



YARRA VALLEY

TOOLANGI

CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

June 2010

TOOLANGI CELEBRATES WITH CHARDONNAY 10 EVENT

2010 marks ten vintages of Toolangi Chardonnay and we are hosting an International Benchmark Chardonnay Event, **Chardonnay 10**, in the Yarra Valley on Saturday July 24.

A group of distinguished panellists and judges is confirmed for the inaugural Chardonnay 10 event, including James Halliday, New Zealand's Bob Campbell MW, Huon Hooke and Debra Meiburg MW from Hong Kong.



A highlight of Chardonnay 10 is the Saturday afternoon **Masterclass** which is a tutored tasting led by the international panel, tasting a range of Yarra Valley chardonnays alongside benchmark chardonnays from New Zealand, France, Italy and California.

On the Saturday evening is the **Toolangi Gala Dinner** featuring a five course dinner matched to Toolangi wines and also some international wines. The panellists will also report back on their findings from the benchmark tasting.

Tickets are selling fast so book quickly to reserve your seat at the Masterclass and/or Gala Dinner on Saturday July 24.

Please see Gourmet Traveller Wine article overleaf and www.chardonnay10.com for further details.

2010 VINTAGE REPORT

Conditions this year have been ideal with our harvest period stretching from March 3 until March 27. Temperatures (day and night), humidity, water and sunlight all combining to make a great vintage with excellent ripening conditions.

We are very happy with our 2010 wines, the fruit for this vintage having great intensity and the resulting wines well balanced. All of our varietals, Pinot, Chardonnay and Shiraz, are outstanding.

This year, as a first, we have made a straight Viognier which is coming up for bottling in the next couple of weeks. Fruit from our Dixon's Creek vineyard was used for this wine and it was made at Oakridge by David Bicknell. This Viognier was fermented in oak and remained on yeast lees until blending in late May, the oak adding a subtle complexity. We are very excited about this new wine... it will be released later in the year so stay tuned.



2006 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

HUON HOOKE
TASTINGS, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
MARCH 2010

TOP AUSSIE RED. This pinot is towards the well-structured end of the spectrum - all the more reason it should be released with age. It has developed burgundy-like savoury complexities over dark-cherry fruit. Firm and sapid in the mouth, with superior length and a drying grip.

2006 RESERVE SHIRAZ

BOB CAMPBELL MW
GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE, JUNE/JULY 2010

2006 Toolangi Vineyards Reserve, Yarra Valley, is perfumed and bright, with Asian spices and red fruit at the core. The palate is lithe and quite lean, but builds to an apex of flavour defined by a subtle bramble undercurrent; very long and quite silky on the finish.

