

off the duck's back



LAKE BREEZE
LANGHORNE CREEK



FIELDS OF GOLD

I'm sure, like many of you, this summer didn't quite go to plan. I caught Covid on Christmas Day and then gave it to Robyn as a birthday present a few days later.

In fact, pretty much our entire Lake Breeze crew and family went down with Covid following Christmas and during January. This made things interesting at cellar door and a lot of us missed our annual summer holidays, either with the virus or covering for those out of action.

Vintage was then soon upon us, with its long hours and no time to relax. So, it was with great anticipation I went along to the Langhorne Creek Wine Show luncheon with a pair of pants on and wearing a nice shirt.

It's always one of the highlights of our year, celebrating the end of another long and hard vintage with family and friends. However, my plans were interrupted by having to walk up to the stage to collect a few trophies and then be photographed.

In fact, six trophies and many photos later, my planned relaxing day had gone out the window!

Obviously, I jest as it is a massive honour to receive these trophies and our whole Lake Breeze crew were thrilled to once again win Champion Wine of Langhorne Creek.

We've been lucky enough to win the Champion Wine the last four years in a row, three times with our Lake Breeze Cabernet.

Don't worry, I got to relax later on and kick back with a few quiet beers with the team.

Cheers,
Greg Follett
Fashion Guru

2021 LANGHORNE CREEK WINE SHOW, 6 TROPHIES

Champion Wine

2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Best Cabernet Sauvignon

2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Best Shiraz

2020 Bullant Shiraz

Best Red Blend

2019 Arthur's Reserve

Best Museum

2013 Arthur's Reserve

Best White

2021 Reserve Chardonnay

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new releases

The much-awaited **2019 Arthur's Reserve** has just been released. This cabernet, malbec and petit verdot blend is an absolute stunner, boasting an enviable show record. It's now been awarded the **Best Blended Red Wine Trophy** at the Langhorne Creek Wine Show two years running.

We've also released its sister wine the **2019 Winemaker's Selection Shiraz**, a barrel selection of the best 12 barrels of shiraz from the vintage.

Greg says this wine is just starting to "hit its straps", showing a combination of ripe black fruits and licorice, a full mouthful of flavour and velvety tannins.

From the small vintage of **2020** comes our new vintage release of **Cabernet Sauvignon**. An intense, brooding wine, which was a gold medal winner at the recent Langhorne Creek Wine Show and has received 95 points from James Halliday.

“THE CRUST OF TANNINS AND OAK THAT SURROUND THE POLISHED BLACKCURRANT FRUIT WILL SOFTEN UNTIL ITS RELEASE AND CONTINUE THEREAFTER FOR MANY YEARS. **JAMES HALLIDAY.**”

We are thrilled with the second release of our straight varietal, the **2020 Malbec**. It was also awarded 95 points by Halliday. A great follow up to our highly acclaimed first release last year.

“LAYER UPON LAYER OF FRUIT, SATSUMA PLUM, TENDRILS OF LICORICE AND A SPRINKLE OF DARK CHOCOLATE FRUIT. LANGHORNE CREEK AND MALBEC WALK TOGETHER. **JAMES HALLIDAY.**”

Sadly, our **2020 Section 54 Shiraz** is now sold out. Partly due to James Halliday awarding it 97 points in *The Weekend Australian* back in March and the fact that it is a cracking good wine! The 2021 will be available around September this year.

the great australian blend

The blend of cabernet and shiraz has been synonymous with Australian red wine since the 1950's and 60's. The velvety richness of shiraz coupled with the more highly structured and perfumed cabernet sauvignon make for a perfect combination.

The best cabernet/shiraz blends are both drinkable in their youth and very age worthy, making for a truly unique expression of Australian Wine.

We feel we have two exceptional examples of this blend.

Firstly, our most loved wine, the multiple trophy and gold medal winning **Bernoota** has become a benchmark wine over the last 30 years.

Then, fourteen years ago, we decided to ramp things up and **The Drake** was conceived, utilising the best two barrels of the vintage. Our current vintage, the **2014 The Drake** is a blend of 70 % cabernet and 30% shiraz.

Both are classic examples of this quintessential blend.

Let's not forget the whites, our chardonnay has always punched above its weight and the **2020 Reserve Chardonnay** is no exception. On a recent trade trip to Sydney, Roger was amazed that despite our fantastic line-up of red wines, our chardonnay time and again was the pick of the bunch for sommeliers and wine store owners.

The **2022 Moscato** once again is the first wine to hit the bottle, sweet, bubbly and delicious.

We were also delighted to receive a couple of reviews for our cellar door favourites, the **2021 Vermentino** and **2021 Rosato**.

Join our wine club! Call us to become a **Duck Club** member.



Vermentino 2021

“PALE YELLOW WITH A FLICK OF GREEN. ON THE NOSE, FLORALS, CITRUS, WET STONES, SPICES AND HINTS OF LIMES. THERE IS LOTS OF FLAVOUR TO BE FOUND HERE. STILL VERY YOUTHFUL, THERE IS GOOD PERSISTENCE, OVER A WELL-DEFINED STRUCTURE, ALL CARRIED BY A FINE LINE OF ACIDITY. AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE VARIETY... **KEN GARGETT**”

Rosato 2021

“A LOVELY PALE PINK SALMON COLOUR WITH A HINT OF SUNSET. SOFT AND GENTLE IN ALL ASPECTS. THE NOSE GIVES FORTH A TOUCH OF RED FRUITS, CHERRIES, WITH TOBACCO LEAVES AND JUICY BERRY NOTES. THIS IS FRESH AND BALANCED AND LINGERS DELIGHTFULLY... **KEN GARGETT**”

Old Vine Grenache 2021

96
pts

“...THE CRIMSON PURPLE HUE ANNOUNCES A BEAUTIFUL WINE, BURSTING WITH JUICY RED FRUITS, FINE-SPUN TANNINS GIVING A SAVOURY FAREWELL. **JAMES HALLIDAY**”





SHORTLISTED

halliday winemaker of the year

We are all thrilled with the announcement that Greg has been shortlisted for Halliday's Winemaker of the Year. This is a great honour, especially on the back of being awarded Halliday's Best Value Winery last year.

Halliday has written: "...Winner of our Best Value Winery last year, value for money is absolutely exceptional. A grand track record of national show success spanning decades reflects the pedigree of this estate and Greg Follett's deep knowledge of the terroir behind his wines."



The 2023 shortlist contains three finalists from our region including ourselves, Kimbolton Wines, nominated as a 'Dark Horse Winery' and Bleasdale Vineyards in the 'Best Value Winery' category. Langhorne Creek is kicking goals!

Below: Photos from the Langhorne Creek Wine Show Lunch. **1** Greg, presented with trophy by Multi Colour's Stu Purdie. **2** Tas, Chad and Jedd. **3** Ashleigh and Renae. **4** Chris and Stefan.

VINTAGE REPORT

Vintage 2022 again was a real mixed bag weatherwise. The season started off with another frost event which reduced our chardonnay and shiraz crops this year. So much so, we are investing in another two frost fans to help alleviate what has become a significant issue.

A cool and relatively dry growing season followed, with flowering occurring over several weeks, which contributed to a below average fruit set, especially on our cabernet blocks.

Fortunately, the 'La Nina' weather pattern which dumped a lot of rain on the east coast, didn't affect us from a rain point of view. However, it resulted in a reduced day time temperature which made for a lovely cool summer and vintage.

Harvest was later than usual with our overall crop down 20-30%. The good news is quality is looking superb across all varieties. Our malbec cropped well and is looking stunning along with some of the best shiraz I have seen for quite a few years, (unfortunately not enough of it). Couple this with our cabernet which performs exceptionally well on a consistent basis and 2022 will go down as one of the really great vintages.

Chad and Tas in the winery, along with Chris, Jedd and Tim in the vineyard, worked their butts off to help me achieve a last crush on Good Friday, with our last pressing occurring just after Anzac Day.

Greg Follett.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cellar Treasures August 2022

Our Langhorne Creek wine region is rolling out Cellar Treasures over the entire month of August.

Each cellar door will be offering bookable experiences and tastings over the four weeks.

At Lake Breeze:

Luncheon featuring celebrity chef, Adam Swanson. Sun, Aug 7

Museum weekend Aug 13 +14

Masterclass Sun, Aug 14

on your bike

We've teamed up with local cycling tour company *Bike About*, to offer self-guided bike rides and some great packages too. *Bike About* also conduct a three day *Grapes for Good* tour, taking in the nearby Monarto Safari Park along with a wine tour around Langhorne Creek, including a picnic on the lawns at Lake Breeze.

bikeabout.com.au

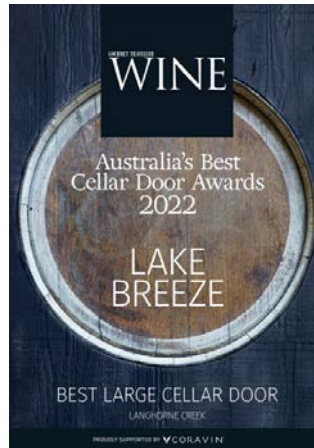
best large cellar door award

We are delighted to receive the **Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's** award for **Langhorne Creek's Best Large Cellar Door**.

Since the Covid restrictions have relaxed, our visitor numbers have increased significantly, as have our staff. We are lucky to have a great bunch of locals working with our family, to help us give all visitors the best experience possible.

Our beautiful function space, *The Barrel Room* has also been getting rave reviews. Ashleigh and Renae have been doing a brilliant job and will be kept busy with 30 weddings (and other various functions) booked in over the next 12 months. We hope to see you at Lake Breeze soon!

Warmest regards,
Robyn.



Handpicked Festival

Lake Breeze Wines
Sat, Nov 12, 2022



After a two-year hiatus, we are so pleased to announce that our Handpicked Festival is going ahead on Saturday, November 12.

We will be announcing the line-up any day now.

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