

# ROCKFIELD

## ESTATE VINEYARD

MARGARET RIVER....*style*

AUTUMN 2008

### FROM THE VERANDAH...

With the chaos of picking behind us for another year, and the winery in full swing, Autumn is always a good time for reflection. Sitting on the verandah enjoying the autumn afternoon sunshine I can survey the hill paddock beyond the creek line which is earmarked for our next planting. The 6 acres of new Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc vines will be planted in September this year.

Our website will soon be updated to allow customers to buy wine online! Orders will be processed through the secure Paypal system, and all orders over \$195 will receive FREE FREIGHT to anywhere within Australia. So, when you are not visiting us at the cellar door it will be even easier to keep on enjoying your favourite Rockfield wine. Visit [www.rockfield.com.au](http://www.rockfield.com.au) in the next month and visit 'Order Wine'

As we welcome Caroline to our family (see below), I muse upon the following quote from English actor and restaurateur, Michael Caine.

*'Home is where the wine is'*                      *Michael Caine*

Dr Andrew Gaman, CEO & Marketing Director

### STUART MACGILL UNCORKED!



Rockfield was selected by Stuart Macgill to appear on the Margaret River episode of his Foxtel wine education series, Uncorked. Stuart, and his filming crew spent an enjoyable few hours tasting Rockfield wines, and chatting to Andrew and Alex about their experiences. He recommended the Rockfield Chardonnay as one of his favourite Margaret River wines on the show. The kids even got their cricket balls signed by Stuart!

### NEW CELLAR DOOR MANAGER



There is a new face at Rockfield with the commencement of Caroline Strong as our Cellar Door Manager. Caroline brings to the job ten years of experience within the wine industry in Australia and overseas.

We welcome Caroline into the Rockfield family, not only as Cellar Door Manager but also fiancée to family member and Rockfield winemaker, Andrew. We look forward to their wedding on the vineyard later in the year.

## THE VINES...



With Vintage 2008 now over, the vines are turning on their spectacular autumn colour show as they head towards winter dormancy. This is a quiet, more peaceful time in the vineyard and some might argue the most beautiful time to come and visit the vineyard and cellar door.

After a great 2008 weather wise for Rosa Glen, the fruit quality and quantity were excellent, setting another high benchmark for the resulting 2008 vintage wines.

Alex Gaman - Rockfield Estate Viticulturalist

## THE WINES ...

The winery is currently very busy processing fruit from the 2008 vintage. With crushing and fermentation complete, the majority of 2008 whites are being fined in tank, and the reds are moving to barrels. We have also just released our first Reserve label Shiraz from the 2006 vintage, which shows beautiful dense shiraz fruit. Shiraz lovers are sure to approve.

Andrew Gaman – Rockfield Estate Winemaker



Meet Molly, another new member of the Rockfield family. She joined us after being left unwanted at the Margaret River Wine Association. She has adapted brilliantly to her new home and spends her days leisurely wandering between the cellar door and winery. What a life!

## POST-VINTAGE PARTY WINE SPECIAL...

In the spirit of the post-vintage celebrations, we have put together a mixed case special for our members until the end of June, with FREE FREIGHT to anywhere within Australia.

6 x 2007 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc  
3 x 2004 Shiraz  
3 x 2004 Cabernet Merlot

RRP \$246

**Members pay only \$190!**

(A saving of \$56 plus free freight)

To take advantage of this offer complete an Order Form (attached below), and either mail (215 Rosa Glen Road, Margaret River, WA, 6285) or scan and email the details to [mail@rockfield.com.au](mailto:mail@rockfield.com.au). Alternatively phone/fax Caroline your order at the cellar door on 08 9757 5006. Enjoy!

## WINE IN FOCUS...

### ROCKFIELD SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

The Rockfield Semillon Sauvignon Blanc has always been a popular wine with our customers, and continues to win medals at state and national wine shows.



*This classic Margaret River style displays zesty lime, passion fruit, guava and nectarine, with vanilla and honeydew highlights through the palate.*

#### 2007 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

-  2007 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
-  2007 Royal Perth Wine Show
-  2007 Royal Hobart Wine Show
-  2007 Royal Sydney Wine Show
-  2007 Australian Small Winemakers Wine Show
-  2007 National Cool Climate Wine Show
-  2007 Murrumbateman Cool Climate Wine Show

*"Another impressive wine. Smoky herbaceous floral citrus smells. The palate is intense, and flavoursome held tight and crisp with some nice acid. Sustained finish completes an impressive wine".*

**Ray Jordan's 2008 Guide to Wine**

#### PREVIOUS VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

##### 2006 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

**4 1/2 Star**

2007 Winestate Magazine

**4 1/2 cups (90/100)**

James Halliday's 2008 Australian Wine Companion

**Best Value White Wine**

Ray Jordan's Xmas Picks on Channel 7's Today Tonight program

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## Tasting Notes

**2007 Semillon Sauvignon blanc:** This vibrant wine exhibits zesty lime, gooseberry and pear aromas with passionfruit, honey melon and guava. These flavours follow on to the rich and lightly spiced palate. The finish is enhanced by partial barrel fermentation.

**2007 Chardonnay:** A unique fruit-driven Chardonnay with intense melon, stone fruits, and apricot nectar on the nose and palate.

**2007 Semillon:** A fragrant cool climate style with barrel fermentation characters. There are citrus, gooseberry and vanilla aromas with peach, fig and honey melon on the palate. This wine may be drunk now or cellared for several years.

**2006 Rosa:** A refreshing rose-style wine showing strawberry, cherry, rose and violet aromas with strawberry and Turkish delight carrying through to the palate. It is ideal as an aperitif and for summer picnics.

**2004 Shiraz:** A rich spicy cool climate style with well integrated oak. There are plum, cassis and black cherry aromas plus pepper and mixed spice on the palate. It is an ideal wine for a wide range of dishes and occasions.

**2006 Merlot:** This is a seductive Margaret River gem that shows fragrant plum and blueberry. Both red & dark fruits carry through to a sweet, rich and spicy palate which finishes with classic softness. A wine for all seasons.

**2004 Cabernet Merlot:** This true Margaret River blend shows sweet mulberry, blackcurrant and plum aromas. Sweet violet, mint chocolate and soft cedar oak carry through the palate and fine soft tannins compliment a long persisting dark berry finish.

**2003 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon:** This wine is a single vineyard, terroir based expression of fruit typical of early Margaret River cabernets. Extended barrel and bottle maturation has rewarded patience in this family reserve wine.

**2003 Reserve Sparkling Chardonnay:** An elegant blanc de blanc style showing extended barrel and bottle fermentation characters.

**2005 Reserve Chardonnay:** An elegant barrel fermented Chardonnay with a creamy palate featuring melon, grapefruit and apricot. Very good balance and length. A stylish regional Margaret River Chardonnay.

