

McGUIGAN SIMEON WINES LIMITED

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2004

(ACN: 052 179 932 ASX REFERENCE: MGW)

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

REVENUE AND NET PROFIT	PERCENTAGE CHANGE %	AMOUNT \$'000
Revenues from ordinary activities	up 37.2 to	172,892
Profit from ordinary activities after tax and before significant items attributable to members	up 14.7 to	12,381
Significant items	down 20.3 to	3,221
Net profit for the period attributable to members	up 5.2 to	15,602
Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Interim dividend	10.25¢	10.25¢
Previous corresponding period	9.75¢	9.75¢

Record date for determining entitlements to the interim dividend is 11th March 2005.

Payment date for the interim dividend is 28th March 2005.

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Directors' Report

The directors of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited submit herewith the financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2004. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, the directors report as follows:

The names of the directors of the company during or since the end of the half-year are:

NAME

David S. Clarke (Chairman)
Brian J. McGuigan
Ian D. Ferrier
Nicholas F. Greiner
Christopher L. Harris
Perry R. Gunner

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The net profit for the half-year was \$15,602 thousand (2003 \$14,832 thousand). The result for the half-year includes a benefit from significant items after tax of \$3,221 thousand (2003 \$4,039 thousand).

An additional press release is attached to these accounts which provides more detail on the company's performance.

INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION BY AUDITOR

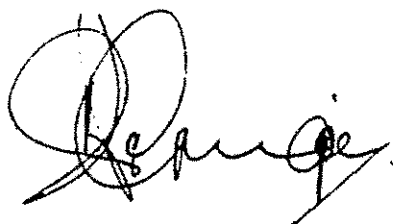
The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 4.

ROUNDING OFF OF AMOUNTS

The Company is a company of the kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/0100, dated 10 July 1998, and in accordance with that Class Order amounts in the directors' report and the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.

On behalf of the Directors



Brian J. McGuigan
Director

Adelaide, 23rd February, 2005.

The Board of Directors
McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited
Level 2
170 Greenhill Road
PARKSIDE SA 5063

23 February 2005

Dear Board Members

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited


In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU


Rod Smith
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Independent review report to the members of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Scope

We have reviewed the financial report of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2004 as set out on pages 4 to 11. The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the disclosing entity and the entities it controlled at the end of the half-year or from time to time during the half-year. The disclosing entity's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have performed an independent review of the financial report in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is not presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, and in order for the disclosing entity to lodge the financial report with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our review has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to review engagements. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of the entity's personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, thus the level of assurance provided is less than given in an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Statement

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited is not in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2004 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.


DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU


Rod Smith
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Sydney, 23 February 2004

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

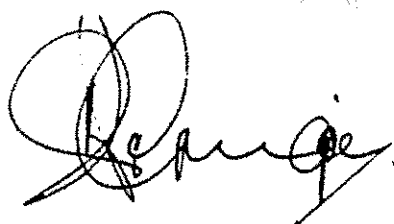
Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with Accounting Standards;
- (b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity;
- (c) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (d) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s. 303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Simeon', is written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

Director

Adelaide, 23rd February, 2005.

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Consolidated Statement Of Financial Performance For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

	<i>NOTE</i>	<i>HALF-YEAR ENDED 31/12/04 \$'000</i>	<i>HALF-YEAR ENDED 31/12/03 \$'000</i>
Revenue from ordinary activities		172,892	126,003
Revenue from sale of vineyards	4.3	4,050	53,700
Carrying value of vineyards disposed	4.3	(4,332)	(55,754)
Share of net losses of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method		(90)	(64)
Expenses from ordinary activities		(150,724)	(104,241)
Borrowing costs		(5,137)	(6,270)
<i>Profit From Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax Expense</i>		16,659	13,374
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities		(4,560)	(5,057)
Income tax benefit relating to the adoption of tax consolidation	4.3	3,503	6,515
<i>Profit From Ordinary Activities After Related Income Tax Expense</i>		15,602	14,832
<i>Total Changes In Equity Other Than Those Resulting From Transactions With Owners As Owners</i>		15,602	14,832
<i>Earnings per Share:</i>			
Basic (cents per share) excluding significant items		11.22 ¢	10.52 ¢
Diluted (cents per share) excluding significant items		11.05 ¢	10.38 ¢
Basic (cents per share) including significant items		14.14 ¢	14.46 ¢
Diluted (cents per share) including significant items		13.92 ¢	14.26 ¢

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Consolidated Statement Of Financial Position As At 31 December 2004

	<i>HALF-YEAR ENDED 31/12/04 \$'000</i>	<i>YEAR ENDED 30/06/04 \$'000</i>
<i>NOTE</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash assets	1,784	2,654
Receivables	109,306	126,534
Inventories	190,812	199,812
Current tax assets	1,405	-
Other	6,773	3,319
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	310,080	332,319
<i>Non-Current Assets</i>		
Receivables	7,524	8,251
Investments accounted for using the equity method	1,805	1,865
Other investments	899	939
Property, plant and equipment	127,673	134,685
Inventories	42,568	51,176
Self generating and regenerating assets	31,206	32,889
Intangibles	50,888	52,357
Deferred tax assets	14,278	9,218
Other	1,327	1,307
<i>Total Non-Current Assets</i>	278,168	292,687
<i>Total Assets</i>	588,248	625,006
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Payables	52,523	105,529
Interest-bearing liabilities	1,829	6,004
Current tax liabilities	-	9,037
Provisions	7,075	7,124
Other	2,385	7,610
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	63,812	135,304
<i>Non-Current Liabilities</i>		
Payables	380	380
Interest-bearing liabilities	153,966	145,383
Deferred tax liabilities	19,142	9,219
Provisions	2,288	2,079
<i>Total Non-Current Liabilities</i>	175,776	157,061
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	239,588	292,365
<i>Net Assets</i>	348,660	332,641
<i>Equity</i>		
Contributed equity	350,350	334,834
Retained profits	(1,690)	(2,193)
<i>Total Equity</i>	348,660	332,641

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Consolidated Statement Of Cash Flows For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

	Inflows/(Outflows)	
	HALF-YEAR	HALF-YEAR
	ENDED 31/12/04 \$'000	ENDED 31/12/03 \$'000
<i>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</i>		
Receipts from customers	199,793	161,056
Payments to suppliers and employees	(197,587)	(164,560)
Interest received	291	100
Interest and other costs of finance paid	(4,484)	(3,924)
Income tax paid	(6,769)	(6,175)
Net cash used in operating activities	(8,756)	(13,503)
<i>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</i>		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(8,064)	(9,823)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5,215	48,618
Amounts advanced to related parties	-	(2,009)
Net cash paid for investment in Miranda Wines	-	(12,471)
Payment for purchase of equity investment	-	(590)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(2,849)	23,725
<i>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</i>		
Proceeds from issues of equity securities	9,851	7,818
Proceeds from borrowings	16,075	3,400
Repayment of borrowings	(2,097)	(17,013)
Dividends paid (net of dividend reinvestment plan)	(9,389)	(7,752)
Amounts received from related parties	-	2,480
Other	(45)	(134)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	14,395	(11,201)
<i>Net Increase/(Decrease) In Cash Held</i>	2,790	(979)
<i>Cash At The Beginning Of The Half-Year</i>	(1,006)	82
<i>Cash At The End Of The Half-Year</i>	1,784	(897)

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The half-year financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting". The half-year financial report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report and should be read in conjunction with the 2004 annual financial report.

Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the 2004 annual financial report.

2. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Nil.

2004			2003		
DATE	CENTS	TOTAL	DATE	CENTS	TOTAL
PAID	PER SHARE	\$'000	PAID	PER SHARE	\$'000

3. DIVIDENDS

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

Recognised amounts:

Final dividend paid in respect of prior financial year

21/11/04	13.75 ¢	<u>15,099</u>	21/11/03	11.0 ¢	<u>11,464</u>
----------	---------	---------------	----------	--------	---------------

Dividend or Distribution Plans

The McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited Dividend Reinvestment Plan is in operation. Last date for receipt of election notices for the dividend or distribution plan is 11th March 2005.

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

4. DISCLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	<i>HALF-YEAR ENDED 31/12/04 \$'000</i>	<i>HALF-YEAR ENDED 31/12/03 \$'000</i>
4.1 <i>Net Tangible Assets per security</i>	\$2.64	\$2.49
4.2 (i) <i>Control gained over entities having material effect</i>		
Nil		
(ii) <i>Loss of control over entities having material effect.</i>		
NIL		
4.3 <i>Significant Items</i>		
Proceeds from sale of vineyards	4,050	53,700
Carrying value of vineyard assets disposed	(4,332)	(55,754)
Tax thereon	761	(422)
	<hr/> 479	<hr/> (2,476)
Benefit from uplift of tax consolidation values	2,742	6,515
	<hr/> 3,221	<hr/> 4,039

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

4.5 Details of Associates and Joint Ventures

Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Premier Wines Pty Ltd	45%	45%	Nil	Nil
Tempus Two Pty Ltd	50%	50%	(60)	(45)
Mangola Vineyards Pty Ltd	45%	45%	Nil	Nil
Total			(60)	(45)

4.6 Contingent Assets & Liabilities

There has been no material change in contingent assets and liabilities from those stated at 30th June 2004.

4.7 Impacts of adopting the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Council's strategic directive, the company will be required to prepare financial statements that comply with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("A-IFRS") for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. Accordingly, the company's first half-year report prepared under A-IFRS will be for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2005, and its first annual financial report prepared under A-IFRS will be for the year ended 30 June 2006.

At the date of this report, the directors of the company are in the process of completing a detailed impact study and preparing the company to be A-IFRS compliant. The directors are also continuing to monitor the developments in A-IFRS and the potential impact it will have on the Company. The directors expect to disclose the financial impact of adopting A-IFRS in the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2005.

At the date of this report the directors had completed a preliminary assessment of the impact.

No decision has yet been made as to the policy alternatives to be applied or the extent to which it will affect the company but the directors are still of the opinion that the key accounting policy differences identified in the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2004 are those that are expected to arise on transition to A-IFRS. The detailed impact study will confirm the full extent of the impact.

The company will quantify the impact of adopting A-IFRS after completing the detailed impact study. An announcement in relation to the financial impact will be made to the market when quantification of the impact is complete.

McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Half-Year Ended 31 December 2004

5. McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited
Segmental Information - Half Year Ended 31st December 2004

Business segments

Segments Revenue, Results, Assets and Liabilities

	Revenue		Results		Assets		Liabilities	
	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000	31 December 2004 \$'000	30 June 2004 \$'000	31 December 2004 \$'000	30 June 2004 \$'000
Bottled wine division	89,126	64,880	9,262	9,125	108,134	94,143	31,667	31,706
Bulk wine division	38,539	21,211	7,043	4,534	307,573	376,289	21,643	84,026
Bulk in bottle division	26,465	20,330	3,186	2,307	13,334	15,501	-	-
Vineyard development and management division	16,351	18,728	2,822	6,390	87,375	68,135	17,960	23,819
Unallocated	2,411	854	(5,372)	(6,927)	71,832	69,938	168,318	152,814
Total consolidated	172,892	126,003	16,941	15,428	588,248	625,006	239,588	292,365

Total profit from ordinary activities before income tax (before significant items)

Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities (before significant items)

Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense (before significant items)

Significant items (net of income tax expense)

Profit from ordinary activities after related income tax expense (after significant items)

* the material amount in unallocated revenue relates to interest received

* unallocated amounts in unallocated results relates to amortisation of intangibles and interest

* unallocated assets include intangibles and tax assets

* unallocated liabilities include commercial bill facilities utilised in the whole business and tax related liabilities

Other Segmental Information

	Acquisition of segment assets		Depn and amort of segment assets		Other non-cash expenses	
	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000
Bottles wine division	51	123	31	11	-	-
Bulk wine division	786	6,618	4,126	2,373	-	-
Bulk in bottle division	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vineyard development and management division	7,067	4,544	592	2,335	-	-
Unallocated	160	266	153	1,576	-	-
Total	8,064	11,551	4,902	6,295	-	-

Geographical Segments

	Revenue from customer		Segment assets		Acquisition of segment assets	
	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000	31 December 2004 \$'000	30 June 2004 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2003 \$'000
Australia	90,998	67,389	532,507	553,654	8,064	11,551
United Kingdom	51,697	28,845	39,620	45,525	-	-
North America	15,925	20,726	9,479	14,929	-	-
New Zealand	6,116	2,860	3,231	1,779	-	-
Other	8,156	6,183	3,411	9,119	-	-
Total	172,892	126,003	588,248	625,006	8,064	11,551