

## Progress in the Vineyard

2010

The 2010 growing season had the best possible start with a hot dry July ensuring a good fruit set, but from there on in the wet summer meant that an effective mildew control programme was imperative. We had great success with a regime which used potassium bicarbonate for the control of the powdery variety. We have to thank the Wineskills training programme for waking us up to the cost-effective and very safe regime based on this product, which has the important side effect of providing really ripe canes for next year [we use GDC with cane replacement].

We picked 5.2 tons off our 3 acres and the quality can be seen from this refractometer reading obtained on the day of picking the Seyval:

