

off the duck's back



LAKE BREEZE
LANGHORNE CREEK



STILL WATERS RUN DEEP

Wow! This spring has certainly thrown some weather at us, with Langhorne Creek experiencing its biggest floods since the infamous 1992 floods.

The floods certainly garnered some attention in the media, with the biggest news article for Langhorne Creek revolving around my nephew, Luke and his mate's YouTube video of 'Wakeboarding in the Vineyard'. This thing went viral and was even shown on TV overseas and then was picked up by Channel 7's Sunrise breakfast show.

When most people hear about the floods they are concerned about the damage and destruction it causes, but for us in Langhorne Creek the floods are a way of life.

The reason Langhorne Creek exists as a wine region and has such a rich history is because we are on a flood plain.

Sure, we got a bit more water than we bargained for this year, but it is always pretty gentle and the positives outweigh the negatives.

It's also a great chance for the kids to go 'carp catching', kayaking and wakeboarding!!

The recent floods had me reminiscing about 1992 and the fact it was my first vintage at home. I am suddenly feeling old as that makes it 25 years as winemaker at Lake Breeze.

With a little bit of digging, I found our first newsletter from 1992 and I can say my writing hasn't improved much, but the most laughs came from this classic photo. Perhaps Tim and I could revive the 'mullet' for old times sake.

Cheers, Greg Follett

Winemaker/Chief Barrel Washer



red hot new releases



2013 Arthur's Reserve trophy.

king arthur

Our Arthur's Reserve certainly has been making an impact in the wine shows over the last few years and is cementing its place as one of the best wines to come out of Langhorne Creek, if not the state.

It's Greg's favourite wine to make and consists of the best 10 barrels of cabernet from the vintage, blended with small quantities of petit verdot and malbec.

Our current release, the **2012 Arthur's Reserve** has been awarded trophies at the 2015 Royal Adelaide and Langhorne Creek Wine Shows and 8 gold medals from national wine shows.

Not to be outdone, the **2013 Arthur's Reserve** won the trophy for the Best Cabernet or Shiraz Dominant Blend at the Sydney Royal Wine Show. It was quite fitting that Mr **Arthur** Parady donated and presented the trophy to Greg.

The **2013 Arthur's Reserve** has now won 2 trophies and 5 gold, with the **2014 Arthur's Reserve** already securing 2 gold medals.

new release bernoota and cabernet

The 2014 vintage's biggest problem is that it follows two great vintages, but Greg has always said the best of our wines from 2014 will rival 2012 and 2013 vintages.

This newsletter sees the release of our **2014 Cabernet Sauvignon** and **2014 Bernoota** which have already won 4 gold medals between them, the Cabernet in particular is proving to be a 'show stopper'.

I usually have to nag Greg for tasting notes as he loathes them, but he did offer that the 2014's have "lovely aromatics with some more floral aspects than usual and have exceptional length of flavour".

museum release 2005 cabernet sauvignon

Since the magical 2004 vintage we have tried to hold back more stock to re-release as museum wine at a later stage. In that way, we have done the ageing for you in our temperature controlled warehouse and can release wines when they are ready to drink.

The 2005 Cabernet is coming into a great drinking window right now having softened nicely, showing classic cabernet, cigar box development along with some dark fruit. This wine was a trophy winner in its youth and represents great value for an 11 year old wine.

VINEYARD REPORT by Greg

This season so far has been very interesting to say the least. In stark contrast to last years dry and hot spring, this year has seen some big flood events and a very cool spring.

This has meant the vines are tracking around two weeks later than last year, which should equate to a later vintage than in recent years. However, there is still a lot of water to go under the bridge (pardon the pun) before vintage is upon us.

Obviously after the flooding we have plenty of moisture in the soil, so there will be little or no irrigation required on most blocks this year.

get your ducks in a row with our duck club!

Our Duck Club wine is delivered to your door each March and September and we have three Duck Club options, each representing a 20% saving.

Once joining our Duck Club, you are entitled to 10% discount at cellar door and on your stay at The Creek Cottage B&B.

Visit the website or give us a call at the cellar door to find out more.



handpicked festival

Our Handpicked Festival once again attracted around 3000 people to our beautiful grounds to witness 8 hours of live music from some great Aussie acts.

Headliners, The Veronicas and Killing Heidi thrilled the crowd even though the weather let us down with the lake 'breeze' becoming more like a howling gale at times.

It really is a great festival atmosphere with local produce for tasting, gourmet food trucks and 'The Lane' where anything from flower crowns to bespoke jewellery can be found.

Kate has done a wonderful job pulling this together and was rewarded the day prior to Handpicked with a starring role on Channel 7's Sunrise breakfast show.



She was very excited and actually got to sing with weather presenter, Sam Mac as well as let a national audience know she is single and looking for a 6'4" tall, dark and handsome beau!

The entire family was up before the crack of dawn when Sunrise did visit for several crosses during the weather presentation. As they say, every bit of publicity helps, although we are concerned that Kate may be snapped up by Channel 7 as their new weather girl!



Kate with Killing Heidi's Jesse and Ella Hooper.



Kate featuring on Channel 7's Sunrise with Sam Mac.

picnic

We picnicked in the winery this year as spring threw another ordinary day at us. Greg and Chad rolled out the hallowed, artificial turf and transformed the winery. It just goes to prove that the lake 'breeze' is no match for us – we had a great day!

Robyn, Paul, Chad, Kate, Tim, Josh and Greg at our recent Picnic.



new bullant on the block

Our Bullants have had a facelift with the label showing some nice clean lines and is more representative of the quality inside the bottle.

The cheeky bull ant is still front and centre and as always, the wine is punching above its weight!

As Greg mentioned, the 2014 reds are quite aromatic, have great length and of course the trademark softness that all our wines have.

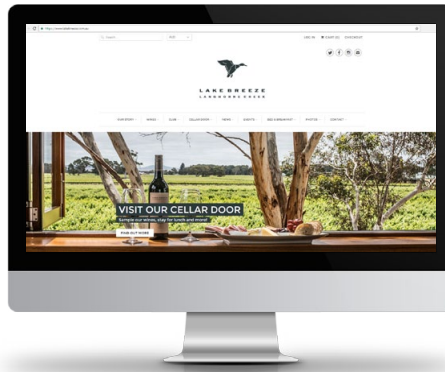
The Chardonnay is a little cracker, so fresh and a go to wine from our fridge of late.



new website

We've recently launched our new website with a clean new look. Our online shop is easy to navigate and we hope you'll like it.

Keep an eye on our facebook and instagram pages too. It's a great way to show off snapshots of anything and everything at Lake Breeze.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Love Langhorne Creek

Langhorne Creek
cellar doors
Feb 4+5, 2017

Cellar Door Wine Festival

Adelaide
Convention Centre
Feb 24-26, 2017

Tasting Australia

April 30-May 7, 2017

Langhorne Creek


Wine Show Tasting
May 21, 2017


Cellar Treasures Weekend


Langhorne Creek
cellar doors
Aug 12+13, 2017

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Top left: Thomas on the footy oval the week before our grand final. Top right: Photo courtesy The Australian.
Bottom left: The boys wakeboarding on the driveway. Bottom right: Annabel the carp catcher!

FROM OUR BIG FAMILY TO YOURS, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY YOU HAVE PLENTY OF FUN OCCASIONS TO ENJOY A LAKE BREEZE WINE OR TWO! CHEERS, ROBYN FOLLETT.

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