



## 2014 FROMM Vintage Report

After an unusually warm winter, the 2013/14 growing season started with Chardonnay bud bursting quite earlier than usual but the rest on time around the third week of September. There were no significant frosts over the crucial next few weeks. Days were warm to hot with only periodic light rain. Growth was steady and even. Flowering was several days earlier than normal and resulted in an even set and potentially large crop. Veraison was also several days earlier than usual although January was cooler with showers. A lot of thinning was required to ensure we did not exceed our strict self-imposed cropping levels. Harvest began two weeks earlier than average. FROMM had virtually finished when on 9 April, the skies opened and dumped 64mm of rain on us over three days. What very little we lost was of no consequence.

2014 was a big harvest for FROMM reflecting the warmer year with very little pressure on the crop. Because of our efforts with thinning early, we harvested clean, ripe fruit with obvious potential for fine wine. Flavours were intense and the wines are balanced, rich and long and well suited for mid to long term ageing. A very good to excellent year for us.

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