

off the duck's back



LAKE BREEZE
LANGHORNE CREEK



CHAMPION WINE CHAMPION WINEMAKER

This newsletter coincides with the release of our 2016 Arthur's Reserve, which over the past decade has successfully nudged Bernoota aside to become our flagship wine.

Considering it has the best 10 barrels of cabernet from the vintage at its core, this is not surprising.

We were chuffed with these comments from wine writer, Tim White:

"It's not from Margaret River, nor Coonawarra, but from Langhorne Creek: and **Lake Breeze's Arthur's Reserve '16** is one of Australia's great cabernet sauvignon-based wines. One of our country's most awesome red wines full-stop in fact, and has been - vintage conditions permitting - for a decade and a half. So too the straight cabernet sauvignon."

The 2016 is a blend of 88% Cabernet, 7% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec and has won a total of 5 gold medals and also the trophy for Champion Red Wine of the Australian Small Winemakers Show.

The Arthur's is named after our great grandfather, Arthur Follett, who planted the first vines on our property in the late 1880's.

Arthur was actually a staunch Methodist and did not believe in the consumption of alcohol unless it was for communion at church. In fact, most of what was planted in the early days were currants for drying.

I have been told, my grandfather Len, unsurprisingly, was a tee-totaller and never touched alcohol either. My father Ken (Gramps) enjoys an occasional tippie, but swears he's never been drunk in his life.

I have no such claims like my father and my alcohol free days are as rare as rocking horse droppings. (Well it is my job after all.)

Now, you can probably see a pattern forming here and I think I can hear the sound of my great grandfather turning in his grave as I sip away on another glass of Arthur's and pray for my children.

Cheers,
Greg Follett
Beef cattle farmer



CHAMPION RED WINE OF SHOW

CHAMPION WINEMAKER OF SHOW
2019 Australian Small Winemakers Show

GOLD MEDALS x 5



handpicked festival

Our *Handpicked Festival* was the biggest yet! We reached capacity at 6,000 people, selling out 6 weeks before the event.

It was an amazing day and we can't help admitting that John Butler and Missy Higgins (pictured below) stole the show!

Here's just one of the thoughtful comments we've received:

"Thank you Lake Breeze, (we) had an absolutely fabulous day and evening with great friends. You have a stunning back yard and should be very proud of what you have all achieved."

Kate and Lauren have commenced plans for next year already!

Lock in the date, Nov 14.



new releases

Our 2017 reds have hit cellar door. We've recently released our **2017 Bernoota, 2017 Cabernet and 2017 Section 54**. However, we only have a small amount of our 2017 Section 54, so first in best dressed!

Other new releases include a number of white wines, such as **2018 Reserve Chardonnay, 2019 Vermentino and 2019 Moscato**.

We have imposed limits on our **2019 Rosato**, which is simply running out the door and of course, on our **2016 Arthur's Reserve**, with its enviable show record.



Bullants

Just in time for summer, we've released our **2018 Bullant Chardonnay**. Great value and a must have in the fridge door this silly season!

The **Bullant 2017 Cabernet Merlot** was awarded a gold medal at the **Mundus Vini International Wine Awards** earlier this year and as we always say, our **Bullant** wines certainly punch above their weight!

TOP 10 BEST VALUE WINERIES

JAMES HALLIDAY

It goes without saying that our wines are great value, but it was nice for them be formally recognised in *James Halliday's Top 10 Best Value Wineries*.

Of the 14 wines we submitted, 11 were given 'value rosettes', therefore wines considered to offer special value for money.

97 pts 2016 Arthur's Reserve

"... It is such an elegant wine, the purity of the cabernet sauvignon (the other bits and pieces don't count) is smashing, as is the structure ex superfine tannins and oak..." JH



95 pts 2016 Winemaker's Selection Shiraz

"This the Lake Breeze signature wine, produced from the best rows of the estate vineyard. Deep crimson-purple; it is challenging in the best possible way by its complexity, balanced with juicy black fruits, licorice and spice on the mid-palate, then moving decisively to bright acidity and bitter chocolate on the textured finish." JH



95 pts 2017 Section 54 Shiraz

"A fruit and barrel selection, matured for 15 months in French oak. Excellent hue; a very expressive bouquet leads into a palate literally dancing with spicy red and black fruits before the velvet gloves of the finish come into play. The all-up flavour range is wonderful, value likewise." JH



94 pts 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

"Langhorne Creek is a full-on (cool) maritime climate, so wines of this quality and character priced this low are a bargain - and '17 was a great vintage. The wine is flush with cassis, a splash of plum and oak, and ripe tannins." JH



LANGHORNE CREEK HAS A PERFECT CLIMATE FOR SHIRAZ AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON, AND WAS THE MAKING OF WOLF BLASS. **JAMES HALLIDAY**



picnic at Lake Breeze

At last we have perfect picnic weather, so call us to organise your picnic on the lawns at Lake Breeze. Pick up your basket, picnic blanket and select your wine at cellar door and spend a long, lazy afternoon under the gums.

duck club

Keep your cellar stocked with our Lake Breeze wines.

Join our Duck Club to have a case delivered to your door each March and September.

Our Duck Club selections represent a 20% saving and you'll also receive 10% discount on any other wine purchases and on your stay at The Creek Cottage bed and breakfast.

Call us or visit the website to find out more.



the gang

Our *Tunes on the Terrace* event gave us the rare opportunity to get a snap shot of the cellar door gang at Lake Breeze - well most of us.

We filled *The Terrace* with Lake Breeze lovers for an afternoon of great wine and live music and Chef Brad cooked up a huge paella amongst the crowd. Watch out for it next Spring!



VINEYARD REPORT

Well, it's been another dry year here in Langhorne Creek, but fortunately there was enough rainfall in August for a small flood event, giving our home block of old vines a good soaking before the growing season.

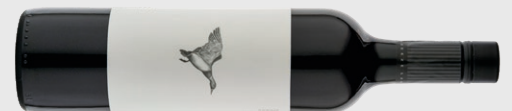
The dry, cool start to spring also saw a bit of frost in the district, which touched up a few of our early bursting vineyards. Bunch numbers elsewhere look very good at this point, so hopefully will balance out the losses from this early frost.

Some more shiraz planting has continued, as well as a new block of grenache that has been put in to try and keep up with the demand for our Rosato!

Tim, Josh and Jedd are putting a lot more work into the cover crops and mulching to help minimise chemical use in the vineyard and they continue to rework our older vines.

A big mention should also go to our gardener and grounds keeper, Don (Tim's father-in-law) who has kept our grounds in magnificent condition, as we have had several wedding ceremony's and of course, our *Handpicked Festival* goes enjoying this beautiful space recently.

Greg Follett.





Above: 1 Lunch on The Terrace. **2** LC Football Club 2019 Premiers. **3** Filming Channel 7's SA Weekender. **4** Hallowed ground. Tria and Rick at Lords for the World Cup.

In the lead up to our *Handpicked Festival*, Channel 7's *SA Weekender* travel show spent the day with us. It didn't feel unlike Christmas, with the entire family lunching with Briony Hume and the crew. The resultant segment was terrific and you'll find it on the blog on our website.

Speaking of Christmas gatherings, from our entire family to yours, we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas!

Cheers, Robyn.



Where's your Bernoota been?

It's always tough when it comes down to selecting a winner.

However, Necia and James have gone the whole hog here, with the Stetson hats and all!

After surviving four plane flights, one train ride on a journey through a number of American states during their five week USA trip, they enjoyed their Bernoota in Monument Valley, Navajo Tribal Park in Utah.

There's a case of Bernoota coming your way guys!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cellar Door Fest

Adelaide Convention Centre
Feb 7-9, 2020

Cellar Treasures Luncheon

Lake Breeze Wines
Friday, Aug 7, 2020

Cellar Treasures

Langhorne Creek cellar doors
Aug 15 +16, 2020

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