

STATION IMPORTS



Station News

We have just received a new container of wine at our US warehouse. This facility, Groskopf Warehouse and Logistics, is located in Sonoma, California. It is managed by Charlene Groskopf who takes very good care of us and our wine.

Charlene coordinates our shipping needs both to our distributors and Internet clientele.

In this most recent container, we received current Pinot Noir vintages from Rippon, Kawarau Estate, Nevis Bluff and Sleeping Dogs. In addition to this we are introducing a new Pinot Noir from Freefall which is produced in the Bendigo region of Central Otago.

Additional new varietals include a spectacular Pinot Gris and Sauvignon Blanc from Kawarau; these wines present a much softer, old world profile, rather than the more familiar New Zealand style of big fruit and acid...

Riesling, Osteiner and Chardonnay will be arriving in the next Station Import container, which should arrive in time for the holidays.

We will be returning to New Zealand shortly and will be looking for a new Gewurztraminer and a few bold reds from some of the other NZ wine regions such as Hawks Bay and Waiheke Island.

Wine News

RIPPON CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Rolfe at the beginning of the dream...



Rolfe and Lois Mills first released their wines under the Rippon label in 1988. Today the vineyard is in full production with a new winery soon to be built on the upper tier of the property.

It seems fitting that Neal Martin of The Wine Advocate wrote of Rippon's current release "The stunning Rippon Pinot Noir 2006 is a realization of everything I suspect Rolfe dreamt of when planting the first vines in the early 1980's..." Today, Nick and Jo Mills have taken over the vineyard and winemaking, receiving five stars by Robert Parker as one of New Zealand's Best Producers.

"Those few growers/producers who have received five star ratings are those who make the world's finest wines. They are selected for two reasons: first, because they make the greatest wine of their particular viticultural region and second, because they are remarkably consistent and reliable even in mediocre and poor vintages. Few consumers will ever be disappointed with one of their wines".

The Mills family is now well into its fifth generation on the land with the recent arrival of Toby Ford Sargood Mills, AKA "Ziggy".

Central Otago's 2005 Pinot Noir is the best vintage to date and early indications are that 2006 will also be a successful year...

Daniel Sogg, Wine Spectator, February 2008

