

ENOTECA SYDNEY

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Summer is just around the corner and we all know what that means! And yes, for all of you who think we haven't joined the ranks...

WE DO HAVE NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANC!!!

Johner Estate is a small producer in Gladstone owned by German wine-maker Karl Heinz Johner. This will be our second vintage imported from Johner after great response from many around town selling the wines. **The 2007 Sauvignon Blanc is about to arrive as are the 2006 Pinot Noirs;** The Moonlight and the Gladstone).

Summer also means aromatic Italian whites, such as **PINOT GRIGIO, SOAVE, GRECHETTO, VERMENTINO and PINOT BIANCO**. The 2006 whites from Kellerei Kaltern, Albino Armani, Antonelli, Campagnola, and Pala are all in good supply and coming from a strong white wine vintage, they all look set to charm your customers. A couple of exciting additions to the portfolio that showed well at VinItaly are **Friulian** producers **Zuani** and **Ronco del Gelso**. The aromatic white blends from these two producers offer contrasting styles. So positive has the response been to the wines, the second shipment is steaming across from Italy now in time for summer! And if you are looking for **Italian Chardonnay or Gewürztraminer**, the single site Kellerei Kaltern wines are in stock.

Speaking of great summer whites, of course it is hard to go past a refreshing glass of **Austrian Riesling or Grüner Veltliner**. These wines have steadily gained momentum in the local market, and with the succession of 2 very good vintages in 2005 and 2006 they continue to make new friends. For those of you who haven't tried the wines from **Schloss Gobelsburg, Hirsch, Alzinger and Hiedler**, take advantage of coming to our trade day on October 15th in Sydney to experience the variety in style and vineyard sites from these producers.

Austria of course is not just about Riesling and Gruner Veltliner! There is also the 2006 **WENZEL** Furmint, Pinot Gris or Sauvignon Blanc, not to mention their superb **Beerenauslese** wines.

Just because it is Summer (well almost) we should of course not forget **red wines**. We have a great range of wines from **Piedmont, Tuscany, Umbria, Campania, Puglia, Sicily and Sardinia**. And as always at VinItaly, there were a few wines tasted that were too hard to resist buying! One producer I am

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...very excited to have on the portfolio for the first time is **Poggio Scalette**, from Tuscany. Their top wine, **Il Carbonaione** has been missing from our shores for a while, and we are proud to be the ones to welcome it back with the 2003 vintage (3 bicchieri in Gambero Rosso 2007).

New vintages are in from all the old favourites: Casanova de Neri, Icaro, Boroli, Sottimano, Pala and COS. (be fast to get a hold of a **magnum of 2005 Pythos** from organic and Biodynamic producer COS – 100% Nero D'Avola, made traditionally in large Terracotta Amphora!).

Also for those looking for Italian **Pinot Noir**, after skipping importing a vintage, it is back! The **2005 Kellerei Kaltern Saltnerhof** is in stock.

Enoteca Sydney also distributes some excellent **Australian producers** (in NSW) .

Vinea Marson is making some terrific full bodied reds from Heathcote. From **Stefani Estate** we have Yarra Valley Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir and Cabernet.

Last but not least, a special mention to **Balnaves of Coonawarra**, who have backed up winning The Gourmet Traveller / Qantas winemaker of the year in 2005, with taking out the **Winery of the year in James Hallidays' 2008 Australian Wine Companion**. The 2005 Reds are available now and at the rate they are selling, you may want to put your hand up and be counted!

Salute!
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