



**BIG HILL
VINEYARD**

2009 News

Wine Club

Wine club members can now email their order form to contact@bighillvineyard.com.au.

Membership forms are available on the web site.

Members receive 10% discount and free freight.

Vine Damage Due To Heat Wave

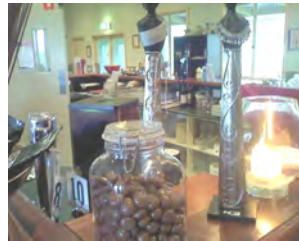
Bendigo experienced several days over 40c in February. The extreme heat wave damaged the Shiraz vine leaves, which meant the grapes could not achieve optimum ripeness and only 2 tonnes were hand picked off the 5 acres.

Whereas the Cabernet, which is usually picked a few weeks after the Shiraz was able to withstand the heat and was perfect when picked mid April and 3 tonnes were hand picked off the 2 acres.



The 2009 harvest was hand picked by volunteers raising funds for Watoto, Uganda. In return Big Hill Vineyard donated \$1,000 towards building a house for a widowed mother and 8 orphaned children.

Watoto is a non profit organisation that cares for orphan children in Uganda, Africa. Set up in 1992 by Gary & Marilyn Skinner, it provides holistic and residential care for orphaned and vulnerable children with the core vision to rescue a Child, raise a Leader and rebuild a Nation. Through the generosity of people from around the world, Watoto has given life and HOPE to many children, with homes, schools and medical clinics being built. In 2007 they also established Baby Watoto, a program which homes orphaned and vulnerable babies. To find out more visit www.watoto.com



Café & Functions Success

Jo Barclay of J&L Catering continues to dazzle with her friendly service and attention to detail. She is the resident chef, manager and function coordinator with a warm and friendly personality.

Jo and her team pride themselves in providing a high level of service with menus tailored to suit your every need.

The café and cellar door is open Wednesday through to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. For function and wedding enquires please contact Jo on 5435 3366.

Bottling

In June we bottled the 2006 Shiraz/Merlot, 2006 Shiraz/Cabernet (Red Dragon) and 2008 Shiraz. Contract bottlers, Portavin, set up the portable bottling line in front of the winery at Big Hill.



Winemaker, Stuart Auld



Jacques Olivier



Nick & Peter Cugura



Chris Cugura



Peter Ellis



Tim Lauder