



NEWSLETTER: March 2022

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Wine Dogs

Craig from Wine Dogs popped up to take Oscar and Tigger's photos for the newest version of the ever-popular dogs n' winery coffee table book. Oscar did a bolt back to his kennel once official business concluded, but Tigger stuck around for some unofficial shots - Craig had a heap of doggy treats in his bum bag.



Anniversary time at Springs Road, Kangaroo Island

We had another anniversary, with fabulous cellar door operative Annabel Vickery clocking up 3 years at Springs Road on Kangaroo Island. As well as being a terrific cellar door host, she has a wonderful wine pedigree; her father is none other than legendary Riesling maker, John Vickery.

Annabel is very much a Renaissance woman and can turn her hand to anything, which is essential at Springs Road; pruning, lawnmowing, whipper-snipping, animal wrangling, wine tasting & sales... She has tickets for lots of big machinery, too.



Kelly relaxing

Toy Story

The new 'thing' over summer was the bell tent which became the toy tent. You can see Kelly's boys Arthur and Stanley playing in it. Kelly works over here at Battle of Bosworth but holidayed on the island. The young lads loved running around the Springs Road Farm chasing the chooks and guinea fowl, checking out the sheep and generally just expending energy while Kel sat and enjoyed a moment on the deck.



New wine little island red

We released a brand-new wine from the Springs Road stable, the little island red 2021. It's a young fresh KI shiraz with bright fresh fruit. The label was inspired (quite heavily, actually) by the front cover of a short history of Kangaroo Island that was published in 1951 by the Kingscote branch of the CWA (Country Women's Association). We love the green! Thanks to Mel Terret from 3 Bags Full for your hard work and patience with us. This label was a tough one to get consensus on, but the wine gets the thumbs up from everyone who tastes it.

little island

WINE CLUB

KI wine club

Not only have we released a new wine from the Springs Road stable, but also a new wine club, the little island wine club. For those customers who want to receive a selection of our Springs Road KI wine to their door, twice a year, then membership of this club is for you. Check out the details by using the QR code – you know how to use them after 2 years of COVID!



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Woody at work

Vintage 2022

Vintage 2022 has well and truly begun, with all the whites off, and most of the Pinot Noir. It was a relatively late start to harvest (or maybe the old normal?) and there seems to be a healthy amount of grapes out there. You can see Woody here bringing grapes back from Cox's block to the winery.



Scott the winemaker



Hugo & Spence

Young Blood

Every vintage we take on a body or two to help with tractor-driving in the vineyard and jobs in the winery. This year we have young Hugo Johnston from Normanville, seen here with Spencer 'Big Dog' Lee, who is showing him the ropes. I think I am right in saying Hugo hadn't driven a tractor before? Thank you, Hugo for halving the average age of the blokes in the vineyard and winery.



Bron

Putting the band back together; The return of Bron the Bookkeeper

We have had a change of personnel here in the office. Bronwyn Lock has returned to the bookkeeping role after a 3-year nursing hiatus. I think she missed the relaxed office vibe (we had our new kitten Cowboy up for a play the other day – productivity suspended for about half an hour as 4 people played with the kitty...) and the big green window which looks out onto Hall's dairy. Welcome back Bron and farewell and thank you to outgoing book keeper, Hannah. See you on the Willunga Facebook community (uncensored) page!



Spring Seed Spruce-Up

I had some new photos of the Spring Seed wine range taken recently for our new website. Ben MacMahon of MacMahon Images did the honours. Ben incidentally is the son of a couple of our very first mail order customers, his parents Tom and Mary MacMahon. They did their first tasting of the Bosworth wines at our kitchen bench, way back when. Have a look at our new Spring Seed Wine Co website here www.springseedwineco.com.au



Hill Billy Highway

The boys went off to Springs Road to pick the Chardonnay and packed up the trailer, with another trailer and a picking bin. The bin looks a bit precarious, but Joch tells me it was all strapped on very correctly. What can possibly go wrong? Ian Adam, former vineyard, winery and cellar door worker loves seeing shots like these, so whenever Joch sends me photos like this, I send them straight on to Ian. 'What can possibly go wrong' I can hear Ian say from here.



Joch the shucker

Oysters and Chardonnay

We had our first ever 1485 Wine Club member event recently, at the Battle of Bosworth cellar door. The timing was awkward – it was in between lock downs and the salmonella oyster outbreaks on the West Coast. We didn't want our first club event to end up in hospital admissions, so pivoting neatly, we ordered from Kangaroo Island and got them delivered direct from American River. Just in time. It was a lovely evening. More events to come, (look out for our vintage picnic which is coming soon) but these events are for wine club members only. It might be worth signing up for this very reason.



the happy couple

Danielle 'Bullet' Bayard says yes!

A double celebration for cellar door operative Danielle as we celebrate her two year anniversary of working at Battle of Bosworth and overseas at the Springs Road Cellar Door on Kangaroo Island. An even bigger celebration is for her engagement to Darren 'Macca' Arnold the horse vet. Congratulations Danielle and Macca.



Cuddly Koala

We do like balance here at Bosworth Wines; in our vines, in our wines, and also in the photographic representation of native vs introduced animals, too. If Tigger the enormous dachshund gets her noggin in the newsletter, it is only right and proper that a cuddly koala gets a look in too. Joch found this big koala up a gum tree in the creek behind Chanticleer block.



Marree connections

Jane Arnold our cellar door manager and Joch's dad, Peter Bosworth, were having a chat one day when Peter came to collect the mail. (Peter and wife Anthea began the Bosworth wine story when they purchased a run-down mixed farming property called the Grange in the early 1970's. They planted vineyards on the home block, and expanded their holdings in the area until Joch took over in 1995).

Back to Jane and Peter chatting. Peter and Anthea were heading to Maree in their caravan, and Jane mentioned she had family up there. Peter said, so did he – in the ground at the Maree cemetery! Jane said yes hers were residing there too.

From this conversation we got this photo of the 1913 Farina race club committee on which both Joch's great grandfather and Jane's great grandfather and his brother were members. A. Bosworth (Manager of Mount Nor'West station) is second from the right on the top row. Second from the left on the bottom row is 'Buffalo Bill' Arnold (from Mount Lyndhurst) and second from the right is Dick Arnold the Maree shopkeeper and his daughter (Jane's great Aunt). They don't take photos like this anymore.

