

off the duck's back



LAKE BREEZE
LANGHORNE CREEK



IN THE MOOD FOR MALBEC

The whole Lake Breeze team was thrilled with our success at this year's Langhorne Creek Wine Show. We were awarded 5 trophies, including Producer of the Year and Champion Wine of the Show for our recently released 2019 Malbec.

The last year has certainly been a roller coaster ride and after the highs of our recent awards, I've now hit the downhill slope being stuck in home quarantine for 14 days.

A quick boy's trip to Melbourne including a visit to the MCG was enough to send up red flags to SA Health and now the only escape from my house is a jaunt to the clinic to get a swizzle stick stuck up my nose!

Now, before you sympathise too much, it's my own fault as I should have known no good could come from watching a game between Collingwood and Port Adelaide!

It is still a busy time in the winery, but I've been able to persuade my nephew, Tyler, to help with some laboratory analysis and have been instructing my cellar hand, Chad, on an hourly basis over the phone.

However, I now have no excuse not to work on the newsletter, especially if I want Robyn to keep passing food through to my end of the house!

Well, it was fantastic to get our Langhorne Creek Wine Show back up and going after a COVID hiatus.

Chair of judges, Charlie Seppelt said "With a couple of very strong vintages on display in 2018 and 2019, the mood was high, and the results were too. Diversity, grace and structure were at the top end this year."

Charlie praised the champion wine. "Lake Breeze's first 100% Malbec was a real highlight," he said. "And the quality of the entire Malbec class backed up the case that Langhorne Creek is the variety's best-suited Australian home."

I was really chuffed with all our results this year, not only the major award winners. In fact, we won medals for all our 20 entries, with 7 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze.

Cheers,
Greg Follett
Quarantine Officer

2021 LANGHORNE CREEK WINE SHOW 5 TROPHIES

Champion Wine - 2019 Malbec

Best Malbec - 2019 Malbec

Best Red Blend - 2019 Arthur's Reserve

Best Museum - 2012 Arthur's Reserve

Producer of the Year

new releases malbec and more

We've actually been growing malbec since 1999 and Greg has been using small amounts in his blends since 2003. Malbec obviously plays an important role in our Arthur's Reserve blend, but is often used in our Cabernet Sauvignon, Bernoota and Section 54 Shiraz without appearing on the label. This small percentage helps with vibrancy and colour, and also adds floral aromatics.

There are two malbec blocks on the vineyard, one on the traditional flood plain which provides richness, dark fruits and soft tannins. The other block is on lighter soils off the flood plain where the wine has amazing lifted floral notes, purple colour and a firmer tannin structure.

The **2019 Malbec** has been 20 years in the making, but we think it was worth the wait!

The much-anticipated **2018 Arthur's Reserve**, a blend of 93% Cabernet, 5% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot, has just been released and whilst the malbec and petit verdot are supporting acts, the real star here is the cabernet sauvignon.

Its pedigree is undeniably impressive, considering our 2012 Arthur's won the Best Museum Trophy and the 2019 Arthur's the Best Red Blend Trophy at this year's Langhorne Creek Wine Show.



Chair of Judges, Charlie Seppelt with Greg.



2018 Arthur's Reserve Tyson Stelzer

☞ A GRAND JUXTAPOSITION OF THE POWER, ENDURANCE, ENERGY AND EVEN ELEGANCE OF LANGHORNE CREEK. BRILLIANT BLACKCURRANT AND BLACKBERRY FRUIT IS BACKED WITH FRESH LIQUORICE AND DARK CHOCOLATE OAK. AN INTRICATELY ASSEMBLED FRAMEWORK RELIES EQUALLY ON BRIGHT ACID LINE AND FINE-GRAINED TANNINS, MAKING FOR A CELLARING SPECIAL. ☞

While there has been plenty of focus on cabernet sauvignon and malbec lately, let's not forget Langhorne Creek's other gem, shiraz.

The **2018 Winemaker's Selection Shiraz** has just been released and in the true Langhorne Creek style, is a cracking drink right now, but has all the ingredients to be a very long-lived wine.

Likewise, the **2019 Section 54 Shiraz** is just so approachable, showing enticing dark fruits and mocha, lovely mouthfeel and of course, those incredible silky tannins.

Right: The lads, Chris, Chad and Jedd.

Marlene collecting one of our trophies. Courtesy Flavia Watkins Photography.

Ashleigh and Robyn. Courtesy Flavia Watkins Photography.

cool whites

This month has seen both our **2021 Vermentino** and **2021 Rosato** finally hit the bottle. The 2021 vintage has delivered the best crop of Vermentino ever after a couple of really lean years.

The 2020 Vermentino was sold out before Christmas and with the increase in visitation to cellar door over the past 12 months, it's been sorely missed. It is so vibrant and food friendly, and is building a great little fan base.

Similarly, our grenache based **2021 Rosato**, is a beautifully perfumed wine with a long, dry finish and is understandably super popular at cellar door.

Then we have what must have been the first wine bottled in the district this year, our **2021 Moscato**. It was picked mid-February and in the bottle by the first week of April. Love it or loathe it, you can't say it's not fresh.



reviews

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

94
pts

LAKE BREEZE HAS AN UNNERVING CONSISTENCY WITH WELL-PRICED RED WINES THAT DELIVER STRONG REGIONAL CHARACTER AND DETAIL. THIS HAS THE MULBERRY FRUIT, WHITE PEPPER, GREEN HERB AND EUCALYPTUS GOING ON, AS WOULD BE EXPECTED FROM LANGHORNE CREEK, BUT PACKS ALL THIS INTO A SVELTE, LONG AND LUXURIOUS FEELING WINE OF SEAMLESS FLOW. IT'S SUCH A CHARMING THING TO DRINK BUT FEELS FANCY TOO.

MIKE BENNIE

2019 Section 54 Shiraz

DEEP TO OPAQUE RUBY CORE AND RIM. MULBERRIES, MOCHA AND WOOD SHAVINGS ON THE NOSE. A BIG CORE OF INTENSE BLACK FRUITS DRIVE FROM ENTRY, LAYERED AMONGST THAT IS COFFEE AND VANILLA COMPLEXING NOTES. GOOD LENGTH AND WELL-RESOLVED GRAINY TANNINS KEEP IT FOCUSED TO THE FINISH. A LOT OF WINE FOR THE PRICE.

STUART KNOX

THE REAL REVIEW

2019 Malbec

LOOK OUT - VIBRANT PURPLE COLOUR, ATTRACTIVE AROMAS MELDING VIOLETS, TAR AND CRUSHED DARK CRIMSON AND BLUEBERRIES, A PUFF OF CHALK DUST ALSO. TO DRINK, IT'S BRIGHT AND LIVELY, BEAUTIFULLY WEIGHTED, BACKED UP AND COATED WITH LIGHTLY PUCKERING TANNINS. EVERYTHING MOREISH, MODERN AND ABOVE ALL TOTALLY DELICIOUS. IN THE FINAL ROUND FOR BEST OF SHOW JUDGING, I WROTE ONE WORD IN MY SCORING NOTES: "SUPERPOWER".

TONY LOVE

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2021 vintage is certainly looking exceptional at this point in time. The season weatherwise was close to ideal and crop levels were slightly above average, which was a godsend after the last two low yielding vintages.

A mild and dry February/March/April was perfect to ensure full ripeness with good acidity and great flavour development.

About the only downside was a heat event in January which reduced our Malbec crop significantly. Fortunately the wine looks awesome, there's just not much to go around.

The first white grapes actually came off in early February and harvest was evenly paced from there on. Our busiest period was around Easter (the grapes don't recognise public holidays!) and we were able to get a post vintage golf day in before the end of April.

It's one of those great years where all the varieties performed well, without any weak links in the vineyard at all. Now it's up to the winemaker to not stuff it up!

Greg Follett

Below: Wine dogs, Tess and Rosie with Greg.

Below left: Airlee and Ken handpicking our old grenache.





Photo Ellen Heather Photography.

wedding bells!

After postponing due to COVID, it was really special to celebrate Chad and Louise's wedding at Lake Breeze earlier this year.

For those that don't know Chad, he has been Greg's right hand man in the winery for 13 years and counting...

Their reception was held in our new function space, 'the Barrel Room' and it was great to not only celebrate with them, but to enjoy firsthand the great space we've created.

join our wine club!

Call us to become a Duck Club member.



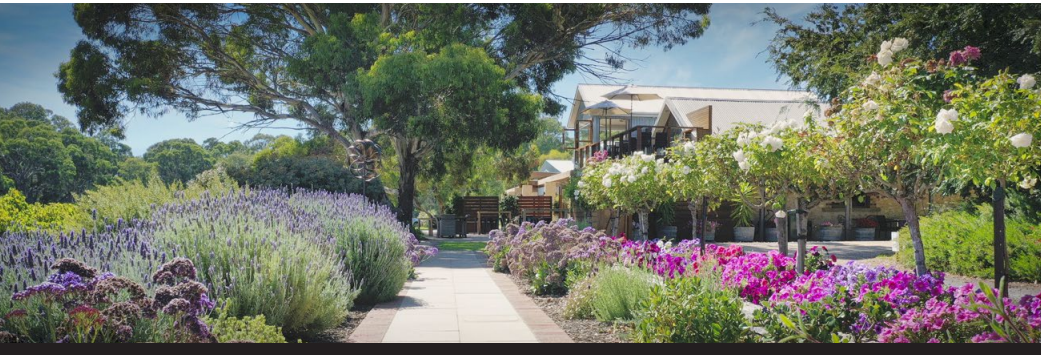
the state of play

We've been touched by the amount of people showing concern regarding our exposure to the Chinese market and sales in general.

The new Chinese tariff has certainly affected us, as this market made up a good swag of our exports. We hope to find a new home for this wine but had a decade long relationship with our Chinese distributors and this market cannot be replaced overnight.

The good news is wine sales to other markets are good and our cellar door is the busiest it's ever been. Thanks for your continuing support and we hope to see you at cellar door soon!

Photo Jon Burke.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pilates + Brunch

Sun, July 18

SALA Festival Exhibition

July 31 – August 30

Featuring local artist

Yvette Colston

Cellar Treasures Weekend

Aug 14 and 15

Langhorne Creek cellar doors



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