

# Vintage 2007

## Where are the grapes?



Vintage 2007 has certainly turned on the quality, but definitely not the quantity. Across most Australian wine regions crops are well down, most by  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Off our own vineyards our crops were mostly down by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and we picked our first grapes on the 14<sup>th</sup> February - about 2 weeks earlier than last year. It has been a very unusual vintage so far!!

A combination of factors has been the reason for these low yields - poor winter rains (in fact we even had most of our winter pruning day's rain free), drought, extreme heat and then frost. So come release time for 2007 wines, short supply! Stock up on 2005 and 2006 wines is our advice!

More notes to come soon, but below are some photos taken during our vintage so far:

Nigel van der Zande—vineyard manager—looking for Old Bastard grapes, February 2007... or is he just pretending to work?



Hand pickers in the Old Bastard vineyard  
February 2007



People get down on their hands and knees to pick our grapes.

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Old Bastard Vineyard, planted 1893



When we say to you, "Old Bastard is limited", it is! This is the extent of the 2007 Old Bastard Harvest!

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Matthieu de Bouard—our vintage recruit from France. Matthieu's family own Chateau Angelus, a premier Grand Cru Classe House in St Emillion, Bordeaux.

Here at Kaesler to learn all about Barossa Shiraz and the art of beer drinking!



Rosty counting grapes at the crusher.  
Vintage, February 2007

"Is that all?" asks Rosty (our Cellar Chief)



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It's hard to find good help during vintage!  
Nipper (Nigel's dog) and Daphne (Reid's  
border collie)



Daphne eating grapes  
Stop, Daph! We need those!

Very Hot Weather  
2007 Vintage  
Kaesler Winery and Vineyard

