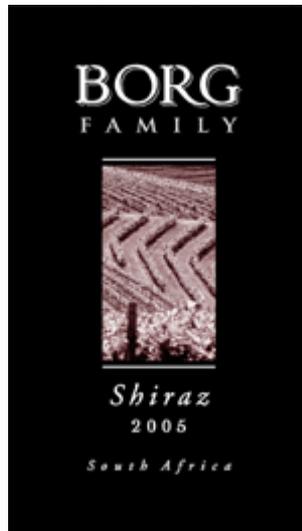


Greetings from Borg Family Wines

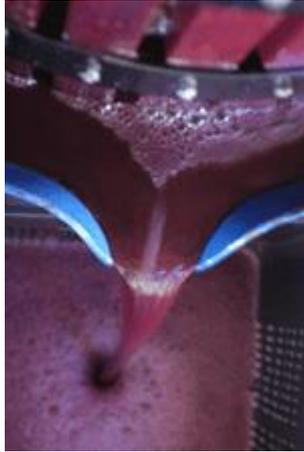
Episode Three - June 2007



At last some news! It has been a long silence but a lot has been happening over the last couple of months....

Most notably, the first order for Borg family wines Shiraz 2005 sailed out of Cape town harbour yesterday, bound for the US - yippee! AND we have confirmation that we will be fully compensated for the wine stolen, a huge relief!

Jeremy has written the label text for the 2006 Shiraz, and we hope to go to print shortly, which will mean our investors can enjoy their long awaited liquid dividend.....and we can hit the shelves with the new vintage in the US and hopefully the UK too. We await our liquor licence before the wine can become available in South Africa.



It seems a long time since we were looking at this view above in Malmsbury, checking the fruit in anticipation of the beginning of harvest, and now the 2007 vintage is looking sound in barrel.

There is always room for improvement however, and I can now see first hand how incredibly important it is to get to know your fruit intimately and learn how to handle each different cultivar from each locality to be able to achieve the optimal quality wine. We continue to develop relationships with our grape suppliers as consistency in quality in the vineyard is paramount. We just spent some time at the cellar making some adjustments to the wine after analysis, and topping the barrels.



Little did we know that the small amount of viognier grapes we rashly decided to take on, would develop so well after experiencing our homemade cooling system (rotating frozen bottles of water in a water bath during fermentation)...it was certainly a challenging time and the same grapes produced a powerful 'splat attack' on the christening of our new press!

As Jeremy heads for the US, I will be experiencing our first audit from the governing body of the South African wine industry and continue on the steep learning curve of web design - I have about four weeks until the 2005 Shiraz hits the US so had better get busy - watch this space.....

My brothers wedding gave us a great excuse to return to Europe for a visit in April, and we squeezed in a few days in our favourite spot in the South of France. Cessenon sur Orb has many similarities to Paarl with its proximity to the coast, mountainous terrain and vines as far as the eye can see.....AND its windy!



We arrived on a rather bleak end of winter kind of a day, driving through reams of vineyards with their vines seemingly dormant until you looked closer and saw the buds ready to explode with the first springtime warmth - fortunately for us, this arrived the very next day.

By the following day, the vineyards had come alive with vibrant green leaves bursting out all over the place and it was very clear that Spring had arrived as the landscape was transformed before our eyes!

We were also fortunate to be able to visit our friends Florence and Giles who allowed us to help them with the planting of their new vineyard, high up on the slopes with an incredible view of the valley below.



Back in South Africa we welcome the Winter rains although thoroughly enjoy the warm sunny days in between...

Until next time

Happy wine drinking!

from Jeremy Emma Savannah and Oliver