



BIG HILL VINEYARD

Welcome to the 2005 winter edition

2005 Vintage

In April the Merlot, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon were hand picked by volunteers from the Vineyard Christian Church in Bendigo.

In return Big Hill Vineyard donated \$2,500 to an Orphanage in India supported by the Church and will provide the Church with a few dozen bottles of wine for an up-coming charity dinner.



Vineyard Manager, Harry Schier with the younger pickers.



The Orphanage

The Orphanage is situated in the State of Tamal Nadu, India. It provides a safe and caring environment in which the children can grow and adopt Christian values.

Some of the orphans are genuine orphans; their parents have died of disease; others were living on the streets having been abandoned by their parents who were not able to support them. Sometimes the mother remarries and the new husband does not want them and so throws them out. Some have even been rescued from being sold; their parents who are so incredibly poor, feel they



Church-goers picking for charity.

have no choice but to sell them in order to survive, even though they do not want to.

The children there are just like here; they enjoy watching movies and playing sport.

A major difference is that all their belongings could fit inside a small suitcase. Possessions don't seem to mean much to them, they have a new family - the other orphans - and a roof over their heads.

Maybe we can learn something from these children who, while having so little, have so much love to give.

Improvements and new additions: large function area

Big Hill Vineyard has been undergoing some changes and this is yet another project that will no doubt bring improvements to BHV's already amazing venue.

Ballarat Road Works, who are under contract to Vic Roads to do works on the Calder Highway shoulder in the Big Hill area, have been storing their earth moving equipment at Big Hill Vineyard. In return, they are leveling an area 25m x 40m next to the recently established BBQ area. This area will be utilized to cater for functions with up to 500 guests.

Ortech Industries in Bendigo are providing Big Hill Vineyard with an old hay shed and enough material to construct a 20m x 30m shed that will be enclosed with corrugated iron. This structure will be quite a contrast to the formal contemporary style reception room which accommodates up to 150 guests.



Director, Tim Lauder at the site.

Ortech have also supplied Big Hill Vineyard with enough compressed-straw panels to insulate the barrel shed.

Improvements and new additions: BBQ

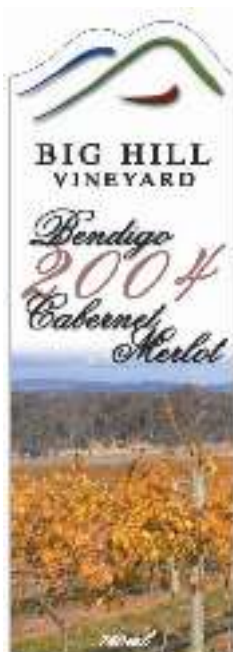
ideal venue for birthday parties and corporate functions.



The established garden and lawn area near the BBQ will provide a magnificent entrance to the shed.

The electric BBQ is enclosed in a gazebo and is available to guests at no extra charge. This area is used for smaller, more casual gatherings and get-togethers.

Improvements and new additions: Winery



Several more stainless steel tanks have been purchased so that all the estate grown fruit can now be made into wine on the premises.

Stuart Auld, Director and Winemaker, said that the grapes are of high quality with intense flavors. The 2004 wines, which include a Cabernet/Merlot blend, will be bottled in August and made available for sale January 2006.



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Winemakers View:

Hand picking grapes as apposed to machine harvesting is better for the vines. Last year we had 50 posts broken which had to be replaced.

“This year the Merlot is my favorite and I am looking forward to blending some of the Merlot with the Cabernet to make a Cabernet Merlot blend.



2004 Merlot will be a cracker!

This year the Merlot is the favorite, having a less intense flavor than last year, but being very plummy.

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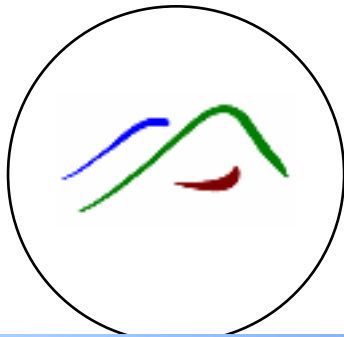
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10am to 5pm

Cabernet Sauvignon,
 Cabernet/Merlot, Petit
 Syrah, Chardonnay,
 Sauvignon Blanc, Bortrytis, Port
 and Muscat.

Price Ranges:

Clean Skins: \$7.50
 Other Wines: \$12 to \$25

Other Info:

Cellar door Sales
 (free wine tasting)
 Coffee and Cake
 Wedding Reception
 BBQ Picnic Area
 Fine Dining by Appointment



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