

SMS HELPS SIMPLIFY THE McWILLIAMS WINE BUSINESS

SITUATION

McWilliam's Wines Group has been making quality wines for 6 generations. The business has grown and developed significantly over that time, and as a result, has a distributed network of production and administration facilities, with a centralised data centre at their head office in Chullora, NSW.

McWilliam's Information Services Manager Russell Ferrao's brief about the business requirements were:

- + Reverse server sprawl by consolidating the server infrastructure
- + Simplify and consolidate the fragmented file storage using their new EMC SAN
- + Provide head-room for their business growth and assure investment protection for the next 3 to 5 years in their industry's competitive environment.



McWILLIAM'S
FAMILY WINEMAKERS



SOLUTION

SMS' technical solution team set about the task of analysing the McWilliam's existing server and storage environment, and designing a solution with the optimal consolidation ratio without compromising performance and allowing headroom for increased processing requirements.

The team won the go-ahead from McWilliam's with a solution to deliver a 7:1 server consolidation ratio, new HP server hardware and a new server / SAN interface network delivering significantly improved performance and high availability. As always, the team had to deliver this solution in tight timeframes.

SMS' project management team designed the project schedule to manage all the stakeholders and ensure that the solution was implemented and cut-over on schedule. The engineering team implemented the solution with time and budget, and provided McWilliam's with quality detailed documentation of their new environment.

BENEFITS

McWilliam's Wines now has a best of breed, consolidated server environment, based on a virtualised infrastructure that can support the growth of the business for the next three to five years. They have reduced their server footprint from 30+ to 4, and as a result reduced their environmental impact. In addition to this, the business has increased the capacity and resilience of their storage infrastructure.



"McWilliam's needed to simplify their data storage environment, which had sprawled to over 30 servers, with fragmented file storage..."

CLIENT PROFILE McWilliam's Wines has six generations and more than 130 years of wine making experience. The people behind the name have imparted their knowledge, skill and passion and their stories are as rich, and their family as unique as the wines that carry their name. The McWilliam family has been committed to delivering the world the very best benchmark wines.
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