

## **Vintage and Year report from New Zealand**

### **2007 Vintage**

The New Zealand 2007 grape harvest of 205,000 tonnes is set to produce superb wines but many wineries will be frustrated by shortages, despite a lift in production from 2006.

The vintage is a new harvest high for the industry, up 11 per cent on the previous mark of 185,000 tonnes set in 2006, according to results from the New Zealand Winegrowers 2007 Vintage Survey. The growth is a result of the continuing increase in producing vineyard area, as national yields were similar to last year.

### **New Zealand Wine Industry Committed to World Class Sustainability Programme**

New Zealand Winegrowers has issued a draft sustainability policy position to grape growers and winemakers that aims to have all New Zealand grapes and wine produced under independently-audited sustainability schemes by vintage 2012.

We already have more than a decade's in-depth experience with sustainability issues. We have built the industry standard for sustainability - Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand (SWNZ) - over the past 13 years to the point where more than 60 per cent of the total vineyard area is managed under SWNZ rules and wineries in the programme account for around 70 per cent of wine production.

### **New Zealand Winegrowers 2007 Annual Results**

More than one billion glasses of New Zealand wine were sold in 95 countries around the world in the past year, according to the 2007 New Zealand Winegrowers Annual Report.

In the year ending 30 June 2007, offshore sales of 76 million litres of wine totalled \$700 million - up 36 per cent on 2006.