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Hello everyone and welcome back to the Jamsheed newsletter. As promised it is extremely irregular and rarely informative...although thankfully, it is brief.

With the release of our new trio of 2008 Syrahs we feel this is the year Jamsheed comes of age - reflected by the new Jamsheed labels. WE LOVE OUR NEW LABELS!!! Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go out to Claudia Passera and her 'small but grand' design company Little Sparrow for what can only be described as a masterful job.

We have released three 2008 Jamsheed Syrahs, two from the Yarra Valley, both made with 100% whole bunches and one from the Garden Gully Vineyard in Great Western. This reflects our continued interest in the vastly different expressions of Victorian syrah.

The Silvan syrah is the same vineyard we have sourced fruit from for the last few years - the red soils of the southern tip of the Yarra.

The other is from the more common grey loam of the Yarra Valley, from a vineyard in on the slopes of the Coldstream hill in Gruyere.

The Garden Gully Vineyard is the same vineyard sourced in 2006, ancient vines, 50% whole bunch, great depth and intensity.

The new Jamsheed white release is the 2009 Jamsheed Great Western Riesling 'Westgate Vineyard'. This is truly exciting for us. 40 year old riesling vines, handpicked at perfect maturity, whole bunch pressed, handled with great care and respect, barrel fermented, left sur lies for 8 months in large old barrels and then bottled in October. This is a wine that shows purity of fruit, great zesty intensity and sublime texture.

Our other white wine is a kooky new Harem Series blend of gewürztraminer, riesling, savagnin blanc (the artist formerly known as albarino), viognier and semillon. It's perfumed, it's rich, it's bright, it's textural and phenolic - it's the new Le Blanc Plonk!

2009 proved to be a challenging year in the Yarra Valley. There is no need to go on about the fires and devastation - all of that has been well documented - we are still standing and count ourselves very fortunate that we were physically unscathed.

All we can say is 'thank our lucky stars' for the Great Western! We are very lucky to have some fantastic old vine resources in the Grampians region and for the second year running the region has produced some of the most outstanding quality fruit in Victoria. In 2010 we will proudly release two separate Great Western syrahs, one from the Westgate Vineyard, planted in 1969 and the other from the even more ancient Garden Gully Vineyard planted in the 50's. Like all the recent Jamsheed syrahs, we are using even more whole bunches in the ferment and we are very excited about the 2009's.

what other people are saying about our wines

"...superb, soulful, mellow and supremely engaging..." [2008 Jamsheed Garden Gully Syrah Nick Stock Penguin Good Wine Guide 2010](#) "...a very special wine of great individuality...a future classic..." [2008 Jamsheed Garden Gully Syrah Jeremy Oliver Australian Wine Annual](#) "...how exciting is this?...incredibly interesting expressions of the grape..." [Tim White The Age Magazine Aug 09/Financial Review July 10-12](#) "...a real head-turner..." [Matt Skinner The Juice 2010](#)

"...5 star rating...this is a wine of real cool climate beauty" [2008 Jamsheed Silvan Syrah Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly Oct 2009](#) "...beautiful handling...beautifully textured...a wine of real class and balance...it just is'..." [2008 Jamsheed Garden Gully Syrah Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly Oct 2009](#) "...has loads of character - not to mention a great deal of chutzpah..." [2008 La Syrah Gary Walsh, Winefront Monthly Feb 2009](#)