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HALF YEARLY REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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It is pleasing to record a solid 19% increase, to \$414,000, in tax paid surplus for the half year ended 31st December 2004, compared with \$348,000 for the half year to December 2003. The increase in surplus comes off strong growth in revenue, which is up by 25% to \$4,199,000 over the same half year in 2003. The revenue increase has enabled Board and Management to embark upon a concerted Brand building plan, without which the surplus would have been higher, but such investment is seen as part of a foundation for future growth. We firmly believe that the strength of the company's brands will be a key part of future growth strategies. This along with continued concentration on consistent quality of production should see the company well placed to meet future growth targets in both revenue and surplus over ensuing years.

It is also pleasing to note that the recorded result has come in a period where the previously commented upon lower margin 2003 stocks has still been a part of overall sales. The full benefit of utilisation of capacity from the higher volume 2004 harvest, and therefore resultant better margins, will not fully impact until the 2006 financial year. The current half year result does not include any revenue from the previously announced processing contract for Deleat's Wines, which will start with the 2005 harvest. That contract, announced earlier in the year, will enable the company to bring forward and complete the 3rd stage of winery development. We will continue to invest in the further building of company brands throughout the remainder of this year.

The various new distribution arrangements entered into over the previous year have made sound progress and have contributed towards the growth in sales volumes. Some new markets have also been achieved, and most notable new business was the earlier announced large volume sale of Grove Mill Sauvignon Blanc to ANA Airlines in Japan. In the UK new distribution partner Paragon Vintners Ltd., with the Grove Mill brand, and our long term Sanctuary brand partner J Sainsbury plc have both achieved good sales growth. The Australian and USA markets are part of an ongoing establishment plan and the New Zealand market, despite the big national increase from the 2004 harvest, has shown good growth over the same period last year. Other markets are still requiring some further investment, though on a smaller scale Barbados, Hong Kong and Thailand are doing well.

At time of writing indications are that 2005 vintage yields per acre may be slightly lower than 2004, but, with additional areas of company and contract grower land coming on stream, at this stage we are looking at overall volumes within our expectations. With company quality viticulture practices well established, we are expecting good quality yields, though as always in this industry the final result will depend very much on the weather between now and harvest.

The company is well placed both with the strength of our financial position and the quality of our management team to move forward. Clearly the continued high NZ dollar remains of concern. This is mitigated somewhat by cover at earlier better rates in place for the balance of this financial year, and an arrangement to export to some of our international buyers in \$NZ. However it will be clearly desirable for all NZ exporters to see the dollar weaken in the latter part of this year, but one thing the experts agree upon is that they cannot predict with accuracy just when any fall may eventuate. In the meantime we will continue to maintain the best economy of scale and cost efficiency of production as possible and move to take further cover if such a fall in the currency does eventuate.

As overall nationwide volumes increase it will become even more important to have strength in our brands, and, we believe to compete internationally, for the company to be a larger entity than at present. With this in mind the board will continue to review strategies, within the company 5 year plan, for both internal and potential external growth.

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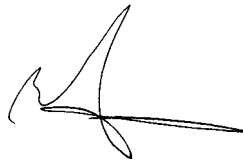
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Our Management team, well led by CEO Rob White, with winemaker Dave Pearce, financial controller Jane Trought, marketing manager Karen Walshe and viticulturist Doug Holmes are a highly professional and capable group and, along with their respective teams, are major assets to the company.

It is intended that an interim dividend will be paid in April at the same level as last year – being 2 cents per share fully imputed. The Board is committed to increase dividends as surpluses meet planned increases from the 2005/6 financial year onwards.

Board and management are both well aware that yet further growth, and therefore a more satisfactory return on shareholders funds, needs to be achieved over and above the current year. Investment and planning decisions are continually being reviewed and worked upon towards such consistent growth as we proceed. The Board expects that the second half year result will be comparable with the first half year result.

Finally I wish to thank my fellow board members and all staff for their continued dedication to the company. It is through all of their efforts that the company has returned to growth in earnings and seeks to consolidate and increase such growth.



Mark Peters
CHAIRMAN

26 January 2005.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
TOTAL REVENUE		4,199	7,733	3,352
Surplus from operations	3	760	1,387	650
Net Financing costs	4	(143)	(319)	(153)
Surplus before taxation		617	1,068	497
Taxation		(204)	(329)	(149)
NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD		414	739	348
Earnings per share (after tax)	5	4.8	8.6	4.1

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
Net surplus for the period		414	739	348
Surplus on revaluation of land, land improvements and buildings		-	808	-
Comprehensive income for the period		414	1,547	348
Contributions by owners	6, 7	77	11	23
Distributions to owners		(344)	(515)	(344)
Added to equity during period		147	1,043	27
Equity at beginning of period		17,427	16,384	16,384
Equity at end of period		17,574	17,427	16,411

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements on pages 8 to 10.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash		603	869	41
Receivables		1,956	2,565	545
Inventories		5,100	6,384	5,140
Taxation		5	78	167
Other current assets		1,036	264	3,445
		8,700	10,160	9,338
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Property, plant & equipment		18,036	17,196	15,976
Intangibles - Identifiable		234	193	224
- Goodwill		1	1	2
Investments		10	10	10
Other non-current assets		157	158	211
		18,438	17,558	16,423
TOTAL		27,138	27,718	25,761

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	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Bank overdraft		-	-	-
Loans		719	1,742	447
Trade creditors		382	818	236
Payables		342	748	183
		<u>1,443</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>866</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Deferred taxation		768	768	749
Loans		7,353	6,215	7,735
		<u>8,121</u>	<u>6,983</u>	<u>8,484</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>9,564</u>	<u>10,291</u>	<u>9,350</u>
EQUITY				
Equity share capital	6	9,527	9,450	9,442
Reserves		8,012	7,942	6,914
Convertible notes	7	35	35	55
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>17,574</u>	<u>17,427</u>	<u>16,411</u>
TOTAL		<u>27,138</u>	<u>27,718</u>	<u>25,761</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Cash was provided from (applied to)				
Receipts from customers		5,545	8,396	4,890
Interest received		8	11	5
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,068)	(7,036)	(2,948)
Interest		(262)	(606)	(287)
Income taxation paid		(130)	(246)	(173)
Net cash flow from operating activities	8	<u>1,093</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>1,487</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Cash was provided from (applied to)				
Sale of non-current tangible assets		-	2,723	123
Purchase of non-current tangible assets		(1,161)	(1,749)	(1,305)
Purchase of non-current non-tangible assets		(3)	(9)	(8)
Employee Share Scheme repaid (advanced)		1	(75)	-
Grower loan repaid (advanced)		-	(1)	(113)
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>(1,163)</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>(1,303)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Cash was provided from (applied to)				
Issue of equity share capital		34	3	3
Loans advanced		1,500	1,600	1,600
Loans repaid		(1,386)	(458)	(213)
Dividends paid		(344)	(515)	(344)
Net cash flow from financing activities		<u>(196)</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,046</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(266)	2,058	1,230
Cash at beginning of period		869	(1,189)	(1,189)
Cash at end of period		<u>603</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>41</u>
Comprising: Cash		603	869	41
Bank Overdraft		-	-	-
		<u>603</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>41</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

1. ACCOUNTING PERIOD

These unaudited financial statements cover the six month period to 31 December 2004. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS-24 Interim Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with The New Zealand Wine Company Limited's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2004. The comparatives have been adjusted to ensure consistency with the treatment of vineyard interest costs.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Taxation expense has been recorded in these financial statements on the basis of 33% of surplus before taxation (excluding the non-taxable surplus from the sale of vineyard for the period ended 31 December 2003). Any deferred benefits have not been brought to account. This is consistent with the prior year.

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the period.

3. SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS

Included in surplus from operations are the following:

REVENUE ITEMS:

	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
Net foreign exchange gain	53	164	80

EXPENSES:

Amortisation	7	14	7
Depreciation*	12	26	13
Directors' fees	51	100	51
Excise duty	271	502	246
Fees paid to auditors:			
- Audit of financial report	1	12	1
- For other services	-	2	-

* Total depreciation on non-current tangible assets totalled \$320,000 for the six months ended 31/12/04 (Y/E 30/6/04 \$622,000; P/E 31/12/03 \$235,000). \$308,000 has been applied to work in progress (Y/E 30/6/04 \$596,000; P/E 31/12/03 \$222,000).

4. NET FINANCING COSTS

Loan interest	257	624	308
Less: Interest revenue	(10)	(11)	(5)
Less: Interest capitalised/included in cost of grapes	(104)	(294)	(150)
	143	319	153

5. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation is based on earnings of \$413,590 (30/6/04 \$739,348; 31/12/03 \$348,028) and the weighted average of 8,604,110 ordinary shares in issue during the period (30/6/04 8,585,560; 31/12/03 8,584,852). The earnings per share for 31 December 2003 (reported as 3.8 in the Half Yearly Report for the 6 months ending 31 December 2003) have been adjusted for comparative purposes for the change in treatment of vineyard interest costs.

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	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	Audited 12 months ended 30 Jun 2004 \$'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2003 \$'000
6. SHARE CAPITAL			
ORDINARY SHARES			
Balance at beginning of period	9,450	9,439	9,439
Share issues	77	11	3
Balance at end of period	9,527	9,450	9,442
Number of fully paid ordinary shares	8,632,999	8,589,666	8,585,586
During the period the Company issued the following shares:			
26 October 2004: 22,000 shares at an issue price of \$1.96 per share.			
28 October 2004: 4,933 shares at an issue price of \$1.57 per share ex share option scheme.			
2 November 2004: 16,400 shares at an issue price of \$1.57 per share ex share option scheme.			
SHARE OPTIONS			
Balance at end of period	114,500	118,658	92,558
7. CONVERTIBLE NOTES			
Balance at beginning of period	35	35	35
Convertible note issues	-	-	20
Balance at end of period	35	35	55
Number of convertible notes on issue	18,000	18,000	24,580
8. NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Reconciliation of statement of financial performance surplus with net cash flow from operating activities</i>			
SURPLUS	414	739	348
Non-cash items:			
Depreciation	320	622	231
Amortisation of identifiable intangibles	7	29	7
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred taxation	-	16	(3)
	741	1,406	583
MOVEMENTS IN WORKING CAPITAL			
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	1,283	(692)	552
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	664	(854)	1,166
Increase/(Decrease) in trade creditors	(436)	93	(489)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables and other current assets	(1,159)	629	(262)
	352	(824)	967
ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Loss (profit) on disposal of non-current tangible assets	-	(63)	(63)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,093	519	1,487

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9. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS			
Winery Expansion Stage 3	510	-	-
Purchase of Land	40	60	-
Winery Expansion Stage 2	-	-	312

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No material events have occurred since balance date.

11. SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

April 2005	Interim Dividend
August/September 2005	Annual Report Published
October 2005	Annual General Meeting
October 2005	Final Dividend

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