

FOLLETT'S
Lake Breeze
LANGHORNE CREEK

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Finally the first newsletter has been written. This represents an update to all our friends and visitors on the latest happenings at Lake Breeze. We have now been open 18 months and the response has been very positive so we feel quite successful.

The 1992 harvest was slow and drawn out due to one of the wettest vintages on record. We were fortunate to pick one third of our grapes before the rain came and consequently managed to process some top quality Chardonnay, Cabernet and Shiraz which is now maturing in oak.

The season was off to a good start with plentiful opening

rains, but then came an uncharacteristically dry June and July. We were beginning to wonder whether this was to be the one year in ten when we miss out on our annual floods. We need not have worried, for extremely heavy rains over the Mt. Lofty ranges in the late part of August and early September provided us with the biggest flooding since 1981. The floods actually went through the township on four occasions. These floods have ensured that the vineyards will last through the summer months without supplementary irrigation.

The pruning is well under control and with spring upon us the vines have begun to shoot.

A few more acres of Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet have also been planted which has been keeping us very busy.

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For those of you who are unaware, our flagship wine, the 1987 Cabernet Sauvignon received 4 stars and equal top placing in the Winestate S.A. Cabernet tasting. Advertiser wine writer, Phillip White scored it 18.8 out of a possible 20 (equivalent to a gold medal) and made it 'Wine Of The Week'. With only thirty dozen left it will not be long before the 1988 Cabernet Sauvignon is released.

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TIM, MARLENE, KEN AND GREG

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The very popular 1989 'Bernoota' Premium blend has recently sold out and the 1990 is now on sale. The name is the same but the wine is a little fuller bodied with more Shiraz which gives it some ripe, spicy berry characteristics. It is excellent value for money and will continue to improve with time.

Due to many requests at cellar door for a slightly sweeter, fruity style of wine, we decided

to extend our range and make a White Frontignac.

The 'Fronti' grapes were hand picked at a precise baumé off our one remaining acre to produce a refreshingly fruity style of wine. Reports so far have been very favourable, even from those who usually don't prefer this type of wine. Last years vintage (1991) "Fronti", was picked very late and ripe, and after crushing and fortifying, it will remain in old brandy barrels

maturing for a number of years. We will then have a Muscat style, well worth waiting for!

Enclosed is our mail order list which explains our current range of wines.

We are looking forward to seeing or hearing from you soon.

KA Follett

Regards
Ken Follett

The Follett Family welcome you and your friends to visit us at our Langhorne Creek Cellar Door and try our new releases.

**Lake Breeze
Cabernet Sauvignon
1987**
★★★★★

"Good value for money. Fragrant, aromatic "violets" cabernet fruit scent has dry, French-style oak support. Strong, youthfully "furry" oak tannin refines ripe, "minty" cabernet fruit in a dense, heavy-weight taste. Long-term improvement."

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DRINKS



By
Philip
White



"The Folletts . . . didn't need a biplane to catch my attention"

The Follett family's been growing premium Langhorne Creek grapes for many years. All the blokes down the Creek get sick of seeing their beautiful fruit disappear into some big company blend which wins gong after gong and the day often comes when they wonder what it would be like to have their own wine and win their own trophies.

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**Lake Breeze Langhorne Creek
Bernoota Premium Blend 1989 ★★★**
Great value for money! Mint and vanilla oak scents support intense cherry fruit and a coffee complexity on the nose. Savoury, fleshy fruit flavour is full and rounded, with firm finishing tannin and acid. \$8.50CD

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