

# 2000 BAROSSA VINTAGE REPORT

## SUMMARY

Another year of below average winter rainfall was followed by a wet spring which caused vigorous canopies and uneven flowering and fruit-set. A very hot summer with record high temperatures was followed by heavy rain in late February causing some splitting and botrytis. Yields were slashed by more than 30% and quality was generally average. The best wines from 2000 were Eden Valley Rieslings, which responded to the dry weather after the February rains, and Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, which were concentrated and showed good colour, but were in very limited supply.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Barossa Winemakers hosted Wine Flight 2000, a tour by 75 international wine writers and trade representatives organised by Hazel Murphy, Australian Wine Bureau, London.

Orlando launched its premium Jacob's Creek Reserve Range (Shiraz, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon) at \$15/bottle and a 1996 Jacob's Creek Limited Release Barossa Shiraz, the first vertical expansion of this global wine brand since it was launched in 1976.

13 members of the Barossa Winemakers undertook the region's first promotion in New Zealand in July. Public,

trade and media tastings in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch attracted more than 1200 people establishing strong new markets.

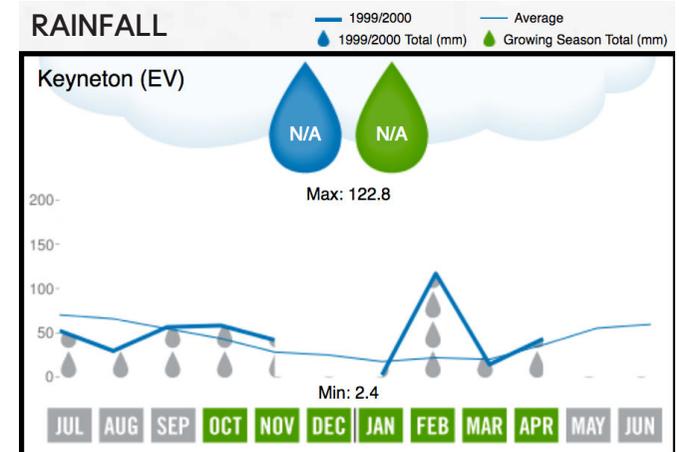
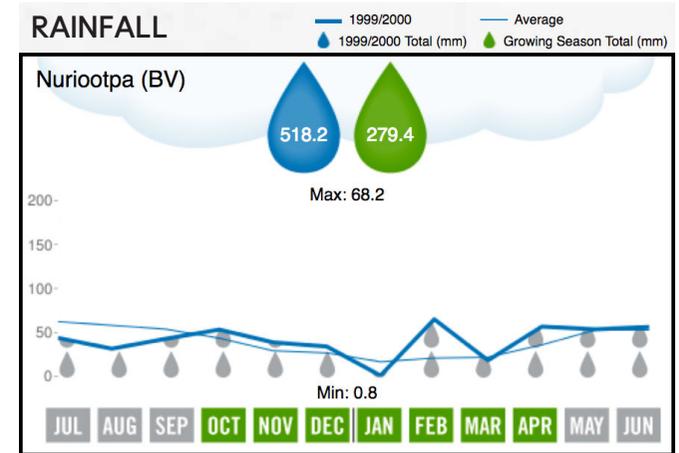
The Barossa Winemakers Technical Committee organised a one-day conference in September aimed at small winemakers and grapegrowers, entitled "Size Doesn't Matter". The successful event attracted 400 delegates from all over SA and interstate and provided information on viticulture, winemaking and marketing. Richmond Grove Winery launched its new copper spires in November, constructed on the original design commissioned by Leo Buring in the 1940s.

Barossa Infrastructure Limited launched as a public company, with grower shareholders backing a pipeline to provide "drought-proofing" supplementary irrigation water to the Barossa.

## HONOURBOARD

Vignerons of the Year – Matthew Schiller  
Winemaker of the Year – Nigel Dolan

Sources: SA Wine Grape Crush Survey, Vinehealth Australia and *Barossa Vintages: a wine history from 1842*, Peter Fuller



## TEMPERATURE

