

# Challenger Wine Trust (ASX:CWT)

Results for half-year ended 31 December 2009 (1H10)

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# Key points

- Operating performance remains sound
  - Profit from operating activities after tax \$7.3 million (FY09: \$8.4m) or 4.3 cpu
  - Occupancy 99.2%; WALE 4.6 years with no lease expiries in FY10
  - 1H10 distribution of 3.25 cpu; FY10 distribution guidance of 7.00<sup>1</sup> cpu provided
- Positioned to see through the cycle
  - Industry confronting the supply-demand imbalance of grapes
  - Long lease streams to established wine company tenants
  - Steady cash flows with an improving balance sheet
  - Net Independent Valuation (NIV) at 61 cpu (post DRP)
  - Continuing pressure on vineyard values
- Prudent capital management strategies continue
  - Operating within all banking covenants
  - Net liability from interest rate swaps reduced from \$21.7 million 31 Dec 08 to \$6 million
  - Pro forma gearing at 52.3%<sup>2</sup> down from 54.0% at June 09 due to debt repayment of \$9.9m
  - Fully underwritten Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) for 31 Dec 09 distribution

Notes:

1. Assumes underwritten DRP
2. Debt to total assets at fair value

# Financial results

# Operating profit

- Profit from operating activities after tax \$7.3 million or 4.3 cpu
  - Net property income \$15.5 million (1H09 \$16.6 million)
  - Finance costs down \$0.4 million (6.7%) to \$6.2 million
- 1H10 distribution: 3.25 cpu
- 1H10 Property revaluation decrement of \$5.3 million

	1H10	1H09	Variance	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	%
Net property income	15,480	16,635	1,155	(6.9)
<b>Profit from operating activities after tax</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>8,421</b>	<b>(1,123)</b>	<b>(13.3)</b>
Net profit	2,369	2,872		
<i>Adjusted for: Non operating and non cash items</i>				
Net fair value movement of non current assets held at the end of the period	5,297	5,559		
Amortisation of fair value of derivatives on closed hedge positions	124	-		
Maintenance capital expenditure	(353)	-		
Deferred leasing incentives <sup>1</sup>	(447)	-		
Undistributed income <sup>2</sup>	(1,455)	(426)		
Distribution to unitholders	5,535	8,005	(2,470)	(30.9)
<b>Distribution per unit (cents)</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>(1.45)</b>	<b>(30.9)</b>

Notes:

1. Upfront amortised rental rebate to AVL for 1H10
2. 1H10 undistributed income represents operating income (\$1,087) and net fair value movement of non current assets sold during the period carried forward (\$368)

# NIV at 61c (pro forma post DRP)

	\$million			CPU		
	Feb-10 <sup>1</sup>	Dec-09	Jun-09	Feb-10 <sup>1</sup>	Dec-09	Jun-09
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	85.0	79.5	80.1	0.45	0.47	0.47
Add: Water rights (at cost)	21.5	21.5	21.8			
Net Asset Value (NAV)	106.5	101.0	101.9	0.56	0.59	0.60
Add: Water rights fair value increment <sup>2</sup>	10.8	10.8	11.0			
<b>Net Independent Value (NIV)</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.66</b>

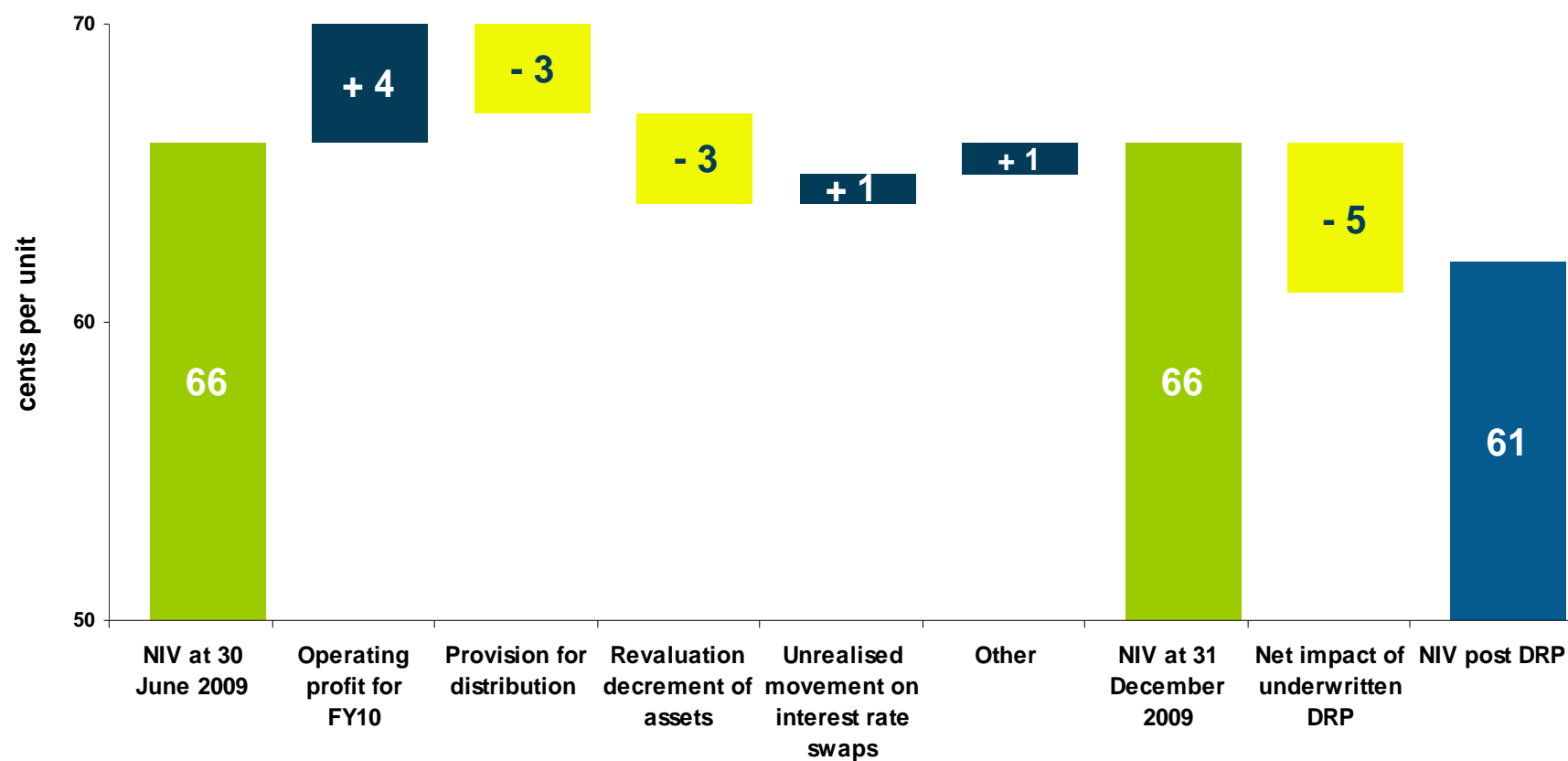
- NIV includes water rights at fair value (independently valued, reflecting the intrinsic value of CWT)
- NAV includes water rights at cost
- NTA excludes water rights<sup>3</sup>

Notes:

1. Pro forma post underwritten DRP Dec 09 (20.45m units issued at \$0.27)
2. As per independent valuation
3. As water rights are treated as intangible assets held at cost - required under accounting standards for statutory reporting purposes

# NIV at 61 cents per unit (pro forma post DRP)

➤ NIV at 66 cpu as at 31 December 2009, 61cpu as at February 2010



# Financial position (pro forma)

- Gearing<sup>1</sup> at 52.3%;
- New Zealand borrowings provide natural currency hedge for NZ assets (96% hedged)
- Weighted average cost of borrowings 8.04% at half year end

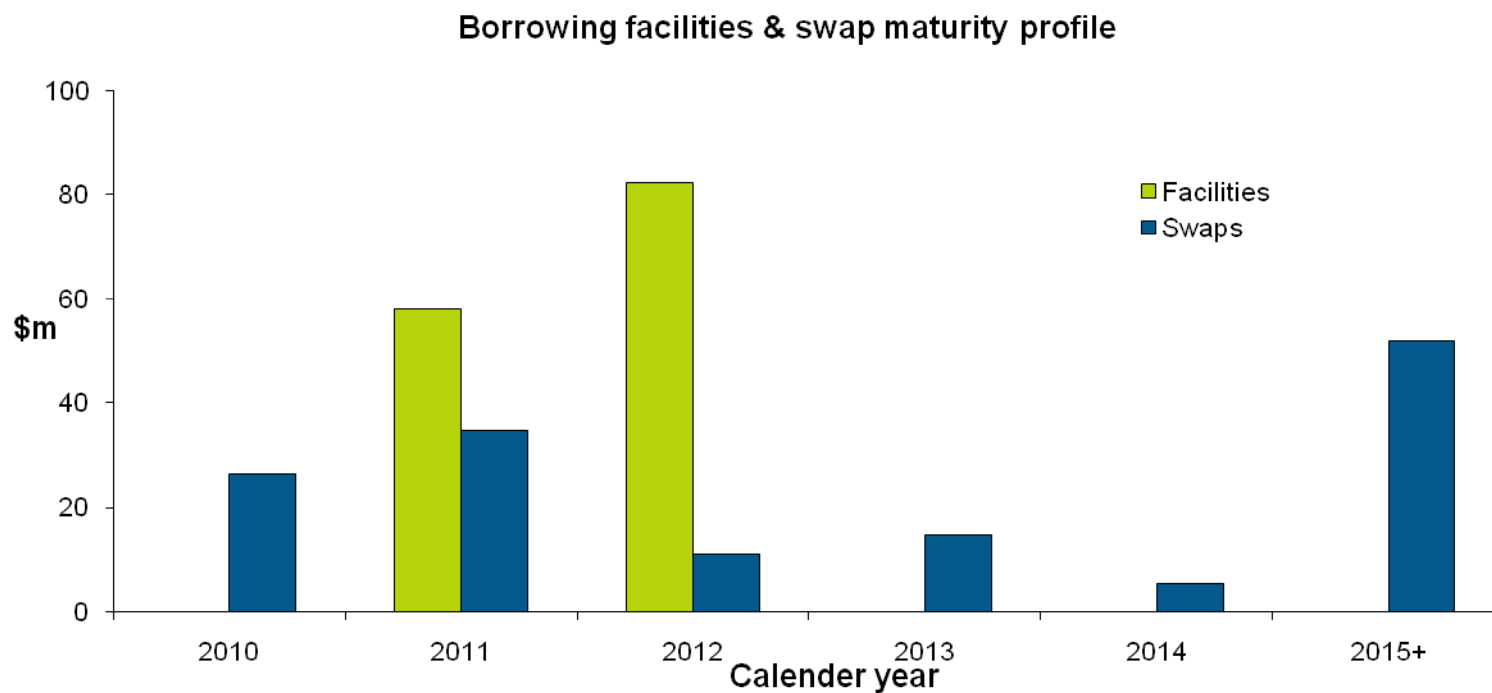
		3-Feb-10 (pro forma)	31-Dec-09	30-Jun-09
Total assets <sup>2</sup> at fair value	\$m	267.5	270.5	276.6
Borrowings	\$m	139.9	142.9	149.4
Gearing (debt to total assets at fair value)	%	52.3	52.8	54.0
Weighted average cost of borrowings (incl margins)	%	8.04	8.04	8.04
Interest coverage ratio	times	2.2	2.2	2.3

Notes:

1. Debt to Total Assets at fair value (post underwritten DRP)
2. Inclusive of water rights fair value increment (\$10.8m), as per independent valuation

# Financing profile (pro forma)

- Total drawn liabilities of \$140<sup>1</sup> million (from 2 Australian banks)
  - Next facility expires May 2011
- CWT is 71% hedged against interest rate movements over the term of tenant leases
- \$26 million of interest rate swaps maturing in June 2010



<sup>1</sup> Post underwritten DRP

# Financial covenants and headroom

- Post DRP \$9.9m borrowings repaid since 30 June 2009
- All banking covenants complied with during 1H10
- LVR<sup>1</sup>s apply to borrowing facilities from banks

Facility	Covenant	CWT position post underwritten DRP	Headroom on security value <sup>2</sup>
1	Debt to security value < 57%	52.3%	8.2%
2	Debt (including net fair value of hedge contracts) to security value < 60%	55.2% <sup>3</sup>	8.0%
2	Interest coverage ratio <sup>4</sup> > 2.0 times	2.3 times	
2	EBIT coverage ratio <sup>5</sup> > 1.75 times	2.2 times	

- Net liability from interest rate swaps reduced to \$6m (from \$21.7m at 31 Dec 08)

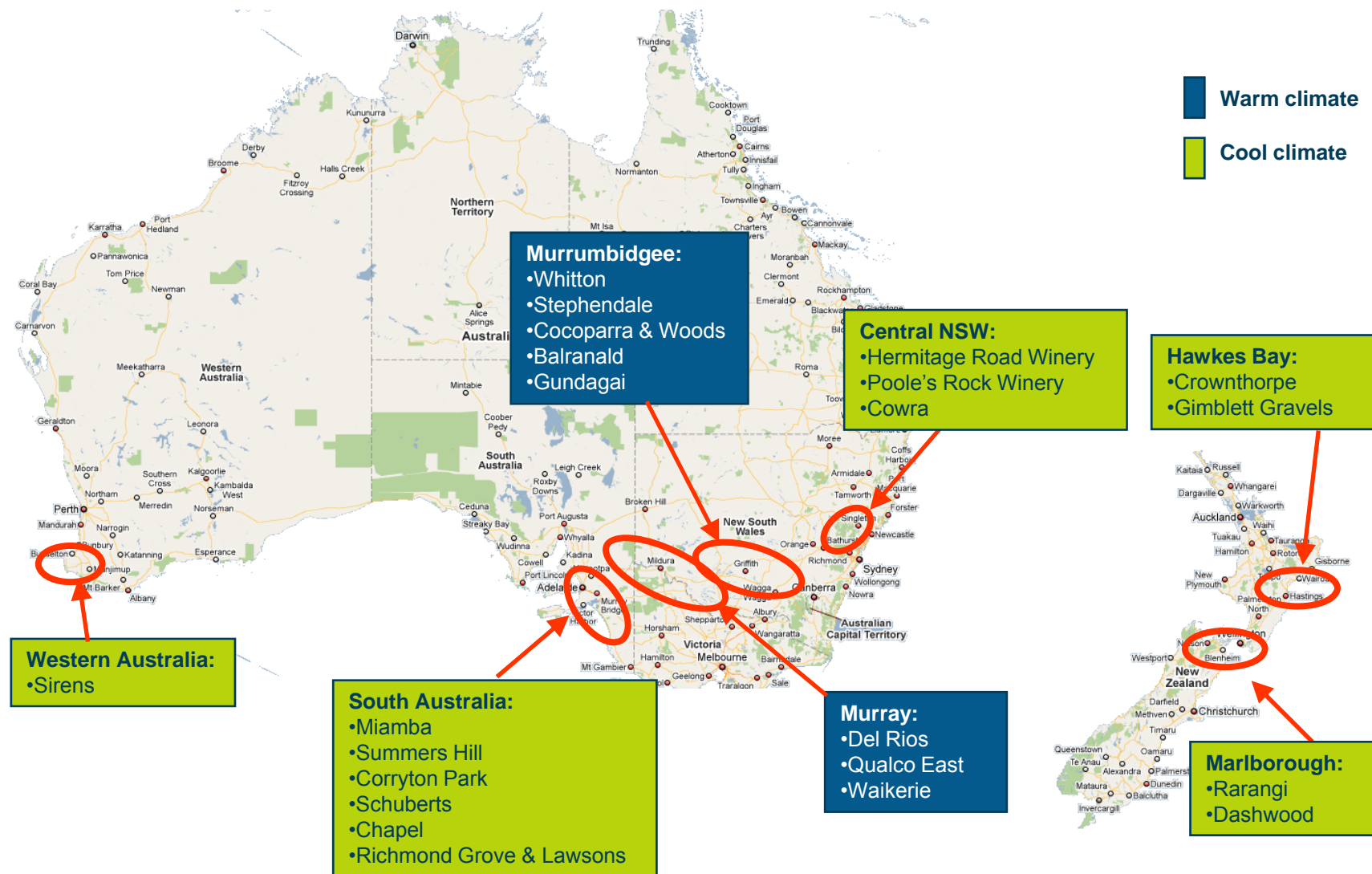
Notes:

1. Loan-to-valuation ratio
2. Headroom on security value is the maximum % fall in security value against current debt levels to remain within LVR covenants
3. \$3 million was repaid on 3 February 2010 as a result of successful completion of the DRP underwrite
4. Applies to this bank's secured properties
5. Applies to total trust assets

# Portfolio update



# CWT's portfolio



# Revaluations reduce values by \$5.3m

- 11 of 22 properties revalued (39% of portfolio value)
- All properties revalued since June 2009

Climate	Region	% of Portfolio	Fair Value at 31 Dec 09 (\$m)	Fair Value Pre-valuation (\$m)	Change (\$m)	Change (%) <sup>1</sup>
Warm	Murray River	21%	55.1	55.3	(0.2)	-0.3%
Warm	Murrumbidgee River	28%	73.6	74.1	(0.5)	-0.7%
Cool	New Zealand	25%	66.6	67.3	(0.7)	-1.0%
Cool	SA/WA	22%	57.0	60.3	(3.3)	-5.5%
Cool	Central NSW	4%	9.9	10.5	(0.5)	-5.0%
<b>Fair values</b>			<b>262.3</b>	<b>267.4</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
Less: reduction in carrying values due to recognising water rights at cost					(0.1)	
<b>Total carrying values</b>			<b>251.5</b>	<b>256.8</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>

Notes:

Numbers may not add due to rounding

<sup>1</sup>: Across total portfolio

# Portfolio snapshot at 31 December 2009

		Australia	New Zealand <sup>1</sup>	31 Dec 2009 Total	30 June 2009 Total
<b>Number of assets</b>		18	4	<b>22</b>	24
<b>Portfolio carrying value</b>	\$m	184.9	66.6	<b>251.5</b>	257.1
<b>Portfolio fair (market) value<sup>2</sup></b>	\$m	195.7	66.6	<b>262.3</b>	268.2
<b>% total portfolio value<sup>3</sup></b>	%	75%	25%	<b>100%</b>	100%
<b>Total area</b>	ha	4,711	747	<b>5,458</b>	5,575
<b>Planted area</b>	ha	3,686	627	<b>4,313</b>	4,407
<b>Occupancy</b>	%	99.0%	100%	<b>99.2%</b>	98.5%
<b>Weighted Average Lease Expiry</b>	yrs	5.1	2.5	<b>4.6</b>	5.0
<b>Average passing rental yield</b>	%	13.3%	8.9%	<b>12.2%</b>	12.0%

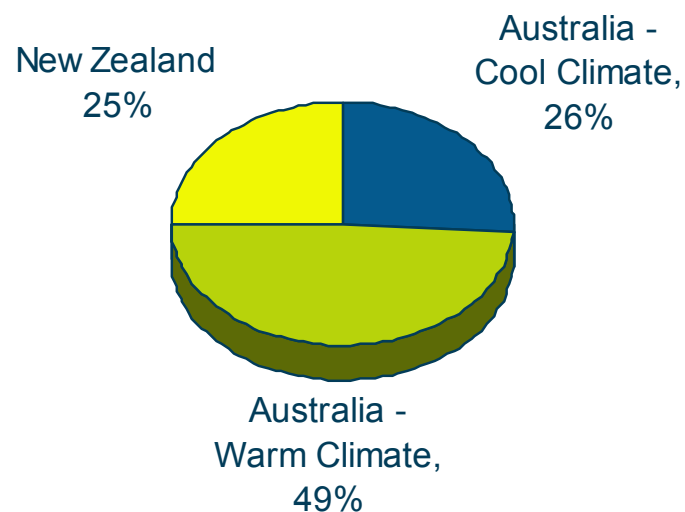
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1. New Zealand portfolio value at 31 Dec 2009 based on spot rate of 1.2360
2. Includes water rights at fair value
3. Based on fair value

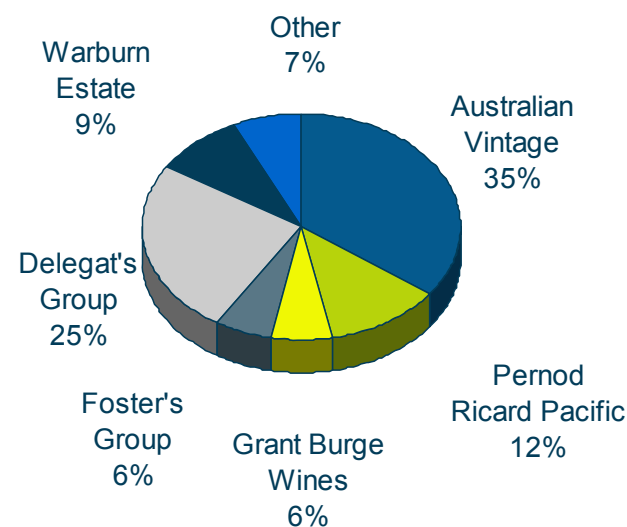
# Portfolio diversification

- 95% of portfolio leased to wine companies

**Climate diversification (by fair value)**  
as at 31 December 2009



**Tenant diversification (by fair value)**  
as at 31 December 2009



# CWT's major tenants

- **Australian Vintage Limited (35%)**
  - ASX listed company in wine sector
  - Wine brands include McGuigan, Sunnyvale, Nepenthe, M, Tempus Two and Yaldara
  - 2009 Winner of the International White Winemaker of the Year (London International Wine Challenge)
- **Delegat's Wine Estate Limited (25%)**
  - Subsidiary of Delegat's Group Limited, NZX listed company in the wine sector
  - Wine brands include Oyster Bay and Delegat's
  - The Oyster Bay brand is the number one selling New Zealand wine brand in UK, Australia and Canada
- **Pernod Ricard Pacific Pty Ltd (12%)**
  - Subsidiary of Pernod Ricard a French company listed on NYSE Euronext exchange in the spirit and wine sectors
  - Wine brands include Orlando Wines, Jacob's Creek, Wyndham Estate, Lawson's, Trilogy and Richmond Grove
  - The Pernod Ricard Group is the world's co-leader in Wines and Spirits with consolidated sales of €7,203m in FY09
- **Warburn Estate (Aust) Pty Ltd (9%)**
  - Australian private company in the wine sector
  - Wine brands include Warburn, Stephendale, Gossips, The Brass Razu and Aspen Estate
  - A third generation family business
- **Foster's Australia Limited (6%)**
  - ASX listed company in the beer and wine sectors
  - Wine brands include Devil's Lair, Fifth Leg, Lindemans, Penfolds, Rosemount Estate and Wolf Blass
  - Foster's is the largest vineyard owner in Australasia
- **Grant Burge Wines Pty Ltd & Burge Corp Pty Ltd (6%)**
  - Australian private company in wine sector
  - Wine brands include Meshach, Shadrach, Filsell, Miamba, Summers, Cameron Vale, gb and Benchmark
  - Grant Burge is a fifth-generation Barossa Valley, SA winemaker

# Selection of tenant's brands from CWT vineyards



# Lease expiry profile and activity

- 99.2% portfolio occupancy at 31 Dec 09
- WALE at 4.6 years (5.0 years at 30 Jun 09)
- No expiries in FY10 and 15.3% of portfolio by income expiring in FY11

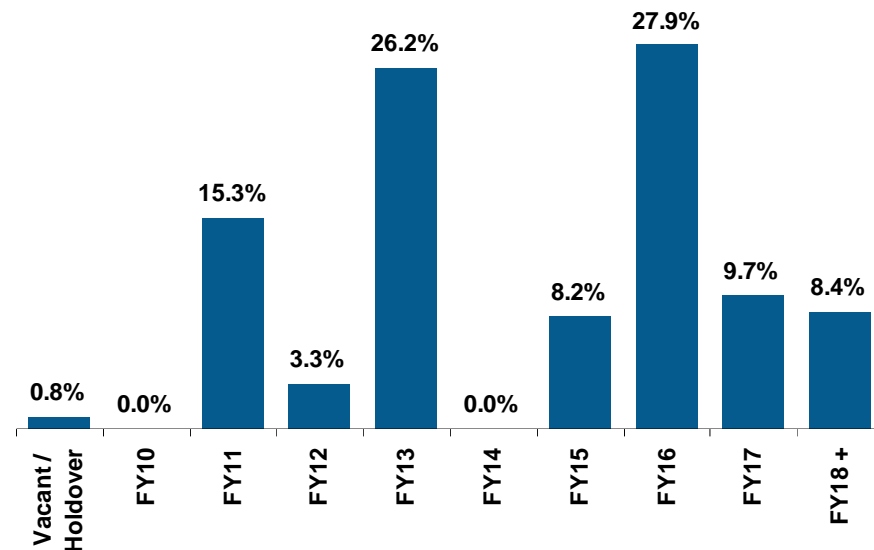
## Lease expiries in FY11

Gundagai vineyard (NSW)  
September 2010 (6.3% of portfolio)

Crownthorpe vineyard (NZ)  
April 2011 (7.1% of portfolio)

Gimblett Gravels vineyard (NZ)  
April 2011  
(1.9% of portfolio)

Weighted Maturity Profile as at 31 December 2009

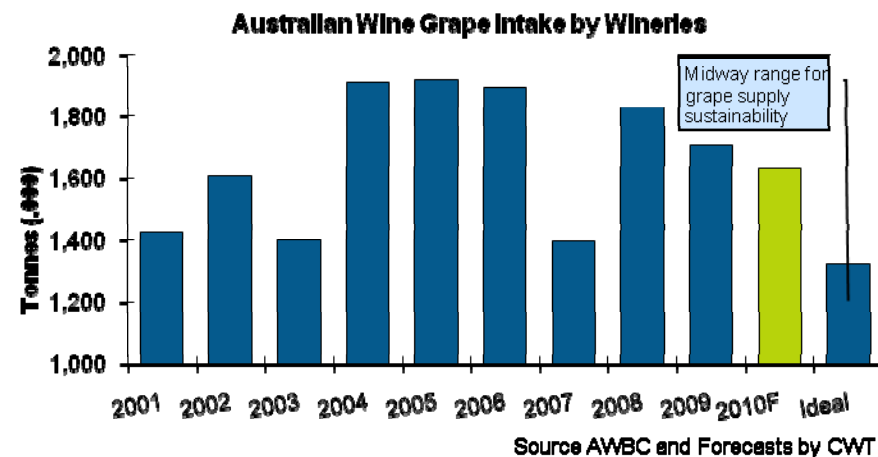
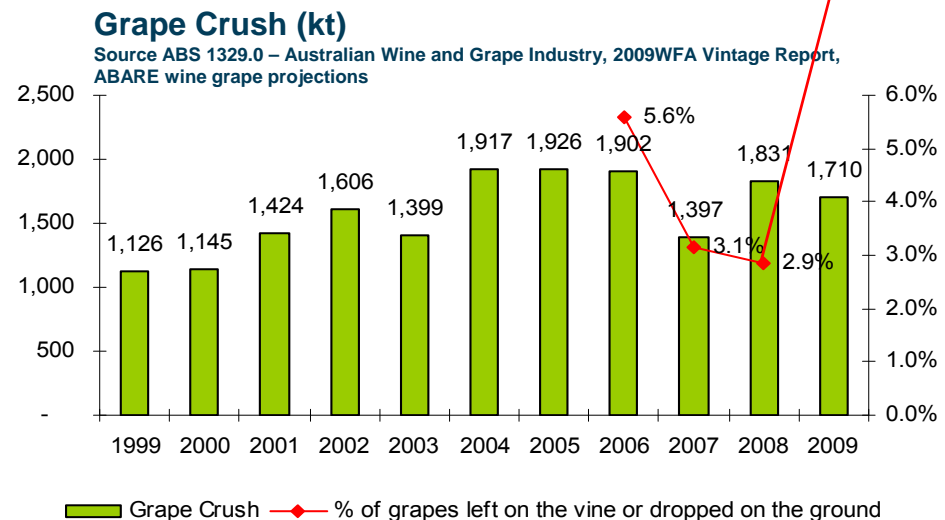


# Australasian vineyard industry conditions

# Over supply correction

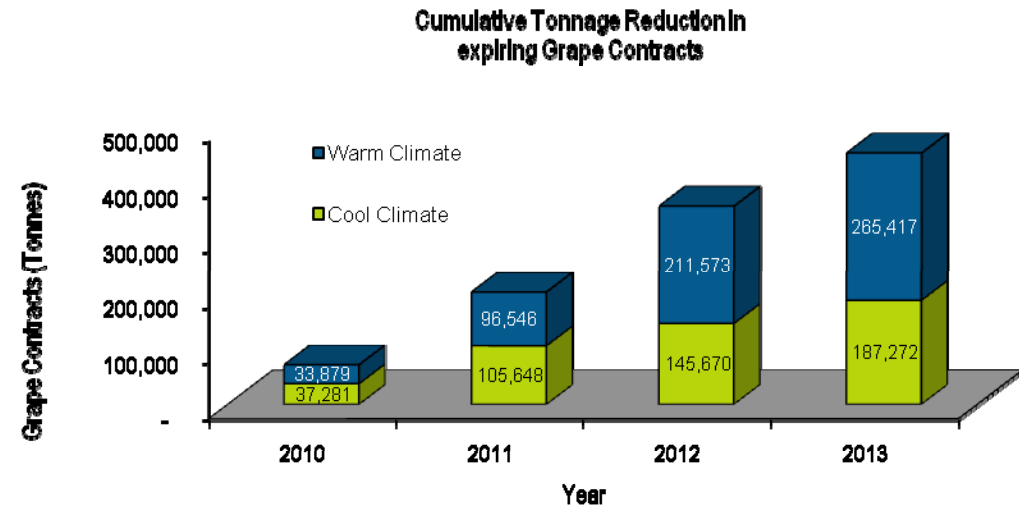
Just in: 2009 figures for  
% of grapes left on vine  
or dropped on ground  
**8.2%**

- The industry is calling on reduction of between 275,000 and 500,000 tonnes
- Can be achieved by:
  - universally restricting grape yields (which will also improve quality)
  - removal of up to 20% of vineyards in non viable regions and in over supplied varieties
- Eventually will leave circa 120,000-130,000 ha in a very vibrant industry – leading to sustainable supply

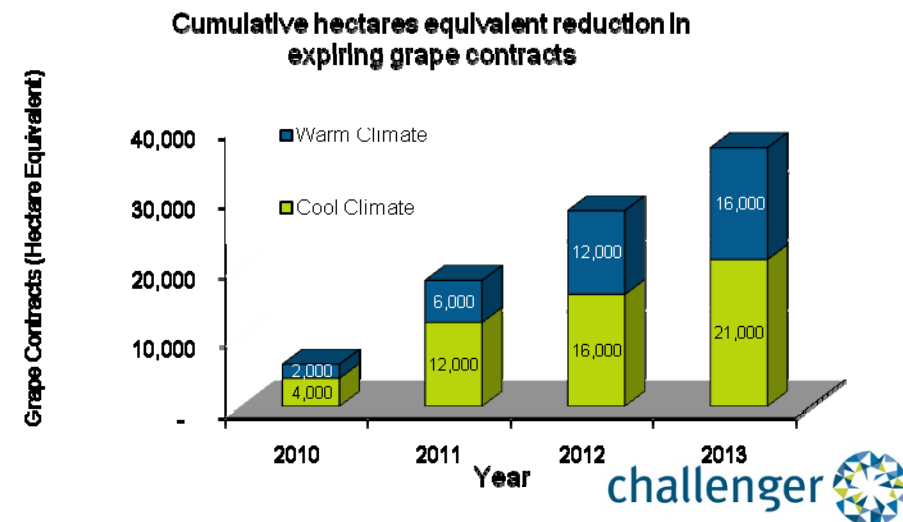


# Impact of contract reduction

- Wine companies moving to rebalance their supply of grapes with wine sales demand
- Grape contracts not being renewed
- Circa 450,000 tonnes of grape contracts will expire by June 2013. Equivalent to 37,000ha
- CWT's WALE 4.6 years – expect to see through the toughest years coming



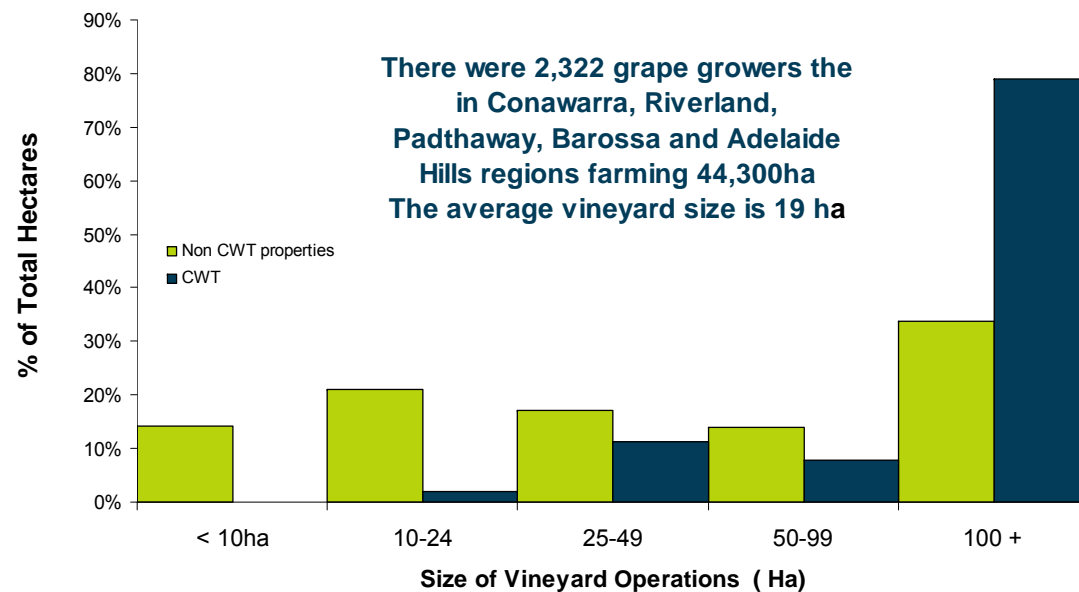
Source: AWBC



# Size of operations key to survival

- Size provides economies of scale, attractive to wine company tenants
- 93.7% of total CWT property portfolio are greater than 50ha
- +100ha generally owned by wine companies or corporate investment companies
- Other agricultural sectors moving toward consolidation to achieve economies of scale due to lower commodity prices

**Size of Vineyard Operations**  
CWT's portfolio vs comparable South Australian regions

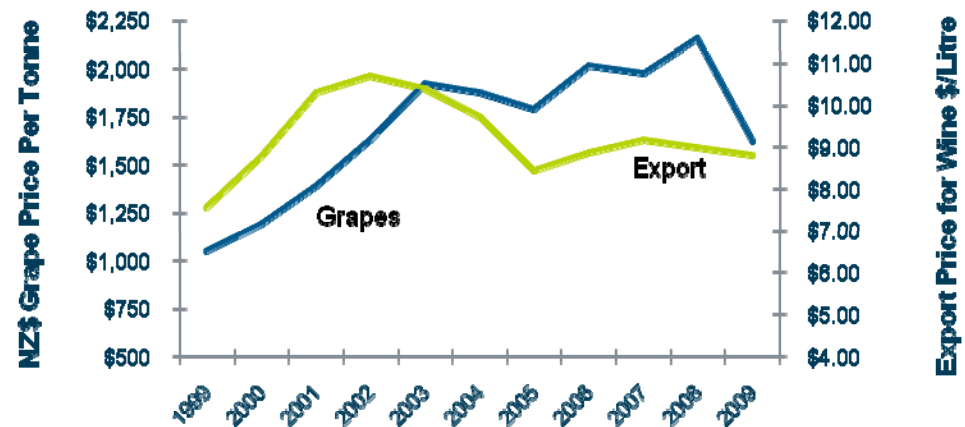
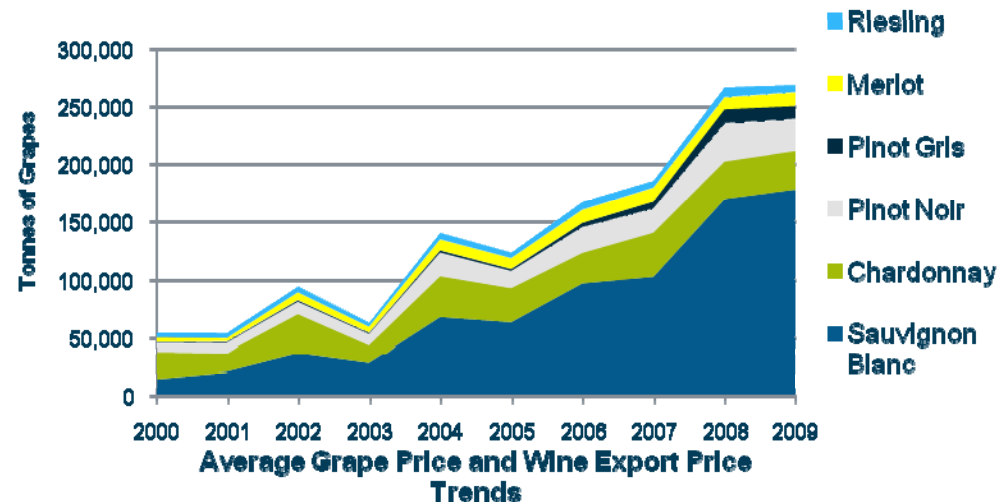


Source: SA Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board 2009

# New Zealand

- Winery intake is levelling off after the over supply in 2008. Enforced yield reduction kept 2009 low
- The over supply has impacted grape prices and pressuring export prices into 2010
- In the year ending 31 July 2009, NZ exports reached \$NZ1b
- US consumption of NZ wine primarily sauvignon blanc grew in value by 22% in FY 2009 and by a further 21% in Aug to Nov 2009

Production of major NZ Grape Varieties



Source: NZ Wine

# Summary

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- The industry has commenced transformation in reaction to oversupply
  - Vineyard removal has begun
  - Yield restrictions initiated
  - Reduced availability of grape contracts enforce change
- CWT operating performance remains sound
  - Long lease streams to established wine company tenants
  - Large properties creating economies of scale
- Capital management strategies continue
  - Underwritten DRP strengthening balance sheet
  - Remain prudent with capital management strategies going forward

# Questions

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# Appendices

# Detailed income statement

	1H10	1H09	Variance	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	%
<b>Net property income</b>	<b>15,480</b>	<b>16,635</b>	<b>(1,155)</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>
Other income	117	476	(359)	(75.4)
Finance costs	(6,185)	(6,627)	442	6.7
Management fees	(1,023)	(1,211)	188	15.5
Operating expenses	(950)	(606)	(344)	(56.8)
<b>Profit from operating activities before tax</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>(1,228)</b>	<b>(14.2)</b>
Income tax expense	(141)	(246)	105	42.7
<b>Profit from operating activities after tax</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>8,421</b>	<b>(1,123)</b>	<b>(13.3)</b>
Net fair value movement of non current assets sold during the period	368	10		
Net fair value movements in non-current assets held at end of period	(5,297)	(5,559)		
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>(503)</b>	<b>(17.5)</b>

# Movements in fair value and carrying value

	Fair value \$000	Carrying value \$000
<b>30-Jun-09</b>	<b>268,147</b>	<b>257,111</b>
Acquisitions & upgrades	353	353
Disposals	(2,000)	(1,577)
Deferred leasing incentive	447	447
Revaluation changes	(5,160)	(5,160)
Water rights fair value increment	-	(137)
Depreciation	(158)	(158)
Foreign currency translation movements	648	648
<b>31-Dec-09</b>	<b>262,277</b>	<b>251,527</b>



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