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Hydrosmart International

Mr Chris Murphy

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Dear Chris

I just wanted to let you know how pleased we are with the Hydrosmart Water Conditioner which we installed in our vineyard last June.

Previously, we had problems using our bore water due to lime scale build up and deposits of iron/calcium in filters and drippers. Also, we were reluctant to use too much bore water due to high salt levels, iron sulphur odour, algae build up and water hardness. Therefore, we were forced to buy expensive water from a private water irrigation scheme. With the drought and restrictions – water was scarce and getting ridiculously expensive. We needed to utilise our bore water allocation as well!

Cleaning drippers is a costly and time consuming job, however, during the Vintage 2009 we had no need to get out in the heat to do this. The Hydrosmart unit was installed directly after the pump and water meter, treating the water just prior to going through the irrigation pipes. The benefits have justified the purchase price and the system only costs about \$12.00 a year to run.

Our vines performed very well in 2009 Vintage. Despite three harsh summers and minimal winter rains, we were pleased with our yields. The health and vigour of our vines resulted in exceptional canopies, long canes and healthy leaves with no sign of salt stress. I believe that the Hydrosmart unit has helped break down the bonds of the salt-minerals and calcium crystals in the bore water – keeping drippers flowing and the plants utilising all the water I give them.

Yours sincerely



MARK JENKE

Vigneron – Barossa Valley