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Taylor's Pass 2015

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View Across Taylors Pass





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Year in Review

- Mostly dry year low soil moisture levels
- Good bunch number
- But poor flowering due to cool wet weather
- Leading to lower than average tonnages
- Good disease control, under high pressure conditions
- High quality clean parcels fruit at harvest



Chardonnay bunches



Chardonnay hand harvest





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Tonnages 2015

- 30 T chardonnay
- 22 T pinot noir
- 33 T pinot gris
- 82 T riesling
- 600 T sauvignon blanc
- 767 T total harvest compared to 924T in 2014



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Irrigation Upgrade

- Replaced 48Ha dripline on new wire
- New controller
- improved headworks
- Fertigation unit
- Additional submains

New Sub main



New Dripline





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Benefits

- Consistent water delivery
- Better control of irrigation timings
- Improved filtration, less downtime
- Supplement nutrition at critical periods
- Water now reaching previous dry areas





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This season

- Dry winter, low soil moisture levels
- Major irrigation infrastructure improvements
- Early counts show high number of bunches per vine
- Forecasting El Nino
- Weather depending, another award winning harvest



Recent Awards

NZ International Wine Show

- Gold SV Taylors Pass Chardonnay 2013
- Gold SV Taylors Pass Pinot Noir 2013
- Champion wine of show and champion Chardonnay , SV 2014

Marlborough Wine Show

- Champion Chardonnay, SV Taylors Pass Chardonnay 2014

Air New Zealand Wine Show

- Pure Gold SV Taylors Pass Chardonnay 2014
- Pure Gold SV Taylors Pass Pinot Noir 2013

Marlborough day





Thank You