

Vintage 2015

Vintage 2015 was a mercifully short vintage. The vines had a good start the season with above average winter rainfall and mild temperatures. We had some late frosts – but not as bad as 2014.

Crushing began late January – we had some rain in the second week of January which kept the vines healthy but had the effect of slightly delaying the whites. This resulted in a small amount of disease but only in the white varieties that were picked late.

The weather in February and March were perfect conditions for grapegrowers and winemakers. Cool nights and cooler than average days meant we had a dream run with the reds – they were ready very early while we were still picking our whites – we had to find room and fast! Little rainfall during February and March also meant very little disease pressure on the reds so the grapes could stay on the vine and achieve lovely deep colour and great flavour. We finished the majority of harvest by late March and only had a few small truckloads after that – our Coonawarra Cabernet which arrived on the 29th and 30th March and our Eden Valley Reds which were picked at the start of April (again, quite early for this region!).

Yields were slightly above expected but still moderate. Quality on the whites was not as high as expected but the reds are looking outstanding.