

## Paulmara Estates

Welcome to our Summer 2007/08 Newsletter..... Let the heat begin! We've had a quick, hot start to what they say will be hot and dry summer. Good winter and spring rains enabled some much needed penetrated moisture deep into the soil profile. The vines needed this and have thrived on it. To date we have only applied limited irrigation to keep the topsoil wet to retain as

much deep moisture as possible until after veraison. The Barossa Infrastructure scheme that we buy water from has notified its shareholders that the water allocation has been increased from 16% to 22% for this year. (And I hear today we might get 32%.) Still not much water for us grape growers, but we have purchased additional water as insurance should we need it. To date the vineyard looks healthy- good growth with a balanced crop. We are expecting at this stage for 2008 to be a fantastic year, hopefully comparable to 2006. There is much to come before harvest however, and we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. With a bit of luck and optimal weather though we can do it!

For those of you who pre-ordered your **2006...** good news! We just completed bottling and packaging this beauty. We apologize for the delay but something so special is well worth the wait. We've done a special packaging for this vintage. Each bottle is numbered and there are only 960 bottles of the 2006 Syna Shiraz and going fast. Be quick if you haven't secured your limited release vintage.

**Medal news....** Our 2004 Syna received a GOLD medal at the 2007 Riverina Wine Show in October. This is our first gold on this vintage and we are very pleased. The 2004 is a smooth, fruitful, well balanced shiraz that gets better with every month that passes.

**People in the press...** I had so many of our wine friends contact me saying they had seen Paul in the October 2007 Gourmet Traveller or the October 2007 QANTAS magazine. We have had people from as far as England and America contact us after they have seen it or been told about it, some not even knowing us,

raving about what a wonderful tribute to Paul it is For those of you who did not see Paul's full page profile as part of the Penfolds "*for those that do things for love not money campaign*" please let me know and I'll be happy to scan a copy for you. Paul hopes it validates his belief that "Great wines are made from good vineyards, because we all know you can't make good wine from poor grapes."

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holiday season be filled with good laughter, good wine and good friends.



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