

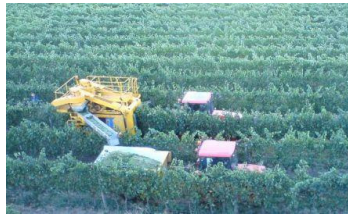


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What's been happening at Mollydooker MollyGoss - April 2009

April 30, 2009

**We are so excited we can hardly breathe!
2009 Harvest Report**



After 2008, when a 2 week heat wave made it a very tough vintage, and when we didn't make any of our Velvet Glove, Love Story or Party Wines (mind you the Lefties are spectacular) we had a heart stopping week in early February 09, when a heat wave made us all think that perhaps global warming/climate change was going to make us all have to move to Antarctica. Fortunately it only lasted a week, and then we had the most beautiful Indian summer, with perfect temperatures.

Another heat wave was forecast for a weekend 3 weeks later, and I (Leigh and I live on the vineyard and Sarah and Sparky live in Adelaide) phoned Sparky at 4am to tell him that it was a moonscape all around us, with headlights and noise, as everyone picked, and what should we do...and Sparky said "go back to bed, it will mean more water for us". Hmmmmmmm. Scary.

But the heat wave never came, and the vines ripened gracefully and in turn ripened the grapes. Sitting under the gum trees doing our juice assessments, we all began to hope. This vintage might be something special. Sparky started to talk about it being as good as 2000, which is the best he had seen. The viticulture team, who heroically check every vineyard block twice a week, braving heat, snakes and growers shooting at birds, all talked up 'their' blocks, and claimed gradings of either 'Awesome' or 'Oh my God' .

And they have been proved right. The fruit, when it came in, was phenomenal. Slowly developing in the open fermenters, it reminded me of my mum's blackcurrant jam, so tempting you almost wanted to be in the fermenter with it! Rich, thick, silky, voluptuous, and yet still vibrant and fresh.

We still have to harvest the beautiful, lifted, perfumed, fragrant Padthaway fruit, and nothing is ever guaranteed, but 2009 is starting to look very special indeed. *Janet (Sparky's Mum)*

April 28, 2009

Brian Kazienko wrote...How do you Aussies not fall off the earth???



It rained and rained and rained for the last couple of days. And then....sunshine and a rainbow over the Mollydooker vineyard. Hooray the drought has broken.

PS - this is a DOWN UNDER rainbow
(turn your computer upside down and then you will see it like we do), *Sparky*

April 27, 2009

Des Moines Wine Society visit Mollydooker!



"you ruined the rest of our visit to Australia and New Zealand:
no matter how charming our hosts, how exquisite their cellar doors, how delicious their wines, no one stood a chance against the benchmark of Mollydooker", *Rick and Joyce Chapman*

April 24, 2009

How is this for the number of pumps and hoses in one area...



A pump over of the [Blue Eyed Boy](#) and Gigglepot ferments.
They are awesome, *Sparky*

April 19, 2009
Sunset through the Open Fermenters



The juice that will become the 2009 [Velvet Glove](#) is in these fermenters.
Can't wait to share it with you, *Sparky*