



ALKOOMI

2010 – 2011 Growing Season Update

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'Unique conditions' spring to mind. The south and south west of Western Australia, has experienced the driest winter/spring season on the record books but fortunately our dams are full so this will put us in good stead as the weather warms up.

Rod Hallett, along with the viticulturist team have been working tirelessly in the vineyard to ensure that the vines are set up to best cope with the drier conditions but still be able to produce the highest quality fruit across all varieties. This was achieved by limiting the number of buds at pruning and then carrying out judicious shoot thinning after budburst.

A strong focus has been placed on managing the vine canopies so that the fruit produced will ripen in optimum condition given the limited sub-soil moisture available. Special attention was given to complete a program of rejuvenation on our senior block of vines. The use of small chainsaws to remove unproductive wood was carried out to promote the establishment of new canes on the trellis. This program has been planned to give our old vines the best prospect of achieving optimum fruit for our premium and Icon Wines.

The team have been concentrating on the vineyard soils with our ongoing program of balancing the trace element needs to ensure the vines have readily available nutrients at all phases of the growth and ripening cycles.

Rod and Sandy are focused on bridging the divide between the vineyard and winery by ensuring greater communication between the viticultural and winery teams, setting objectives to ensure each wine is micro managed through to the bottle.

Leading the Alkoomi winemaking team is Andrew Cherry, who was previously understudy and is under the watchful eye of Rob Bowen, recently bestowed the "Di Cullen Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual to the WA Wine Industry" at the recent 2010 WA Wine Industry Awards.

Vintage planning sessions are in full swing, the aim being to leave no stone unturned in establishing the best pathway to a great 2011 vintage.

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