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## “Silly Mid On” Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon 2009 vintage

Those who know cricket will be aware of the fielding position called ‘Silly Mid On’. Close to the batsman, requiring very good reflexes and always at risk of being struck by the ball off the bat.

The success of the 2009 vintage in Clare hinged on a rain event which occurred in December 2008, where nearly 100mm was received. Summer in Clare was again quite dry, with vintage starting earlier than usual, due to the hot weather conditions, bringing forward the Sauvignon Blanc and the Semillon.

After the two week heat wave in January-February, temperatures returned to their previous lower than average pattern. This resulted in generally very good conditions for harvesting with the minimum night temperature rarely above 15C.

Despite the heat wave, the winemaking team at Jim Barry were astounded by the quality of the 2009 Semillon juices and resultant wines.

Vintage in the Adelaide Hills was also hot, however the Sauvignon Blanc grapes were better than expected.

Riper fruit flavours at lower sugar levels coupled with high natural acidity are probably the standout qualities of the 2009 vintage.

### Winemaking Notes

This wine is pale straw in colour with green tints. The aromas are focused in the tropical fruit spectrum with notes of passionfruit, paw paw and citrus blossom, coupled with scents of Asian greens and freshly mown grass. The palate is full of delicious juicy tropical fruit flavours with great mouth feel, depth, length and acid balance, with a refreshingly crisp finish. Ideal to enjoy now.

### Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills, South Australia

The Clare Valley is one of Australia’s most prestigious premium wine regions—a tiny area accounting for less than 1.5% of the total Australian wine production. With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

The Adelaide Hills is the oldest wine region in South Australia, with the first vines were planted in 1839. It is one of the few regions in Australia to enjoy four distinct seasons and has a reputation as one of Australia’s premium cool climate wine regions. It is particularly renowned for the quality of its Sauvignon Blanc.

### Specifications

Variety:	Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon
Vintage:	2009
Region:	Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills, South Australia
Harvested:	February 2009
Alc/Vol:	11.5%
Total Acid:	7.1
pH:	3.2
Residual Sugar:	3.4

