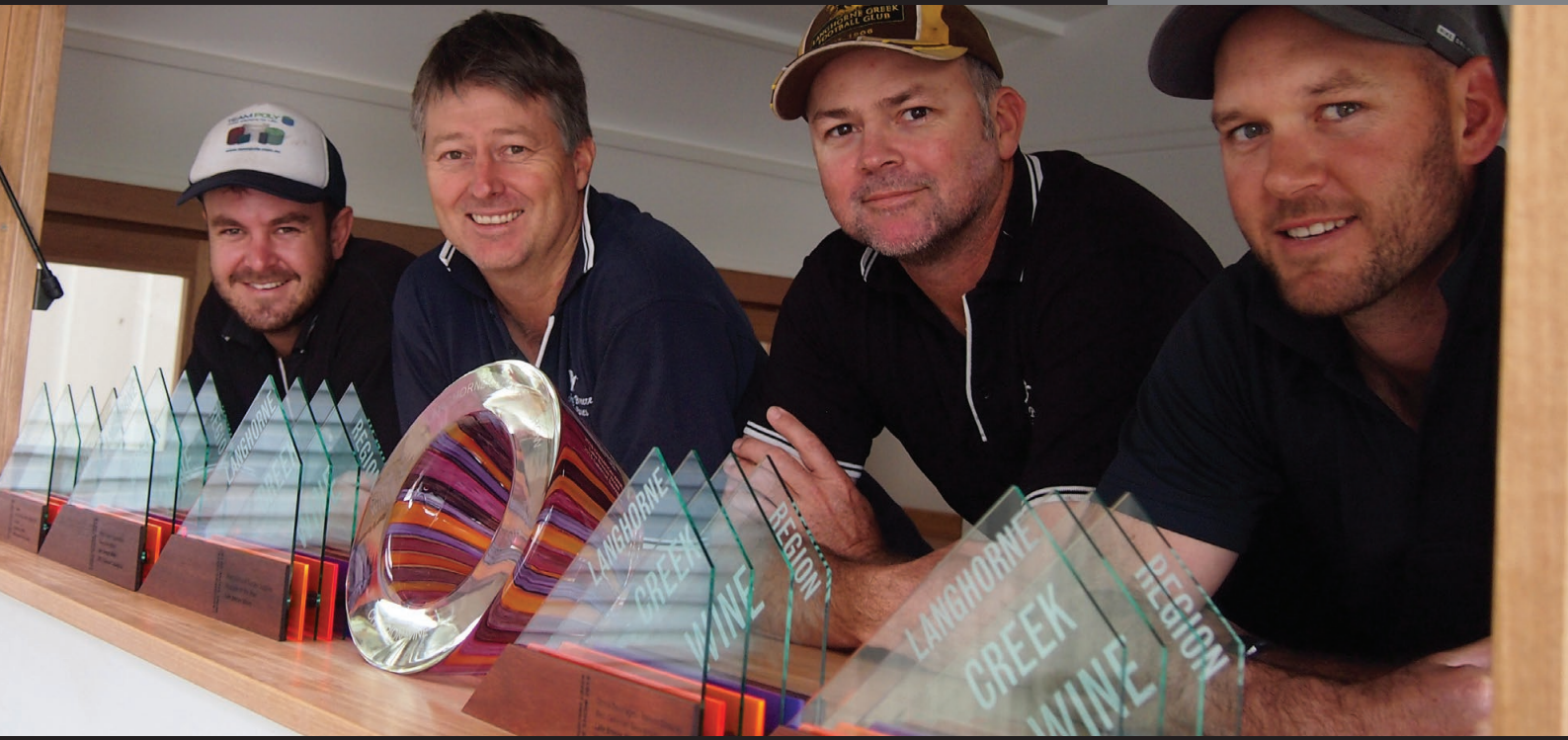


off the duck's back



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CABERNET CAVALCADE

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The family certainly have high expectations for our wines at our local Langhorne Creek Wine Show every year. Maybe its because we have had so much success in the past, but I do feel the pressure to deliver some silverware to the trophy cabinet, so to speak.

So, it was almost a sense of relief when we won the first trophy on offer at our annual Langhorne Creek Wine Show Lunch. When this was followed by a further four, including Champion Wine of the Show for our 2015 Cabernet and Producer of the Year, it was probably more a feeling of embarrassment, (with a smidge of pride thrown in). More importantly 'the family' are off my back and my job is safe for another 12 months.

This years Langhorne Creek Wine Show for the first time entertained an international judge, Joe Czerwinski, from the world's most influential wine publication, the Robert Parker Wine Advocate. He was joined by Charlie Seppelt and colourful wine scribe, Nick Ryan again took the reigns as Chairman.

Directly after the show, Nick wrote an eloquent feature in The Australian: "Greg Follett must be on of the most highly awarded and little-known winemakers in the country. Every year he does a Michael Phelps at the wine show and this year was no exception, yet again taking out the trophy for most successful exhibitor.

This wine (2015 Cabernet Sauvignon) is benchmark Langhorne Creek cabernet, showing a lovely dry leafiness amid polished red fruits. It's lithe and sinewy, alert and refined, and just may be the best value cabernet in the country."

I'll take the Michael Phelps comparison, but I am happy being a little known winemakers as it needn't be about me. It's about the wine, its about a place, a piece of dirt and I am just the fortunate bloke who gets the opportunity to take those grapes and get them into a bottle without screwing it up!! Anyway, there is more than enough bloody celebrity chefs without having celebrity winemakers as well!

Cheers,
Greg Follett
Winemaker/barrel washer

Above: Our winery and vineyard boys, Chad, Greg, Tim and Josh with our haul of trophies!

new releases

We have some absolutely cracking new releases this newsletter, including the 2018 Champion Wine of Langhorne Creek, our **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon**. Having already collected three trophies and four golds, there is no need to spruik this wine's pedigree any further.

You can also get your hands on our much anticipated **2014 Arthur's Reserve** (Cabernet/Petit Verdot/Malbec) which is really starting to gain the notoriety it deserves. Simply speaking, this is classic Langhorne Creek cabernet at its best.

Our most popular and famous wine, the **2015 Bernoota** is almost being overshadowed by our cabernets of late, but has kept its record intact of winning at least one gold medal for every vintage since 1992. This wine is much loved for good reason, as 'bang for buck' it is still hard to beat.

Best White Wine of Show

Chardonnay is back baby! Our **2017 Reserve Chardonnay** won the Best White Wine at the Langhorne Creek Wine Show. Greg reckons that this is right up there as one of the best white wines he's ever made and that it will be even better with a bit of time in the cellar. I've got to admit, it's been a huge help to me whilst writing this newsletter!

And at long last we have **Rosato** again! It is the first of our 2018 wines to hit cellar door.

2015 Bernoota

FROM ONE OF THE DISTRICT'S ORIGINAL FARMING AND THEN WINE BIZ FAMILIES, GREG AND ROBYN FOLLETT NOW STEERING TRADITIONAL REGIONAL REDS AND ALSO SOME NEWER VARIETIES. THE SHIRAZ/CABERNET RED BLEND HAS BROUGHT CONSIDERABLE FAME TO THE DISTRICT, AND THIS ITERATION IS A GREAT AMBASSADOR, THE SHIRAZ ADDING A PLUSHNESS WHILE THE CABERNET BRINGS AROMATIC POWER WITH DISTINCTIVE EUCALYPT LEAF AND FOREST FLOOR NOTES, FOLLOWED BY PALATE RICHNESS AND FINE, DUSTY TANNINS TO ITS DRY AUSSIE RED FINISH.

Tony Love, The Advertiser

Arthur's Reserve

LAKE BREEZE'S FLAGSHIP WINE SHOWCASES THE CLASS OF ITS CABERNET SAUVIGNON BY SELECTING THE 10 BEST BARRELS THEN ADDING PETIT VERDOT 9% AND MALBEC 5% FOR THEIR UNIQUE ELEMENTS, FLORALS/SPICE AND OOMPH RESPECTIVELY. THERE'S A FINENESS TO THIS COMPLEMENTING A DEPTH OF FLAVOUR, RICH BUT NOT HEAVY. LONG, PURE AND REALLY DETAILED.

Jane Faulkner

96 pts James Halliday's 2018 Wine Companion



LANGHORNE CREEK WINE SHOW

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trophies

Champion Wine of Show

Producer of the Year

Best Cabernet Sauvignon

Best White/Rosé/Sparkling Wine

Best Museum/Fortified Wine

gold medals

Reserve Chardonnay 2017

Winemaker's Selection Shiraz 2014

Winemaker's Selection Shiraz 2016

Section 54 Shiraz 2016

Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Cabernet Sauvignon 2004



Winemaker Dinners

We had a great time in Brisbane recently, catching up with old and new friends alike. The Alliance Hotel, one of Brisbane's favourite gastro pubs, was the host for a great evening of delicious food and some pretty special wines.

A stand out of the evening, apart from the witty commentary provided by Greg, was our **2010 The Drake**. It was a great opportunity to indulge and see just how amazing this wine is.

FALSE CAPE

False Cape changes

The Kangaroo Island journey that is False Cape began in 1999, when we purchased a piece of land in conjunction with Greg's sister, Julie and her husband Jamie Helyar.

Vineyards and the wine brand soon followed and we are proud of the wines we have produced from this special place in South Australia.

We have been gradually transitioning the business and from now on Julie and Jamie will be taking over all sales and administration of False Cape.

Greg will continue to handcraft these wines and if you have any queries, don't hesitate to call us and we will point you in the right direction.

We've included a separate False Cape order form with this newsletter, which can be returned to Julie and she will now coordinate the despatch of your wine orders.

Julie and Jamie have been working hard, steadily increasing the size of the vineyard, investing in a huge wind generator and solar panels and have commenced work on their cellar door overlooking the vineyard.



Above, top down:
Kent getting down and dirty, digging out fermenter.
Tasman plunging a small batch of shiraz.
Ken hand picking our old grenache.



Handpicked Festival

Handpicked HQ is already abuzz with Kate working hard to secure the line up for this year's festival.

We've locked in Saturday, November 10 as the day that the limelight is thrown on Lake Breeze.

www.handpickedfestival.com

VINTAGE REPORT

I know we like to sprout off about the consistency of Langhorne Creek vintages, and that we only have good years or great years.

2018 will definitely go down as one of the great vintages and has us smiling from ear to ear.

Our crops were actually pretty good, sitting at just below average across most of the vineyard, far better than other parts of the state. Weather conditions were basically ideal, with only one exceptionally hot day mid January, which caused some heat damage in a few isolated pockets.

A couple of nice floods last winter provided the subsoil moisture we needed to get through the extremely dry summer and autumn. The reds in particular are looking super impressive with no shortage of colour and flavour across all varieties.

The first pick this year was our white frontignac for our Moscato in mid-February, which had a lighter crop than usual. Our chardonnay followed a week later, whilst the first of the reds trickled in during the first week of March. It was actually a nicely paced vintage, with no pressure for space in the winery which is how us winemakers like it!

Vintage was all finished the week after Easter and the winery was clean by the end of April in time for the Langhorne Creek Wine Show Luncheon.

Once again this year, the young relatives came out of the woodwork for vintage, with my nephew Kent and my cousin's lad, Tasman, being the latest to cut their teeth with a Lake Breeze vintage.

I was actually pretty impressed with how they worked over vintage, that is when I could prise a phone out of their hands!

Greg Follett.



Photo courtesy of Maaike.

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events manager, so she's the go to girl for all bookings and events. She brings to us a wealth of experience in events from the Port Lincoln Hotel.

If you haven't already met Ashleigh at cellar door, we'd like to introduce you! Ashleigh is our cellar door, wedding and

Next time you visit Lake Breeze you'll be impressed by our new 'terrace' in front of cellar door. With our long Summer and mild Autumn, it's been perfect for enjoying a glass of wine and lunch right amongst the vines.

We've a few more Winemaker Dinners lined up for Melbourne and Sydney, so give us a call to register your interest.

We hope to see you soon, either in your neck of the woods or at cellar door!

Cheers,
Robyn Follett.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cellar Treasures Luncheon

Lake Breeze
Fri, Aug 3, 2018

Cellar Treasures Weekend

Langhorne Creek
cellar doors
Aug 11+12, 2018

Melbourne Winemaker Dinner

Steer Dining Room
South Yarra
Tues, Aug 28

Sydney Winemaker Dinner

The Gantry
Barangaroo
Tues, Sept 18

Handpicked Festival

Lake Breeze
Sat, Nov 10, 2018

Langhorne Creek Cup

Strathalbyn Racecourse
Sun, Nov 18, 2018

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