

# The Corkscrew

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Our 8th vintage and our 2nd year selling our wine, we guess that we are just about "out of nappies" now. Thanks for your support in our first year; we're confident better is to follow.

## 2002 Vintage

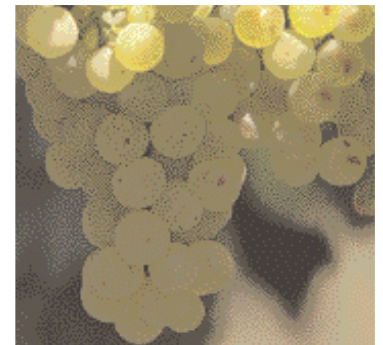
A terrific year is in the offing as we write in the middle of May. Reasonable rains in late Winter/early Spring gave the vines a great start, followed by mild weather prior to Christmas. This all added up to good fruit set with wonderful rich flavour development in a cool January. When Sydney & the coast sweltered & burned, we had lovely warm dry summer days yet, when February

turned Sydney to slush, Mudgee had a few days of good rains, which freshened up both the grapes & pastures, not to forget the grape growers! Our trifecta of good fortune has been the totally dry March, a few days of rain before Easter, followed by a dry soft, mild April "Indian Summer".

Vintage started in the last week of February with the dry Semillon. Easter Semillon & Cabernet tailed the field on April 17-19, with Chard. & Temp. in mid March.

## 2003 Vintage

Well... maybe a bit early to predict (although the vines have set their crop in next year's buds already) but we will



continue the Spanish theme as our new plantings of Garnacha & Graciano start coming on stream. We were going to call our Southern Hemisphere Rioja... ajoir; until a Spanish visitor told us that it sounded like "get fornicated" when said quickly in Spanish! Ah well... back to the drawing board.



