



BATTLE  
*of*  
BOSWORTH  
McLAREN VALE



SPRINGS  
ROAD  
*Kangaroo Island*

NEWSLETTER: *October 2021*



## TREE LINED DRIVEWAYS

For those of you who have visited both of our cellar doors and vineyards, you will know that the entrance to both is via tree lined driveways, or avenues. Same, but very different. At Battle of Bosworth, we have Asiatic plane trees (the story is Joch's parents wanted London Plane trees, but got these instead) and the far longer driveway at Springs Road has a few claret Ash. We like to think that our customers use this time driving up our driveways to relax and kick into holiday mode. Watch out for the rooster and guinea fowl at Springs Road though, they have no road sense whatsoever.



Water at Snake Creek

## WINTER RAIN

In keeping with my usual ramblings about the passing of the seasons here at both Battle of Bosworth and Springs Road, we had some awesome winter rain here and on the island, and from the looks of things, spring is going to be damp too. Although we can use underground water to irrigate the vines, the rain helps re-charge the underground aquifers from which we draw our water in summer. You can see that snake gully is nice and wet – this is the spot halfway down the drive way. It looked like this several times during winter.



## SAYONARA PETIT VERDOT AND HELLO NEW VINTAGE OF THE BEST OF VINTAGE (2019)

Best of Vintage is as the name suggests, the very best (red) wine from the vintage, which gets to spend extra time in the best oak barrels. The process begins when Joch tastes every barrel of current red wine when it is time to start bottling them all. Every barrel is tasted and assessed. Any outstanding barrels are set aside for Best of Vintage.

The majority of the 2019 Best of Vintage comprises Petit Verdot. This used to be grown on the hill outside cellar door, however following the 2019 vintage Joch cut off the PV and grafted it to Shiraz, so this wine represents the variety's swansong! It was a little sad to say goodbye to the PV, but it ripens so much later than the other varieties on our vineyard (about 2 weeks), Joch started to get very impatient, waiting to go fishing but having to wait to pick and ferment it. He wasn't sad at all.



Roxie Deacon

## A DECADE OF CELLAR DOOR HERE AT BATTLE OF BOSWORTH

Our cellar door turned 10 in August, a milestone worth mentioning. We have the wonderful Roxie Deacon to thank for making the cellar door happen. She helped transform the former chaff shed/guest room into the lovely little space that is our tasting room. Onya Rox!



White Boar lover Rebecca and her cabin boy, Bob

## HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION REVIEW FOR THE 2017 WHITE BOAR SHIRAZ

We have had the annual exam results from the Halliday Wine Companion 2022 and we had some solid scores for our wines. The 2017 Battle of Bosworth White Boar Shiraz/ Cabernet Sauvignon got 93 points and a ripping review:

*'The result is sumptuous, without being jammy or heavy. The tannins are thickly textured yet lithe, supporting a powerful wine that is both savoury, appetising and versatile. Damson plum, kirsch, bitter chocolate and cherry liqueur.'*

This wine is Rebecca Blythman from cellar door's FAVOURITE wine. She's a fine judge of wine, clearly.





Danielle's turn!



Almond Blossom



Winnower



### THE ORANGE OVERALLS OF SHAME

We had a big Staff Drinks at cellar door for one reason or another - birthday wishes to Erin who turned the big Four OH and a few oysters and general catch up. We had a visit from Ben MacMahon, fabulous photographer, too! He took some ace shots of Joch tasting through some old vintage wines which we included in our Wine Club packs.

I guess the main reason for the get together was to Robe our newest wearer of the Orange Overalls of Shame. Danielle was the winner by a country mile for this honour, after the big ute mix up, which involved bringing the wrong ute all the way back from the island. Danielle Bayard, or 'Bullet' Bayard didn't seem that upset with getting the award, as you can see. Who will wear the overalls of shame next?



Our distributors on deck



Wandering Souls tents by Springs Road Cellar Door



Wandering Souls tents amongst the vines

### BOSWORTH HISTORY

Not a lot of people know that our home block which has the house and cellar door on it used to be called Grange. We decided not to use that name for our wine brand, I can't think why, it has a great ring to it.

Local photographer and all-round good guy Ben MacMahon called in to take some shot of the place. He came in when we were having the staff 'do'. (Interesting fact Ben's Ma and Pa from Coorparoo in QLD were one of our very first mail order customers, and tried their first Battle of Bosworth wines at our kitchen bench!) These are his shots of the almond blossom and the winnower.

Grange used to be a mixed farm with crops, stock and also almonds. When Joch's parents, Peter and Anthea bought the block in the early 1970's they set about renovating the house and pulled out most of the almonds and planted vineyards. There are a few almond trees left, which looks awesome when the blossom appears.

### KANGAROO ISLAND VINEYARD STAYS WITH WANDERING SOULS

Over on Kangaroo Island we things have been going well - like McLaren Vale, Cygnet River, our little patch of KI has had a lot of winter of rain, and the dam is full! Unlike MV, we don't have any underground water to rely on for summer irrigation, so this rain is doubly important for us.

In a new development, we have partnered with the good folk from Wandering Souls, and so if you are looking to stay on the Island, you can book one of their wonderful bell tents and stay at Springs Road. They have 5 different styles of décor that you can choose, as well as a luxurious bed. Have a look at the website [wandering Souls.com.au](http://wandering Souls.com.au)



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Prospect Hill



Ian Adam



Yoga with the trees!

### SA VISITORS TO THE ISLAND

We took our South Australian distributors from Chace Agencies over to KI for a look-see in between lock down and did a whirlwind tour of our neck of the woods. First stop after their flight in was a leg-stretcher up Prospect Hill (on the Hog Bay Road between Penneshaw and Springs Road). Everyone made it up there, and the view was wonderful. By far the fittest was Chanda the boss who skipped up the steps like a mountain goat and put the rest of us to shame.

### PRODUCT ENDORSEMENTS BY FORMER EMPLOYEES

It's nice to get a ringing product endorsement, and there's nothing like a sale to former cellar door, vineyard and winery operative and bon vivant Ian Adam from Dabblebrook Wines to tell you that a wine tastes good! He was only in the other day for some of this wine...

For the uninitiated, the 2020 Heretic is not a wine that is being persecuted because of its religious beliefs; no, Heretic is so named because it is an unorthodox blend of Touriga Nacional (from Portugal), Graciano (from Spain) and Shiraz (from McLaren Vale). The wine is a wonderful mid-weight savoury kind of wine.

### YOGA IN THE VINES

Danielle 'Bullet' Bayard features again with her daughter and sister-in-law pulling yoga style headstands at the yoga tree down the drive way. We keep threatening to have a Bosworth yoga session on the lawn before work, but haven't got round to it. It might some pushing from our newest cellar door operative, Millie who is a yoga teacher, to get this work program up and running. I can see Bozzie and James 'Woody' King doing the warrior pose at first light in front of cellar door.

### VISIT SOUTH US AT BATTLE OF BOSWORTH AND SPRINGS ROAD, KANGAROO ISLAND

We are hoping, as is everyone, that the borders open up sooner rather than later, before Christmas please everyone! To that end, crossing fingers and praying to the gods of all shapes and sizes, we hope to see your smiling faces up at our cellar doors again soon!

Cheers,

*Joch, Louise and the team at Battle of Bosworth and Springs Road, KI.*



Ruga on the KI sofa



Spring buds



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