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# Newsletter

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**The 2011 Vintage** posed many challenges. The Thomas Vineyard grapes were finally picked on Saturday 26th March, four weeks later than last year; picking was cancelled twice due to the rain throughout March.

The quantity was way down on the 2010 vintage, the Baume was 14.6 so hopefully the quality will be consistent to our past vintages.

**Below: Our grape connoisseur, Jack  
The Golden Retriever**



## Autumn in the vineyard

The main task after picking is the post harvest irrigation; the vines now receive a very deep watering and fertigation with either iron or kelp prior to them shutting down. We now start to plan soil testing and mid row weed management. After the leaves have fallen the vines will then be ready for pruning, scheduled for June/July.

## The reason to enjoy a good wine...

"A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine."

*Louis Pasteur (1822 – 1895)*



**Autumn leaves falling in the Thomas Vineyard**

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