

## 'Thirst For' May Snippets 2015



Nope, we haven't finished vintage yet – we have one final pick of the Noble Viognier this week and the Montepulciano is still hanging in the vineyard. Tony is keeping a close eye on the weather and will leave it out as long as possible, making the most of the lovely sunny days we have been having which is allowing the acid to ripen out. He is happy with the flavour of the Monte grapes, so if the rain forecast for the end of this week causes a problem, we can bring it in quickly and still make a great wine.

Gracie, the winery puppy, has had her photo taken for the next edition of 'Wine Dogs New Zealand' book, due out later this year. Gracie behaved remarkably well for an 8 month old, treats and squeaky toys helped. It was a beautiful day and the oldest foal in the front paddock participated in the shoot also. We can't wait to see which photo will be used for the book.

While the weather is still reasonably warm, and if you are looking for a meal idea to treat yourselves or guests, try the combination of hot-smoked salmon, a fresh seasonal salad and crusty bread with a bottle of *de la terre Barbera 2013*.

We are open until the end of June, Thursday – Sunday each week, 10am to 5pm, so do come and see us. Tony will happily give you a tasting of some of this year's ferments from tanks and barrels.

Enjoy this last month of autumn and we'll be in touch in another month!

Kaye, Tony &



Gracie, the model