



## VINTAGE SUMMARIES

2009

Natures reward was the 2009 vintage. Much needed rain at all the right times, excellent conditions for flowering and balanced crops. A cool but dry March further drew out ripening but halted disease. This was followed by a warm, sunny and dry April with cool nights that kept fruit fresh, disease free and retained abundant acids. Wines promise to be delicious.

2010

2010 was a very good year for Marlborough, although the harvest was relatively small. Delayed flowering after a cool spring led to a lower crop than usual, compounded by low rainfall. However, the autumn and harvest periods were warm and dry, with textbook cool nights, leading to concentrated, crisp flavours.

2011

2011 was a good year for Marlborough, with an even and quick flowering and fruit set. Light rain in December and January provided enough moisture to aid the vines in the warm and dry summer that followed, and the fruit was harvested over the course of a long, fine Indian summer.

2012

2012 was a cool year. However, it started in ordinary fashion with a fine spring and even flowering and fruit-set. There was some rain at Christmas, though not enough to cause trouble, but temperatures never really lifted and the sun rarely showed her face. Consequently, the ripening was slow and harvest late with low yields.

2013

2013 was an excellent vintage for Marlborough. A calm spring allowed for even flowering and berry set, and an initially warm summer was tempered by cooler temperatures after veraison – allowing slower maturation of the fruit, encouraging retention of acidity and development of more complex flavour compounds.

2014

Minimal frosts during the spring and perfect flowering conditions resulted in a good crop and even berry set. A warm early summer initially, but temperatures cooled after solstice to give a long ripening period, with stable conditions until the end of the first week of April. Heavy rain followed, but caused no problems at the Estate.

2015

A cool start to the year, with some late frosts, but the weather was settled for flowering and fruit set. The summer was warm and very dry, resulting in berries and bunches being smaller than average. Harvest took place in good conditions, resulting in fruit which showed aromatic ripeness as well as a balanced, fresh acidity.

2016

The 2016 winegrowing vintage at Seresin Estate will be remembered for a challenging cold start with a spectacular long summer. A very long and constant frost fighting season ensured the team were under pressure from the start. Towards the end of January, we were predicting a later harvest than normal, but an intense long summer followed by a dry harvest period enabled us to deliver the fruit on-time, intact and without stress. The harvest itself was fast and furious, one of the most compact we have ever experienced.

2017