



Alice & Peter Mennacher
LIGHTHALL VINEYARD

Alice and Peter are tough. Wine-lovers themselves, they planted a test plot on the shores of South Bay in 2000 and the next year planted five acres with 5,000 Chardonnay vines. Together alone they tended vineyard, hammered in 5,000 stakes, netted the vines, defended them against weeds, frost and raccoons and reaped their reward of top quality grapes in 2004.

At harvest time they enlist help, but mostly it's just the two of them. An architect and a lawyer by profession, they now work long, backbreaking hours in their vineyard and are as strong and determined as any farmer.

This year they planted a further three acres with Pinot Noir. It's earmarked for Closson Chase Winery, who believe Lighthall produces some of the best grapes in the County.