

Seasonally adjusted

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Welcome to the December edition of Seasonally Adjusted. A lot has been happening here at Chalk Hill, so why not grab a glass of something good, sit back and read on.

BELLISSIMA BARBERA

We're not sure where the affinity with things Italian came from – and it certainly wasn't apparent when we studied Latin at school – but we love the Italian grape varieties Sangiovese and Barbera, and it seems that they love us.

Wine scribe James Halliday described Chalk Hill's Barbera 2004 as the best Barbera he had tasted from Australia, and the 2005 vintage came third in the Global category (for non-Italian Barberas) of Italy's International Barbera Competition, held in Alessandria. Well, now they've both been trumped.

Our Barbera 2006 recently won four trophies and the best consumer wine prize at the McLaren Vale Wine Show, and has just come first in the Global category of this year's Alessandria competition. Forgive us for being biased, but we think that 'Chalk Hill Barbera 2006 – world's best' has a nice ring to it!

So that you can have the chance to enjoy the Barbera, we've put together a cracker of a Christmas pack. Details are on the order form and remember, stocks are limited.



John, Emmanuelle and Jock with McLaren Vale Wineshow Trophies

OTHER ACCOLADES

Just so you don't think we're a one-trick pony with our Barbera ... James Halliday recently awarded Chalk Hill 4 1/2 stars, and he gave each of our wines more than 90 points out of 100 except one, which received 89 points.

Added to that, Peter Forrestal selected both Chalk Hill's Moscato and our Sidetrack for his book The best wines in Australia under \$15.



MILESTONES (OR MILLSTONES)

November marked the 40th anniversary of Di's and John's matrimonial union. We are sure they would both argue that they have even more passion and love now than they did when a young country boy swept a city girl back to his farm in 1967. For the rest of us, we are still waiting for the 'obey' part to become a reality ...

1987 was the year of Kylie Minogue's Locomotion, the 'Black Monday' fall on Wall Street and the death of Fred Astaire.

It was also the year that a fresh-faced lad started in the workforce with a full head of hair. Twenty years on and Brenton (Fred) Delaney is still with us, but without so much hair.

Congratulations and thank you Freddy.



THE PATTERN OF LITTLE FEET

Sleepless nights, shortened tempers, worrying and cracking open bottles of wine just 'because I can'. No, it's not the three mad months of vintage; it's parenthood and it lasts a lifetime.

Congratulations to our accounting supremo Richard Bund and his wife Jodie on the birth of their first child – a son, Joshua.



Also to Kate (sister and daughter in the Harvey clan) and Andy on the birth of Nicholas (left). Beaming father Andy – a native of New Zealand – has now satisfied Peter Costello's wish of one for mum (Olivia), one for dad (Alastair) and one for Australia.

And when they think they have their hands full, they should spare a thought for Jason and Anna Flowerday – winemakers, viticulturists and friends – who have just welcomed twins Charlotte and Isabel into their family, to join twins Emily and Sophie. That's right, four girls under four and vintage at their Te Whare Ra winery in Marlborough NZ just around the corner!

WRIGHT-ERS' BLOCK

Speaking of babies, we have expanded our vineyard 'brood' with the purchase of 130 acres of prime McLaren Vale land from Keith and Alison Wright.



We are busy turning the former beef stud into a premium vineyard with plantings of Shiraz, Barbera and Spanish variety Albariño.

ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Thanks to Greg Panigas and Roland Martin from SITA Environmental Solutions for presenting us with an award for our vegetation rehabilitation projects.

Planting trees on our vineyards gives us a warm inner glow; having our project chosen as the best environmental one among our McLaren Vale contemporaries is extra special.

SEEING RED

If you are like us, when you see a plane buzzing around overhead you wonder what they are up to and who it is – rookie pilot, tourist or terrorist? Now you need to add infrared imagery to your list of possibilities.

You see, getting a bird's eye view in infrared shows the health and vitality of each grape vine and helps us know what's happening. Our goal is to eliminate variation between vines so that they grow and ripen in a consistent manner, which should make the decision about when to pick the grapes just that little bit easier.

LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

Procrastination is something that most of us have been guilty of at one time or another – but at Chalk Hill we are turning it into an art form. It just wouldn't be right for our acclaimed Procrastinator to be launched promptly, but you'll be pleased to know that the 2006 vintage is now available.

Each year, it seems to sell out in record time, so 'do as I say and not as I do' and don't procrastinate if you want some.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Everyone here at Chalk Hill wishes you all the best for a safe and relaxing Christmas season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Cheers,
Jock & Tom Harvey