

Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club

September 2022

An Evening With Brockenchack Wines

There was a big turnout this month to view the uniquely titled wines of Brockenchack. On arrival we sipped the Welcome Wine of Brockenchack Tru Su 2022 Rose along with our traditional cheese and nibbles. MC Graeme Worsely welcomed our guests Lisa Farquar, Ingo Jerke, Shamim Asadi Tony and Sue Connelly and Mark Kerrigan. Graeme then welcomed Trevor Harch our presenter for the night. Trevor came to the Barossa from Queensland in the late 90's purchasing the Tanunda Cellars bottle shop. It was here that he met our late founder Bruce Thiele who in his usual style became a mentor for Trevor. In 2007, Trevor jumped on an opportunity to purchase an established vineyard in Eden Valley's Keyneton, with the vision of one day retiring with Marilyn his wife, to this gorgeous corner of the world.



Within two years their vineyard had grown to include the neighbouring block, giving a total of 106 acres of land, planted out with approximately 43 acres of vines; including new varieties of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir which were all planted with tender care and big aspirations.

GUEST INVITATION

You are invited to join a group of like minded people at a Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club dinner meeting to taste, talk about, learn and enjoy wine. btredwineclub@gmail.com

Coming up

- ♦ Oct: Remembering Bruce Thiele Dell'Uva Wines (Red Room Lyndoch Hotel)
- ♦ Nov 15th: Kies Wines (Away)
- ♦ Dec: 6th Christmas at Rosenvale with Wives & partners (Away).

BRING A FRIEND

Remember, at home shows you can introduce a new guest for just \$30.

Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)

Trevor then went on to explain the story behind the unique name. Many of us had thought it was some strange historical German word but in fact it was named after his four grandchildren; **BR**onte, Ma**CKEN**zie, **CH**arli and Ja**CK**; This started a tradition of naming many of his wines after members of the family.



Trevor then talked about his Tru Su Shiraz Rose which we had enjoyed as our Welcome Wine. Rose he said was the most imbibed wine in the world! His first foray was his 2011 which won the top award at the Barossa Wine Show definitely a good opener for our night. Trevor then showed us his Sparkling Shiraz This wine was a tribute to Scott Pollock, his late son-in-law, father of his grandchildren Jack & Charli and husband to his daughter Trudi. Awarded 92 Points by Ken Gargett from Wine-pilot it proved a great way to prepare our palettes for the wines to come.



Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)



Wine two was the Hare Hunter Pinot Noir a variety well suited to the Eden Valley. Trevor found a cool spot at 475 metres above sea level and planted a mixture of four clones resulting in a savoury heavier version of the wine. It won a Gold Medal at the 2022 London Wine Competition. The family designed their own fermenter for this wine and ensured that the fruit was hand picked.

Our third wine was a cool climate Megan Jane Grenache, (another family name connection, pictured) once again grown between 450 and 470 metres above sea level. A medium bodied Grenache style, with structured acidity and grippy tannins which kept the basket of wild fruits flavours well in check.



Wine 4 was the Zip Line Shiraz which was cellared in old French Oak. This middle-weight Eden Valley Shiraz impressed from the get go. It is made from his Eden Valley single vineyard Shiraz grapes, plucked from a combination of his older vines (average age of 50 yrs.) which gave depth and complexity, and his younger vines (planted in 2008) to give fruit freshness and vibrancy. He believes this wine will easily mature for 8 to 10 years to

Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)



The penultimate taste for the night proved to be the editor's favourite! The Miss Bronte Cabernet is Trevor's 4th vintage. Winning Silver at the 2021 London Wine Competition, a Silver at the 2020 San Francisco International Wine Competition and awarded 92 Points by Winestate Magazine. A high country Eden Valley single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon that went down very well

Finally to round off an excellent tasting Trevor presented his Jack Hamilton Shiraz made from his own Eden Valley cool climate single vineyard Shiraz grapes, from vines which boast an average age of 60 years. An excellent wine to wrap up the tasting



Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)

Dinner was then served by our excellent caterers The Lyndoch Hotel. We enjoyed a sumptuous dinner of Beef Medallions and red wine jus served with a pea puree, roast beetroot, and baby carrots and plenty of Brokenchack wines on the table.

Dessert was Chocolate and Salted Caramel Tart served with whipped cream. The dessert was rounded off nicely with some intriguing Fortifieds donated by member Paul Ryan. These included a Seppelts GR27 Vintage Fortified, a Rockford 1997 Shiraz Vintage Port and a relic of the past the remnants of a flagon of Tawny from Gateway Cellars owned by past member the late Ray Ward



Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)

Door Prizes were then presented by Trevor with the effervescent assistance of Ron Tomlinson. Prize winners were; John Ellis, Angus Kane, Ing Jerke, Laurie Rundle, Bob Greening Mick Schilling Luke Raggio and Ron Tomlinson



Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)

The evening was brought to a close with Viv Tomlinson presenting Trevor with our certificate of appreciation. MC Graeme Worsely thanked the hard working catering staff



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Xmas Season Dates

Don't forget that the upcoming Xmas Season dates may be different to what was originally published:

Xmas Dinner is at Rosenvale On December 6th

November Event is at Kies Winery November 15th



2022 TRU-SU ROSÉ

Our single vineyard Shiraz Rosé is named after our two daughters Trudi and Susan, who love to drink Rosé.

Crafted from 100% Eden Valley Shiraz, we pick our grapes at the perfect ripeness to capture all of the fresh and juicy flavours that are necessary to make our Rosé so dynamic. Softly textured on the palate, our Rosé is fruity with dry finesse, generous in length and welcomed on any occasion.

TASTING NOTE

An alluring pale pink hue, born from the most delicate skin contact during winemaking, our Eden Valley Shiraz Rosé is as juicy as nature intended, with bright, fresh generosity of ripe fruits.

Summer berries are always a welcomed feature of our Rosé – the 2022 vintage being no different. Combine Jewel strawberries with fresh Afourer mandarin and a tropical ripple across the palate, our Tru-Su Rosé has superb length and is refreshingly dry.

FOOD PAIRING IDEAS

Don't discount our Rosé as only suitable to accompany a grazing board (but it is great with a beautiful ripe brie), enjoy it with pomegranate glazed roast salmon, freshest fish and chips or how about twice cooked duck with an orange reduction.

HISTORY OF ACHIEVEMENT

2020 Tru-Su Rosé | Silver – 2020 NZ International Wine Show

2018 Tru-Su Rosé | Silver – 2018 NZ International Wine Show

2017 Tru-Su Rosé | Gold – 2017 NZ International Wine Show

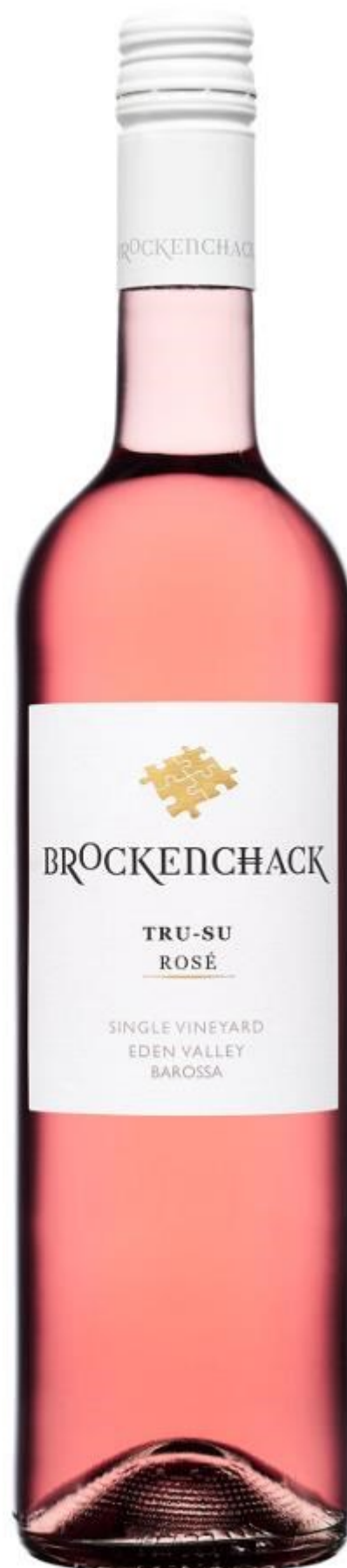
PRODUCTION

SINGLE VINEYARD | KEYNETON | EDEN VALLEY | BAROSSA | SA

WINEMAKER: JO IRVINE

750ML | 6PKS | 12.5% ALC

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Brockenchack Wines (Cont.)

NV Great Scott Sparkling Shiraz

This wine is a tribute to Scott Pollock, our late son-in-law, father to our grandchildren Jack & Charli and husband to our daughter Trudi. Scott will forever be in our hearts and as this was one of his favourite wines, we think of him every time we enjoy a glass!

Sparkling Shiraz is a unique and quintessentially South Australian wine style. Our Great Scott Eden Valley Sparkling Shiraz is created with today's tastes and life's celebrations in mind. This is one of the rarest wines produced from the Eden Valley region of South Australia.

Invigorating from the first pour, our Sparkling Shiraz charges your glass with bright pink effervescence like no other. It bursts into life with a raspberry and cinnamon spritz and then releases a tingling wave of apple, black currant and plum. Tasty strawberry mousse and dark chocolate notes come to play, giving a luscious finishing touch.

SINGLE VINEYARD

Cool Climate | altitude 450-480m above sea level at highest point
Keyneton, Eden Valley SA [Eastern side of Barossa region, South Australia]
Winemaker: Joanne Irvine
750mL | 13.5% Alc | 6pks

FOOD PAIRING IDEAS

You may wish to explore our Sparkling Shiraz with oysters kilpatrick or with marinated and bbq'd meats at your next weekend barbie. When Christmas time arrives, enjoy this Sparkling Shiraz with your roasted turkey and cranberry sauce. Serve between 10-12 degrees celsius to truly experience the aromas and flavours this lovely wine has to offer.



2019 MEGAN JANE GRENACHE

Our 2019 Megan Jane is our third Grenache release from our single vineyard in Eden Valley.

Megan has been an integral part of our Brockenchack team since our inception and we felt it only fitting to honour her ongoing dedication by naming this wine after her.

TASTING NOTE

If this 2019 Grenache was a hot rod, it would be bright toffee apple red!

It's a sweet-spicy-tart combination, loaded up with lashings of raspberry aromatics, layered over floral rosemary and oregano.

It's an unashamedly middleweight berry driven palate, bright as a button, and beautifully balanced with acid and very tidy old oak.

It will definitely benefit from half an hour in the fridge during the height of summer.

Who said you can't grow Grenache in the high country!

FOOD PAIRING IDEAS

This wine is screaming to go with everything from spicy Mexican tacos, to char sui pork or Peking duck, to pasta, pizza, anything from the charcuterie cupboard... and if you live in Adelaide - definitely the legendary BBQ quail from the Vietnam restaurant, still in Pennington since 1984!

PRODUCTION

SINGLE VINEYARD | KEYNETON | EDEN VALLEY | BAROSSA | SA
WINEMAKER: JOANNE IRVINE
750 mL | 6 PKS | 14.5% ALC



2019 ZIP LINE SHIRAZ

Our 2019 Brockenchack Zipline Shiraz flaunts alluring crimson ruby and gorgeous pink hues from the very first splash. Aromas of ripe plums freshly picked raspberries and blackberry lead to the subtle backdrop of fine French oak. Soft, luscious, and vibrant, the ripe red and black fruit spectrum (of raspberry, blackberry, black cherry), expands across the palate, finishing generously with vanilla, cocoa, and a gentle dash of black pepper amongst the finest tannins.

Our Zip Line Shiraz is made from our Eden Valley single vineyard Shiraz grapes, plucked from a combination of our older vines (average age of 50 yrs) to give depth and complexity, and our younger vines (planted in 2008) to give fruit freshness and vibrancy.

Colour

Rosewood red purple in colour.

Aroma

This middleweight Eden Valley Shiraz impresses from the get-go with dense rose petal perfume, plum quince fruits and a hint of vanilla on the nose.

Palate

Chewy mouthfuls of warm lush purple fruits, held together with well-balanced tannin and acid.

Ageing Potential

Vibrant upon release, this wine will easily mature for 8 to 10 years to come.

Region

Eden Valley - Single Vineyard

Alcohol 14.5%



2018 MISS BRONTE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our cool climate Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is as remarkable as is it rare. Years ago, there seemed to be plenty of Cabernet vines growing in Eden Valley, yet fewer remain today. We enjoy Cabernet as much as you do, feeling the need to uphold the local folklore of this noble variety. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is named after our eldest granddaughter Bronte and is matured gracefully in French oak hogsheads for 12 months before bottling. Our style is created to be enjoyed on any day with a "y" in it.

TASTING NOTE

Inky dark red with crimson hues.

A pungent core lift of blackcurrant, cracked black pepper, with dark chocolate and a splash of raspberry, is a truly impressive aromatic opening for this high country Eden Valley single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

The wine continues in the same vein as a lean, elegant long distance runner of a palate, with granuley drying 'humming' tannins, underneath a runway strip of concentrated cassis and green peppercorns. Definitely one that will hold on for the longer journey.

AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL - 2020 San Francisco International Wine Comp

BRONZE MEDAL - 2020 Melbourne International Wine Comp (91)

BRONZE MEDAL - 2020 NZ International Wine Show

FOOD PAIRING IDEAS

A great match for a well-marbled bone-in rib eye or t-bone steak, or a warm roasted beets & goats cheese salad, a smoked pork Kassler chop, or try it with a rack of lamb with onion jam, or anything from the char grill.

PRODUCTION

SINGLE VINEYARD | KEYNETON | EDEN VALLEY | BAROSSA | SA

WINEMAKER: JOANNE IRVINE

750 mL | 6 PKS | 14.0% ALC



2018 JACK HARRISON SHIRAZ

This wine is named after our grandson Jack, who resides at the vineyard and is training to become our future winemaker and viticulturist. Our premium Shiraz is made from our own Eden Valley cool climate single vineyard Shiraz grapes, from vines which boast an average age of 60 years.

TASTING NOTE

The colour of the 2018 Jack Harrison is the first indication of something special... inky black depths with bright purple edges. The nose is a concentrated combination of darker cherry fruit, French oak spice and the characteristic cassis/star anise top notes. The palate is a massive mouthful of chewy black juicy fruit, wrapped around a weighty oak core, with an extended length that promises to develop into something of significant power and elegance. Impressive! ~Jane Ferrari-

AWARDS

95 POINTS | WINEPILOT - KEN GARGETT

"Dark maroon in colour, there is real depth of flavour here. Dark berries, animal skins, warm earth, hints of chocolate, black fruits and a smoky roast meat note. Black olives and cloves follow. Firm tannins are present, good balance and excellent length. This is cracking stuff and has at least a decade ahead of it. That said, no reason you can't enjoy it now."

95 POINTS | WINEPILOT - ANGUS HUGHSON

"I like the Brockenchack wines - honest and well made with plenty of personality and flavour, but I really loved this wine. It's their best yet from where I sit! Bright deep crimson, it is a beautifully brooding and tightly knit Eden Valley Shiraz with a powerful aromatic core of blackberry, new leather and black olive fruits with peppery sage elements and well matched oak. Dry, fleshy and concentrated on the palate, there is an explosion of punchy fruit pastilles and liquorice while retaining its energy and freshness with moderate, fine tannins well integrated to provide a long, yet subtle finish. Superb Eden Valley Shiraz and great value."

SILVER | 2021 SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMP

PRODUCTION

SINGLE VINEYARD | KEYNETON | EDEN VALLEY | BAROSSA | SA
Winemaker: Joanne Irvine
15.0% Alc | 750 mL | six pack cases | pallets of 96
Decanting prior to drinking is recommended

HISOTRY OF ACHIVEMENT

2017 - Gold | 2021 London Wine Comp
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2013 - Gold | 2018 Melbourne International Wine Comp
2012 - Gold | 2016 Melbourne International Wine Comp
2011 - Bronze | 2015 NZ International Wine Comp
2010 - Gold | 2017 NZ International Wine Show

