



CLEGGETT WINES NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009



HOME OF  
TWO UNIQUE  
AUSTRALIAN  
GRAPE  
VARIETIES

Dear Friends,

One never tires of that wonderful moment when the rows of neatly trained vines begin to show tiny tufts of bright green new leaves heralding Spring, and another vintage cycle.

This year budburst in Langhorne Creek was two weeks early, a happy consequence of wonderful soaking rains in August and September and our allocated access to the controlled irrigation floodwaters of the Bremer River. Pruning went without a hitch and bunch numbers were kept deliberately low to foster quality at harvest time. There is no question – the vineyards are looking their best for many seasons.

What's more, winter rainfall bolstered the establishment of the garden surrounding the new Cellar Door. Amazingly, the lawn has to be mowed frequently – a far cry from this time last year.



## OPEN HOUSE

Like a ship, every new premises deserves to be christened or at least be treated to a 'naming' ceremony. We didn't exactly smash a bottle against the Cellar Door, but the opening on 30 April 2009 was a memorable occasion.

Presided over by Professor Sakkie Pretorius, Managing Director of the Australian Wine Research Institute, the event, attended by family, friends, scientists and wine industry personnel was a huge success. Guests gathered in the sunshine to enjoy the delicious food of local caterer Lisa Wenzel, and toasted the opening with glasses of the popular **Cleggett Sparkling Bronze Cabernet**.

Sakkie's inspiring speech ended with a beautiful poem by Hugh Prather about Risk. With permission we share this inspiration.

To laugh, is to risk playing the fool  
To weep, is to risk appearing sentimental  
To reach out for another, is to risk involvement  
To expose feelings, is to risk exposing  
our true selves.

To put your ideas, your dreams, before the crowd  
is to risk loss.

To love, is to risk not being loved in return.

To live, is to risk dying.

To hope, is to risk despair.

To try at all, is to risk failure.

### **But risks must be taken!**

Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
The person who risks nothing, does nothing,  
has nothing, is nothing.

They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they  
simply cannot learn, change, feel, grow, love  
or live...

Chained by their attitudes they are slaves.

**Only the person who risks is free...**

## TRAVELLING NORTH

We took a short mid-winter break to visit Darwin and were thrilled when one of its best restaurants, La Beach in Cullen Bay, chose **Cleggett Pearl Rosé** to match its superb selection of seafood and spectacular Top End sunsets.

Bookings: (08) 8941 7400

Left: Mac and Anne toast healthy risk  
with Professor Sakkie Pretorius

## CRACKING THE CODE

The Langhorne Creek generic promotion dubbed **Codebreakers** recently turned its attention to sunny Queensland. In June, the group formed to promote both the region and participants' individual brands, took part in the Brisbane Fine Wine Festival where Cleggett scored two Bronze Medals – for **Shalistin 2008** and our **Sparkling Bronze Cabernet Malian 2008**.

Codebreakers also staged a sell-out event with the Wine Society at Brisbane's 5-star Hilton hotel, the first time the region has hosted a showcase tasting for wine lovers in the sunshine state.

Pleasingly, several of our wines are now available in Brisbane from Stewarts independent fine wine stores, including the popular Portside shop. Call in and ask expert Steve Knight to find a bottle or two of **White Cabernet Sauvignon 2008** for your next dinner party, or maybe he will still have a **Cleggett Legend Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2003** tucked away.

## IN THE FAMILY

The ongoing success of the Cleggett label has fascinating consequences, not the least on the family tree. Cleggetts simply keep coming 'out of the woodwork.' The latest of Mac's newfound UK relatives sent us an astounding etching featuring London's Leadenhall Markets in the mid-1800s. Imagine our surprise when we spotted the 'Cleggett Wine & Spirit Merchant' sign hanging above the bustling market stalls.



We know that Mac's ancestors arrived in South Australia from Kent in 1838 – two years after the arrival of South Australia's first settlers – but we did not know about the original family wine merchants. Fascinating stuff!

Anne's family, the McLennan clan will gather later this month in Burrawang, NSW for the wedding of Anne's son Jason McLennan to Veronica Ledek, a happy occasion, when the couple's future will be toasted with the in-house family wine.

## OYSTER FEAST

It's not long till our annual trek to Ceduna to the **Oysterfest** on **3-4 October**. If you have never tried the plump oysters from the west coast of the Eyre Peninsula, South Australia or King George Whiting then you haven't really lived! Best enjoyed with a chilled glass of Cleggett bubbles or **White Cabernet Shalistin!**



## NEW RELEASES

**Cleggett White Cabernet Sauvignon Shalistin 2008** continues to generate new fans and is increasingly appearing on Adelaide restaurant wine lists. Also available from Wine Haven cellars at Killarney Heights, Sydney. Call Jason on (02) 9975 3799.

The enclosed Order Form lists the current releases available to Wine Club Members at preferential prices. There are only limited stocks of some wines, so order soon to avoid disappointment!



## BOUND FOR THE CREEK?

Langhorne Creek continues to attract more wine tourists. If you are planning a trip we are happy to recommend accommodation. Our favourites are:

**Bremer Cottage** – two luxurious queen bedrooms with TV's, open fire, spa, private deck and BBQ area.  
T: (08) 8373 1400

E: [bookings@bremercottage.com.au](mailto:bookings@bremercottage.com.au)

**Strath Motel (4-Star)** an ideal base for a short break to explore the local wineries and Strathalbyn's renowned antique shops. [www.strathmotel.com.au](http://www.strathmotel.com.au)

We also host visitors in our comfortable guest room.  
E: [info@cleggettwin.com.au](mailto:info@cleggettwin.com.au)

Vineyard tours are available provided you call in advance, so we can allocate time to host your visit, especially during vintage.

As this is our last newsletter for the year we would like to extend thanks to all our supporters and friends – your enthusiasm goes a long way to assisting us building both awareness and success of this small family wine estate.

Cheers, Anne & Mac

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