



**WAKEFIELD**

OF CLARE VALLEY AUSTRALIA

## 2006 Vintage Clare Valley - Red Wines

Even years are generally the best in the Clare Valley, says Wakefield chief winemaker Adam Eggins, pointing to outstanding results from 1998, 2002 and 2004.

He's equally positive about 2006, which he says has produced some "absolute stunners", particularly at the top end of the market, the St Andrews and Jaraman ranges.

"When the Estate wines, particularly the shiraz and cabernet sauvignon, pick up a swag of gold medals, you know that you are going to get great St Andrews and Jaraman," Adam says.

"This was very much a red vintage and the wines will suit drinkers who like to cellar their reds," Adam says. "There will be plenty of longevity in these wines".

Adam describes the 2006 vintage as an Indian summer. It was a long, relatively cool summer with good ripening conditions particularly for the red wines for which Wakefield is famous. While the days were long and warm, the nights were cool, which is always a good indicator of quality.

"Certainly, when the Jaraman reds are released early next year and the St Andrews reds in two years' time – consumers have plenty to look forward to."