



HARVEST 2009:

The season was progressing very well, despite being a dry year, but then we were hit with extreme heat in late Jan/early Feb. It was a worrying time for all, but we came through with very good quality fruit albeit reduced yield.

NEW VINEYARD HOUSE/ CELLAR DOOR:

Our new vineyard house and tasting room was fully completed in May after two years in the creation. It was a long drawn out process, but well worth the wait. Our builder Jim Browne did a splendid job even though missing in action for a number of weeks fighting bushfires as captain of the Landsborough CFA. Our tasting room is now open by appointment so please come and visit us at the vineyard.



WINE ASSESSMENT:

After seven vintages we thought it was timely to obtain an independent assessment of our wines. This assessment was undertaken by Victoria Sharples who is an international wine judge. She found the overall quality to be very high and we have included her tasting notes in the online store section.



OUR NEW DISTRIBUTOR:

In May we were pleased to appoint Sara Dean as our Melbourne distributor. Sara has had a number of years in the industry and we are delighted to have her as a member of the Shays Flat team. Sara has already secured a number of new retail and restaurant outlets so expect to see Shays Flat more readily available



SHAYS FLAT IN DENMARK:

Our other exciting news is that we were approached by Austrade to participate in a promotion of Australian wine in Copenhagen in May. It was interesting to see how Aussie wines fare in Denmark (very well especially the reds) and how they stack up against the old world wines. Not only did we have a wonderful time in the beautiful city, but we are hopeful of securing a distributor for our wine.



NEWS FROM HONG KONG:

Our Hong Kong agent has done a marvellous job of promoting our wine and recently wrote an article for a Hong Kong daily newspaper. If your Cantonese is up to it, you can read the attached article [Here](#)