

# TRENTHAM

## History before Trentham Estate

The location of Trentham Estate today was once part of a large sheep station called "Trentham Cliffs". It was settled in the 1930's by the Chanter Family. After the war in 1948-49 the riverfront areas were developed into horticulture properties.

So began the settlement of Trentham Cliffs.

The Murphy Family were one of the first settlers to establish vineyards at Merbein in 1909. They moved to Trentham Cliffs in 1960 and re-developed one of the properties. The farm was established and included such plantings as citrus, vegetables and grapes for fortified wines.

Trentham Estate began officially in 1988, however over the previous decades the property had been re-planted to specialize in varietal grapes. The first vintage was produced in 1984, using only 6 tonnes of grapes.

The Estate has continued to produce more vintages of high quality; proving Trentham Estate's label, an award winner.

## The Estate Today

Today the Estate, situated at Trentham Cliffs is a well recognized establishment, growing and producing highly commended wines. As well as the Family members involved in the business, namely Anthony and Nola Murphy and Patrick Murphy, the Estate employs a further twelve dedicated and skilled full time staff for the vineyard, winemaking, marketing, restaurant and administration.

The Murphy Vineyards comprises of 47 ha under vine of various age. The oldest being planted in 1952. White varieties planted include, Chardonnay, Canada Muscat, Sauvignon Blanc, Taminga, Semillon, Albarino, Vermentino and Viognier. Red varieties consist of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Ruby Cabernet, Shiraz, Pinot Noir, Tannat, Nebbiolo and Petite Verdot.

The winemaking facility has expanded from its first crush, to some 2,000 tonnes of premium varietal fruit.

Future directions will see Trentham Estate move into our next decade with a strong position in the Domestic and International wine market.

Anthony Murphy, Chief Winemaker and Managing Director, graduated from Roseworthy College with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology. Anthony began winemaking at Mildara Blass. His past accolades include association with the Jimmy Watson Trophy, in 1982.

With his oenology experience and Patrick's viticulture skills they began Trentham Estate.

Patrick Murphy, Viticulturist and Executive Director, completed Senior at St Patrick's College and with a long history of farming in his veins, continued his education at Yanco Agricultural College. Upon completion, Patrick received a certificate in Farm Management, he returned to apply his knowledge of viticulture to the vines of Murphy Vineyards.