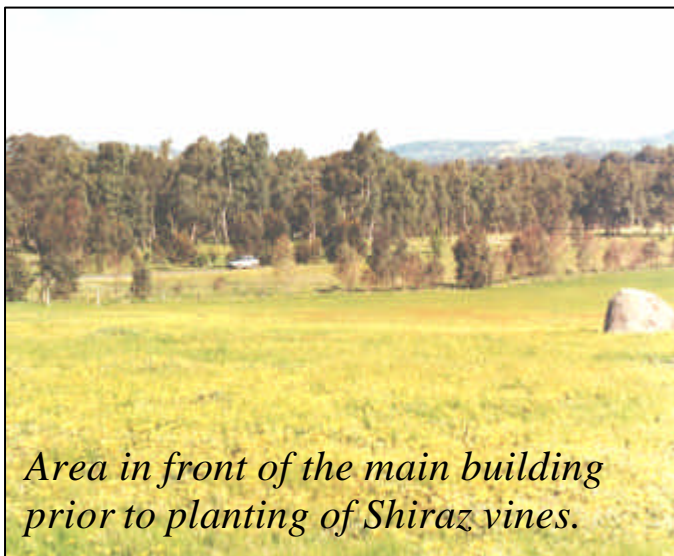


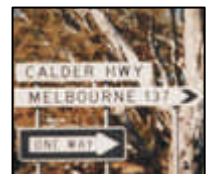
Buckeye Hotel, Big Hill – the last Cobb & Co station before Sandhurst (Bendigo) c.1850



Original Big Hill Vineyard planted by Edward Bissell c.1870



Area in front of the main building prior to planting of Shiraz vines.



Almost 100 acres purchased in 1997 by local winery software developer Nick Cugura and South Australian, winemaker Stuart Auld. The property runs 1km along the Calder highway and 400m along Belvoir Park Rd.



1998 - 5 acres of Shiraz (4,500 vines) planted in front of main building along the Calder Hwy.

Soil Type	Granite sandy loam
Trellis	Scott Henry
Irrigation	Inline drippers
Vines	Grafted on to phylloxera resistant root stock
Row Spacing	3 metres
Vine Spacing	1.5 metres

Dam enlarged to 30 megalitres.



The Big Hill Vineyard Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet and Cabernet/Merlot is produced from fruit grown on the estate.

The wines mature in French and American oak barrels in the winery shed for at least 18 months.



The wine is hand filled into unlabelled bottles behind the winery shed.



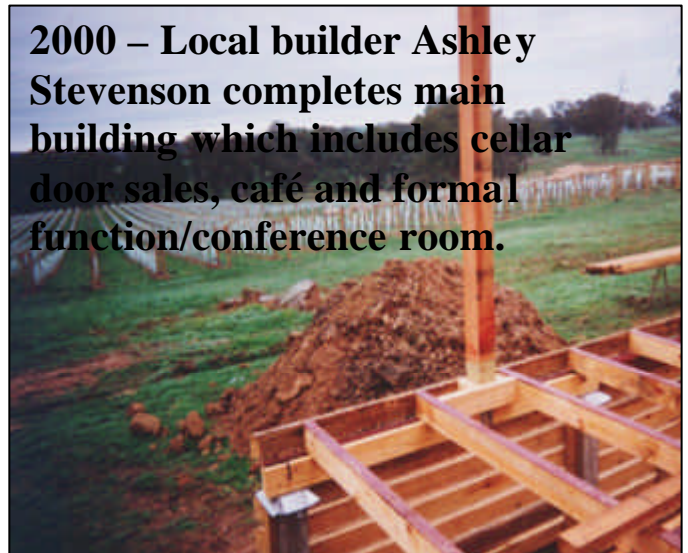
The wine is left in the bottle for up to 2 months before it is labeled and available for sale.



Up to 3,000 cases of wine is produced every year onsite from estate grown fruit.



1999 – More than 500 natives planted to create 6 secluded picnic coves – these coves can be found along the path behind the Big Shed and will not be available to our guests until 2008.



2000 – Local builder Ashley Stevenson completes main building which includes cellar door sales, café and formal function/conference room.

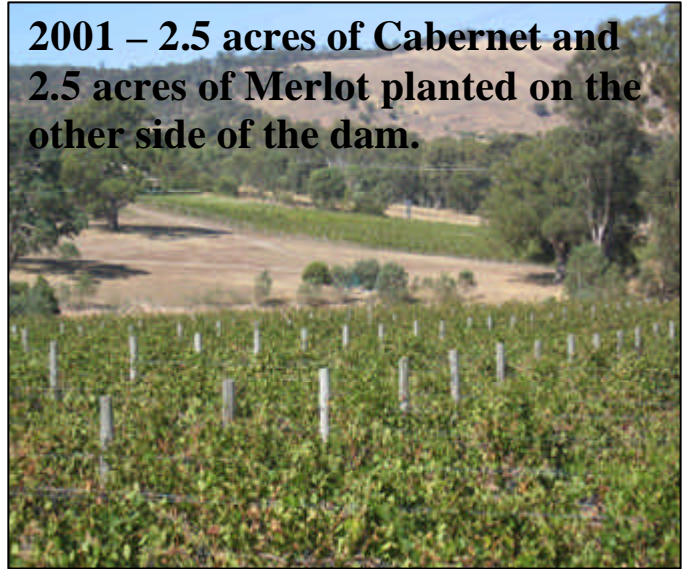


BHV range of wines made under contract by other wineries; Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Granite Red, Granite White, Port, Muscat and Botrytis.

BHV wines compliment the Big Hill Vineyard estate range; Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot and Cabernet/Merlot.



2001 – 2.5 acres of Cabernet and 2.5 acres of Merlot planted on the other side of the dam.

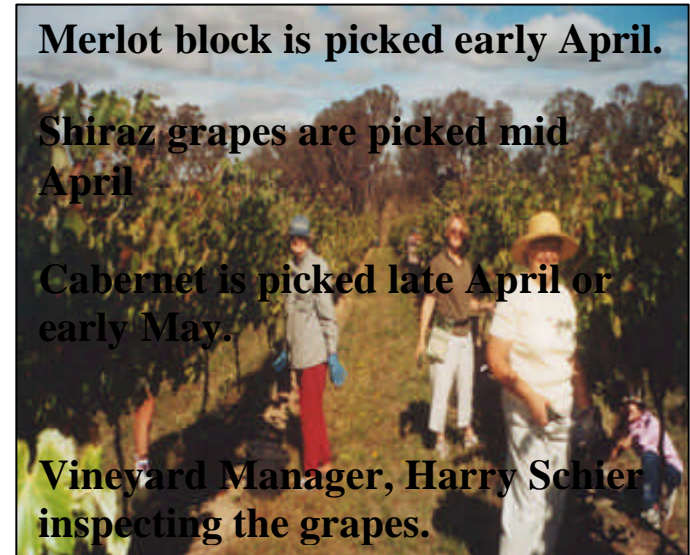


Merlot block is picked early April.

Shiraz grapes are picked mid April

Cabernet is picked late April or early May.

Vineyard Manager, Harry Schier inspecting the grapes.



Directors Tim & Wendy Lauder loading grapes into crusher.



Big Hill Vineyard is a popular weddings, function and conference centre.



The Big Shed provides guests with an informal and rustic venue for cocktail parties, sports nights and birthday parties.



The BBQ facilities are ideal for family reunions and a great lunch escape for conferences.





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