of both pinot noir and chardonnay. The wines have obvious pedigree, flavour concentration and ageability.” *Colin Climo in The Bulletin*

Allocation Priority

As we advised in our earlier communications, when supply is limited, priority will always go to existing clients. There is a little short of 500 dozen of the 2002 Chardonnay – to satisfy all our markets. The first step in prioritising is to determine the requirements of existing clients – hence, we ask that you respond promptly to this Release Offering then we can determine what can be available to new clients. Unfortunately the supply of the 2003 Chardonnay (recently rated at 98+ points by Colin Climo in The Bulletin) was even more drought affected with only 300 cases made.



Release Five

2002 Curly Flat Chardonnay

The season was cool and windy – the year we missed summer(?). Overall only 9 days above 34°C. The long term dry continued, though we had wet windy conditions at flowering in December – this resulted in a low fruit set – but this was a blessing as the lack of both moisture and heat meant limited foliage growth so the vines could only support a low crop level - the vines were perfectly balanced. The ripening period ended with a wonderful April. Superb fruit but not much of it.

What’s Happening in the Next Few Months

Late in November we will release two new wines – 2004 Curly Flat Pinot Gris and 2004 Curly Flat Rose. The Pinot Gris is the first harvest from our vines planted in 2000 – it is a very rich varietal wine with great acidity – only 150 cases of this wine. The Rose is made from trial plantings of Cabernet Franc, Shiraz and Merlot, together with some Pinot Noir juice – ripe and fresh with crisp acidity and good mouth feel – only 200 cases.

The Macedon Ranges’ Budburst Festival is held on the weekend of 13&14 November – see back page for details

The 2002 Curly Flat Pinot Noir will be released in March 2005 – this, our first Pinot from the new winery, will be the best Pinot released so far. In rating this wine “Outstanding”, *Winewise* said “This Macedon producer continues a push towards the very apex of Australian pinot noir quality”. Judges at the Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition (chaired by James Halliday) thought similarly awarding it the Trophy for Best Pinot and the Laurie Williams Trophy for Best Wine of Show. In our first Vine To Wine we dedicated our first release to our mentor and friend Laurie.

Other Offerings

History Packs

As many are just discovering Curly Flat wines, we are offering 3 bottle History Packs comprising 3 vintages of either Pinot Noir or Chardonnay - being the current release plus the two prior vintages.

Williams Crossing

Williams Crossing (our junior label) wines are “almost” Curly Flat quality and are priced to give great value. Williams Crossing 2000 Chardonnay was awarded a Silver Medal and Williams Crossing 2001 Pinot a Bronze Medal at the 2004 Macedon Wine Exhibition.

Large Format Bottles

Magnums (1.5L) of 2000 & 2001 Pinot and 2001 & 2002 Chardonnay and a small number of Imperials (6L or 8 standard bottles) of 2000 & 2001 Pinot. Quantities are limited. See our website for large format bottle prices.

Tasting notes by renowned wine writer and educator, Peter Bourne (The Wine Man)

Pale lemon yellow colour. A concentrated bouquet of smoky bacon, oatmeal and ripe stonefruits enhanced with a touch of nectarine, bosc pear and honeydew melon. The underlying elements of oak and yeast lees characters add further richness and character. This is a very, very good wine, which deserves at least two more years in bottle to reach its peak.



ORDER FORM - NOVEMBER 2004

WINE	Bottle Price	Case of 6	Dozen	Qty	\$
CURRENT RELEASE CURLY FLAT WINES					
2002 Curly Flat Chardonnay	\$35	\$210	\$420		
2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir	\$44	\$264	\$528		
2000 Curly Flat Lacuna Chardonnay (Unwooded)	\$22	\$132	\$264		
OTHER WINES AVAILABLE					
2000 Curly Flat Pinot Noir	\$44	\$264	\$528		
2001 Curly Flat Chardonnay	\$35	\$210	\$420		
2000 Williams Crossing Chardonnay	\$12.50	\$75	\$137.50		
2001 Williams Crossing Pinot Noir	\$25	\$150	\$275		
Curly Flat History Pack 1 Pinot Noir Vintages 2001, 2000, 1999	3 pack \$132				
Curly Flat History Pack 2 Chardonnay Vintages 2002, 2001, 1999	3 pack \$105				

****No freight charge for orders of \$100 or more (total order any wine to one address)**
For orders of less than \$100, freight charge for all states is \$8

Wine	\$
Freight**	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods - Cheque ☐
 - Credit card (Visa or Master Card Only) ☐

Card Number:

Visa ☐
 Master Card ☐

Expiry: Signature: Date:

Ordered by:

Mailing Address:

Delivery Address:

Special Delivery Instructions:

Telephone: Fax: Email:



Tastings / Visiting Curly Flat

Curly Flat is currently open for tastings and sales on the first Sunday and the fourth Saturday (Lancefield Farmers Market day) of each month between 1 pm and 5 pm. This will change from December and on, when we will be open every Sunday afternoon – as well as the fourth Saturday. And remember, you can come most other times by just giving us a quick phone call to make sure we are going to be here.

Vintage Hall is the original homestead (circa 1880) which was in ruins when we purchased the property. The roof has been replaced, a reclaimed jarrah floor has been laid, a kitchen and bathrooms installed and other restoration in progress - Vintage Hall is ready (though not fully completed) to be the venue for cellar door tastings.

We have wine dinners in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Adelaide. If you are interested in attending, please contact us to find the next event in your city.

Our website, www.curlyflat.com, has details of events and lots more information about Curly Flat.



Budburst 2004

Budburst, Macedon Ranges Wine & Food Festival is to be held 13 & 14 November and this year is back at the cellar doors. \$5 Budburst ticket price buys a tasting glass and entry and tastings all weekend to all 32 participating wineries 10am ~ 5pm. Full details can be found on www.budburst.com.au.

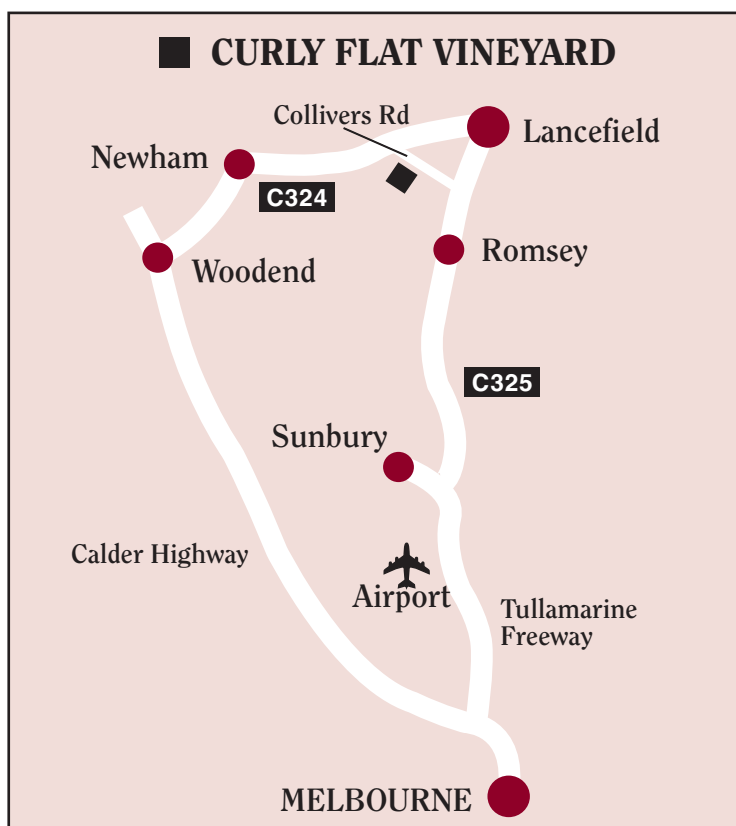
For Budburst 2004, Curly Flat Vineyard welcomes Darren Langdon as guest chef serving a limited but sumptuous 3 course menu in Vintage Hall - bookings are recommended. Phillip will be conducting vertical tastings of 7 vintages of Curly Flat Pinot and Chardonnay - bookings are essential.

Visit Lancefield and the Macedon Ranges

Lancefield emerged during the gold rush when miners bunked down overnight on their way from Melbourne to Bendigo. Lancefield's old world charm has been preserved. It is rich in historic inns and residences, some of which have been restored and live again as charming B&Bs. Lancefield is blessed with a marvelous choice in restaurants also antiques, galleries and shops. An easy 60 minute drive from Melbourne CBD through the pastoral meadows, it is a splendid place to spend a weekend.

Lancefield & District Farmers Markets are held on the 4th Saturday of each month (earlier in December) showing a range of fresh and gourmet produce from the local area including fruit and veges, cheese, olive products, wine, mead, lavender products, herbs, fudge and more.

Mt Macedon, Hanging Rock Reserve (good place for a picnic) and the Cobaw State Forest (fabulous trails for mountain biking) are within 20 minutes drive of Lancefield.



How to get to Curly Flat Vineyard

From Melbourne - take the Tullamarine Freeway and proceed past the Airport.

Before Sunbury, turn right onto C325 to Romsey/Lancefield.

Proceed through Romsey and when entering Lancefield, turn left onto C324 towards Woodend.

Travel 4 km, and just before Glen Erin Vineyard Retreat turn left into Collivers Road.

Curly Flat Vineyard is 600 metres along on the right.

Tastings and functions are usually held in Vintage Hall, 300 metres from the road, next to the winery.