

# THROUGH THE GRAPE VINE

November 2009



## In the Vineyard

One of the tasks done in the vineyard at this time of year is shoot thinning which is required to focus and promote the best growth in next year's shoots. During spring and the beginning of summer, new shoots grow from the head of the cane. The four most suitable shoots are selected and the rest are removed. At pruning time next year, these four shoots will be tied down on the wires to produce the following season's grapes.

## New Vintages

### Cooks Beach Sauvignon Blanc 2009

"A youthful nose displaying lime zest, fresh herb and flinty mineral notes. The palate is juicy and rounded with soft texture and bright acidity. An easy flowing Sauvignon with a crisp dry finish".

### Lonely Bay Chardonnay 2009

We leased the Lonely Bay vineyard off Paul and Sandy Spence last summer, and will be marketing and selling the 2009 vintage of Lonely Bay Chardonnay. This has just been bottled and will be ready for sale from 14 December.

The 2009 vintage is displaying very similar characteristics to the 2007 vintage at a similar stage. The colour is medium straw and the nose peaches and cream, with tropical stonefruit and pink grapefruit. It is full bodied and rich, with intense peach, mango and pink grapefruit flavours, and a subtle toasty oak character. The lengthy palate is creamy textured and luxurious with a soft fruity finish.

## In-store Tastings

The summer diary is starting to fill up but if you would like an in-store or on-premise tasting of these two wines, please contact Carol on mobile 0274 744 055 or email [carol@cooksbeachvineyard.co.nz](mailto:carol@cooksbeachvineyard.co.nz) to schedule a date!

## Christmas and New Year Orders / Deliveries

Please note that the last delivery date before Christmas will be Wednesday 22 December, so orders need to be placed by Monday 20 December. The next delivery day will be Monday 28 December.

## Upcoming Events

We've got a busy summer lined up — hope to see you at some of these events too!

### Thames Racing Club

Sunday 3 January

Enjoy a family day out at the races, with lots of fun and novelty races.

### Tairua School Food & Wine Festival

Saturday 9 January

Come and enjoy the best of local food and wine, while listening to some great musicians. Plenty of arts and crafts stalls as well as entertainment for the kids.

### Concert in the Orchard

Saturday 23 January

Bring your picnic and blanket along and listen to talented musicians playing in the Orchard, while fundraising for the Westpac helicopter. Should be a great night out!

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