



# Terra Vitae Vineyards AGM

## 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008



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# Awards – so far so good

- ROYAL EASTER WINE SHOW AWARDS 2008
  - Winemaker of the Year – Alastair Maling MW
  - Champion Pinot Noir Trophy
  - Champion Viognier Trophy
  - Champion Syrah Trophy
  - Champion Merlot and Merlot Blends Trophy
  - Champion Export Wine Trophy
  - Champion Wine of Show Trophy
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- INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE, LONDON 2008  
Pinot Noir Trophy for Best Pinot Noir, Villa Maria  
Reserve Pinot Noir 2006



# Awards – it just gets better

LIQUORLAND TOP 100 – Last Friday

- Trophy for Champion Producer of the Year
- Merlot Trophy – Vidal Reserve Merlot  
Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
- Viognier Trophy – Omahu Gravels Single  
Vineyard Viognier 2007
- Pinot Gris Trophy – Private Bin 2008 East  
Coast Pinot Gris (340,000 bottles)



# The Air New Zealand Wine Awards

Tomorrow night the awards and trophies will be announced in Wellington. What we do know is that we have been awarded Gold medals for the following

- Villa Maria Estate Single Vineyard Ihumatao Chardonnay 2007
- **Villa Maria Estate Single Vineyard Seddon Pinot Noir 2006**
- Villa Maria Estate Reserve Barrique Fermented Chardonnay 2007
- **Villa Maria Estate Single Vineyard Keltern Chardonnay 2007**
- **Villa Maria Estate Reserve Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2006**
- Villa Maria Estate Cellar Selection Viognier 2007
- Villa Maria Estate Single Vineyard Omahu Gravels Viognier 2007
- **Villa Maria Estate Single Vineyard Taylors Pass Pinot Noir 2007**
- **Villa Maria Estate Reserve Pinot Noir 2006**
- **Villa Maria Estate Cellar Selection Syrah 2006**
- **Villa Maria Estate Reserve Syrah 2006**



# Where have all the Winemakers been?

- Alastair Maling is just back from Europe
- Hugh Crichton, Vidal Estate, just back from the UK
- Gordon Russell, Esk Valley, has been in the UK
- Dave Roper and Simon Fell have just returned back from the Australian market
- George Geris - USA
- George Fistonich - India and Dubai
- Ollie Powrie – Philippines, Korea, China & Hong Kong.



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The 2008 Vintage – Is big  
better ?

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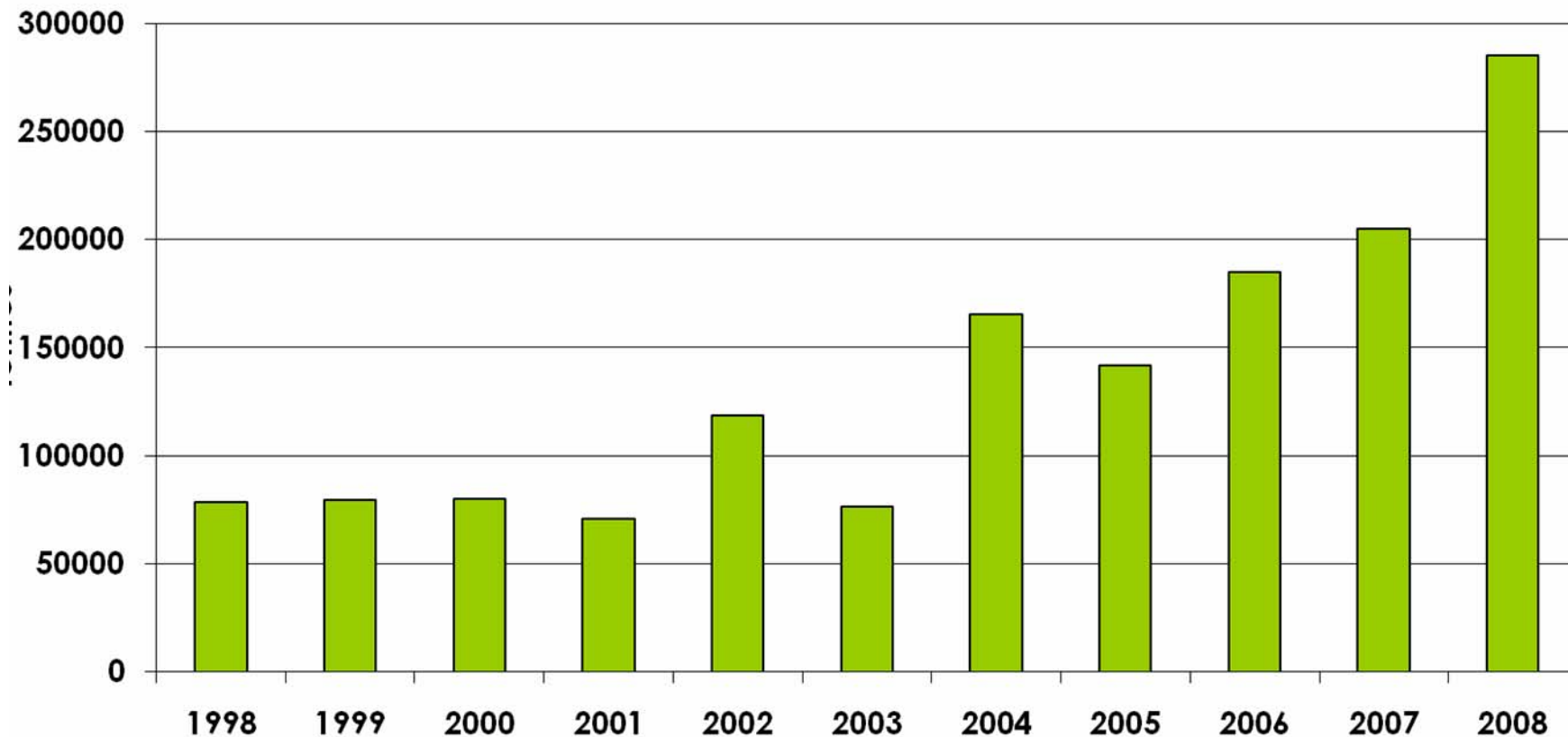
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# Vintage 2008

- Let's take a few steps back...
- Cool flowering period 2006 – with implications on bud initiation
- Results in lower bunch numbers for the 2008 vintage in Sauvignon blanc
- However,
  - No significant damaging frosts
  - Very good weather over flowering
  - 2 key rainfall events (post-flowering, early Jan)
- Result is .....



# Vintage 2008 – Tonnes (NZ)



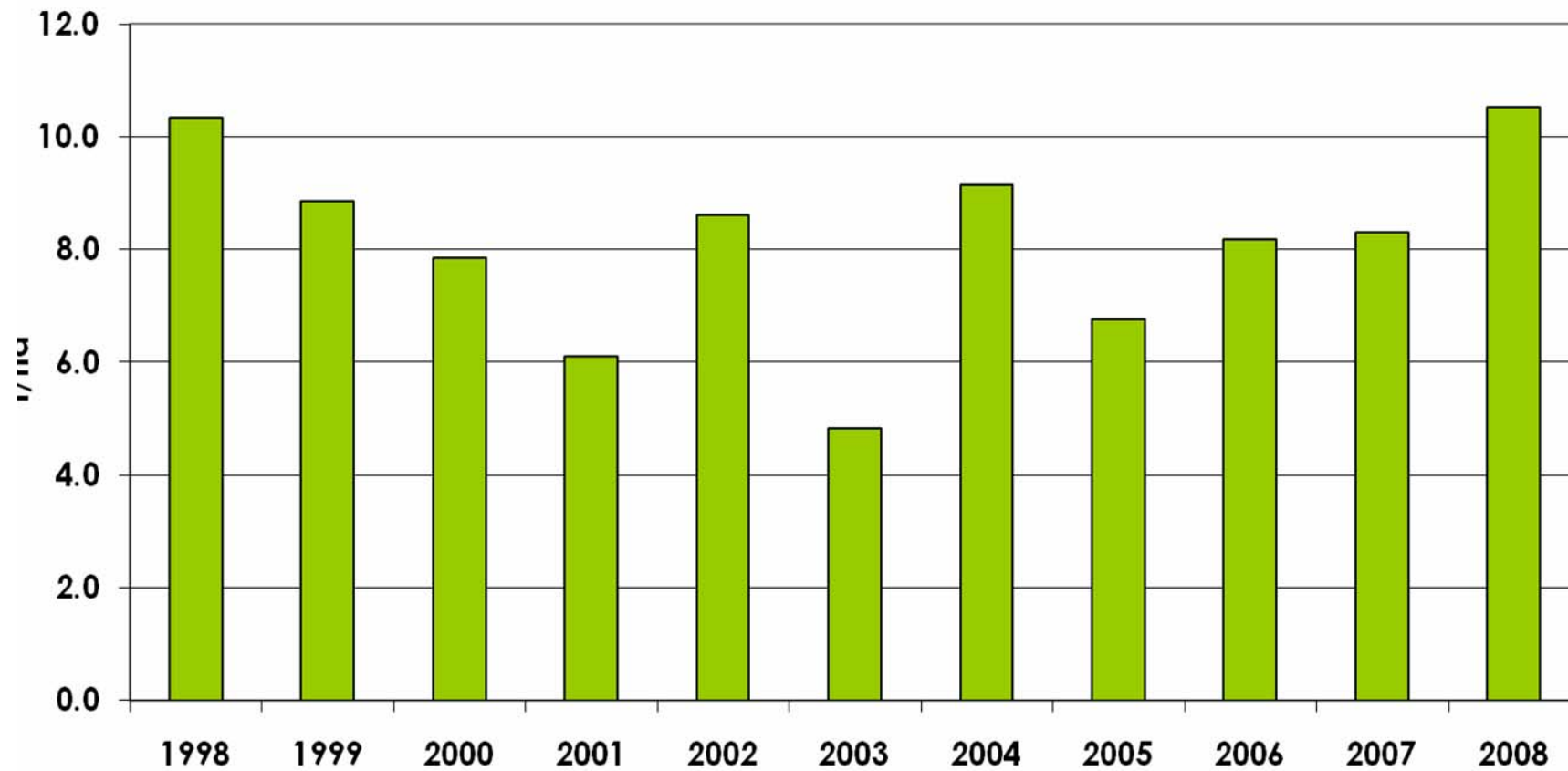
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# Vintage 2008 - Yield

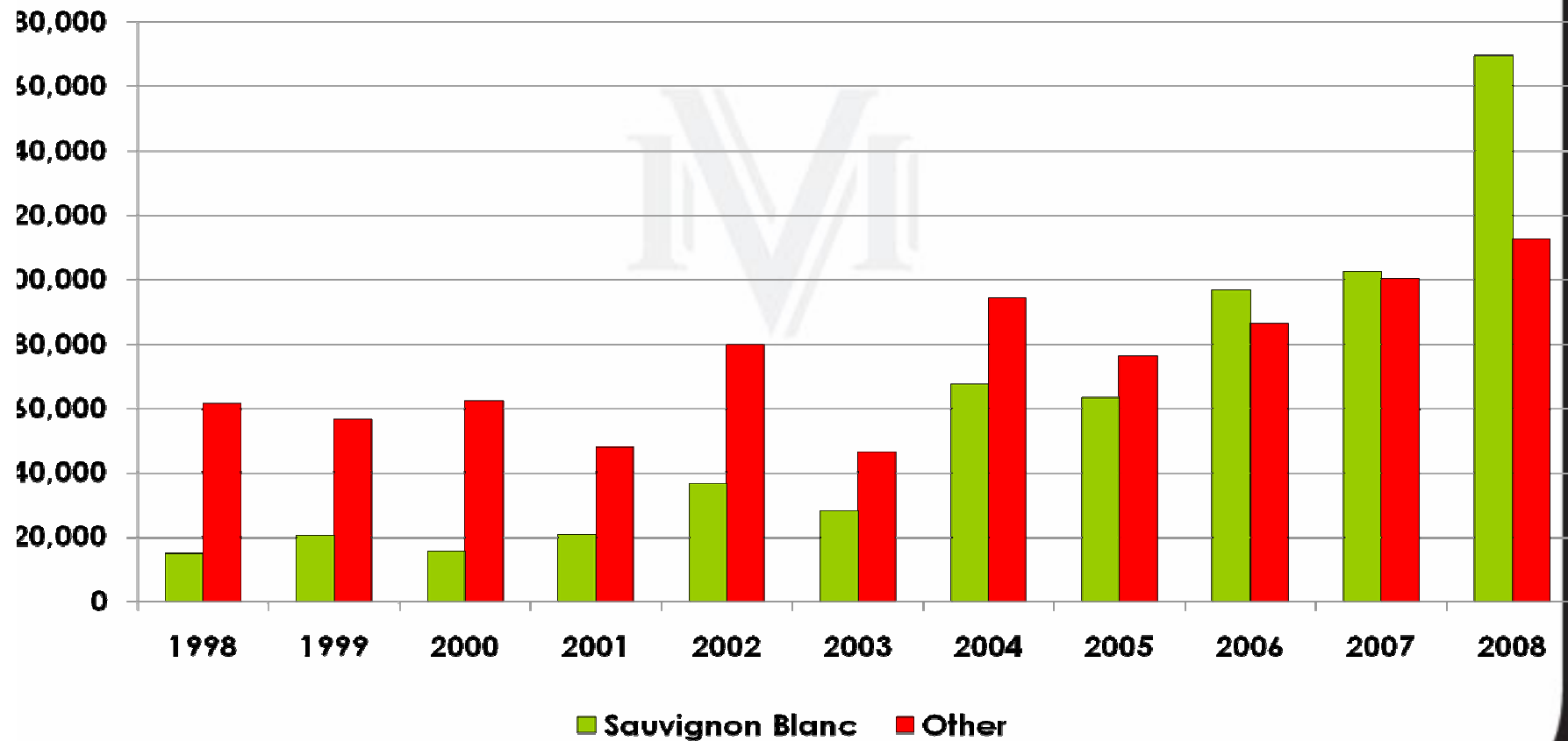


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# Production 2008 – Sauvignon blanc in perspective



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# Vintage 2009?

- Repercussions of Big 2008...
- Very successful budburst and above average fruitfulness of shoots.
- Therefore, potential yield is high
- However, flowering still to come which truly sets the yield for the season.



# The Viticultural Team

- Carl Jackson – Seddon Vineyards
- Garrie Armstrong – Taylors Pass Vineyard
- Phil Holden – Twyford Gravels Vineyard
- Mark Dixon – Keltern Vineyard

