

DECEMBER 2016

Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club



Christmas at Jacob's Creek with our partners

Fifty five members and partners enjoyed a great night at Jacob's Creek. We were greeted at the door with a glass of 2016 Jacob's Creek Reserve Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir. We filled in a card for the door prize draw then as we sipped and mingled we were presented with canapés—Mushroom arancini (risotto balls), Asparagus wrapped in prosciutto and frittata.

After a brief welcome by Peter Frick and our host Emma we were invited to be seated.



Coming up—January at Bethany. Summer reds at Bethany Reserve on 24th January.

Christmas at Jacob's Creek (Cont.)



The Entrée was chicken with savoy cabbage and sesame dressing. This was accompanied by a 2016 Jacob's Creek Cool Harvest Pinot Grigio and a 2015 Jacob's Creek Limited Release Yarra Valley Chardonnay.

Between courses it was possible to take part in a tasting of three special reds. Nick was happy to pour a taste and tell us about the 2012 Jacob's Creek McLaren Vale Shiraz, the 2015 Jacob's Creek Limited Release Pinot Noir and the 2009 Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

Our main course was a Eye fillet of beef with roasted heirloom carrot and zucchini and roast potatoes. This was accompanied by a 2014 Jacob's Creek Barossa Signature Shiraz and a 2012 Orlando BJT Barossa Shiraz.

For dessert we had Caramelised fig frangipane tart with double cream. The dessert wine was a 2013 Gramp's Botrytis Semillon.

The door prizes were won by Steve Crowe, Margi Schilling, Cheryl Evans and Michelle Impett.

Our thanks go to Emma, Taylor, Amy and Nick together with the chef and kitchen crew for a lovely evening.

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The Wines

2016 Jacob's Creek Reserve

Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir

TASTE: A crisp yet dry palate with complex creamy yeast and biscuity nutty flavours.

SMELL: Refreshing lemon citrus with hints of fresh strawberry and an aroma of freshly baked bread.

Combines the flavours and structure of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Secondary fermentation in bottle has added creamy and bready complexity to the wine while retaining vibrant fruit aromas and flavours.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 11.8%, **Price (DM):** \$9.95



2016 Jacob's Creek Cool Harvest Pinot Grigio

TASTE: Refreshing, zesty pear and citrus flavours balanced by lively natural acidity and fleshy fruit sweetness on the finish.

SMELL: An elegant balance of fresh cut pear and red apple aromas with fresh lemon citrus fruit notes.

This wine was harvested in the cool of night when the fruit was at its coolest and freshest to capture the natural, crisp, fruit flavours. Deep in the middle of the night, carefully selected parcels of quality Pinot Grigio were picked with the fruit simply bursting with natural vibrancy. The growing season was perfect with extended rain during the winter of 2010 allowing a healthy fruit set and ample crop. On the nose the Cool Harvest Grigio has elevated notes of pear, stone-fruit and lemon zest while the palate follows up with the same zesty pear and wonderful citrus notes.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 11.0%, **Price (DM):** \$12.99

2015 Jacob's Creek Limited Release Yarra Valley Chardonnay.

TASTE: Soft stonefruit and citrus, moving to the delicate creaminess of malolactic fermentation and oak aging.

SMELL: Lifted aromas of lemon citrus and nectarine intertwined with undertones of almond meal and creaminess.

Scored 88 in the 2016 James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge.

'ANOTHER cracking value wine from this JC range, grabbing the attention of the Royal Sydney Wine Show's judges this month. It was awarded the top white wine in premium classes, beating some very serious competition. It's delicately cast, poised between fresh, minerally and medium-bodied with lemon squeezed over white peach flavours. Superb – and watch for discounts.'

- Courier Mail, Brisbane, 26 Feb 2013, Tony Love.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 12.9%, **Price :** \$10.00



The Wines (Cont.)

2014 Jacob's Creek Barossa Signature Shiraz

TASTE: Medium to full-bodied with plum and berry flavours, complemented by light vanilla and regional chocolate notes.

SMELL: The nose shows mulberry, chocolate and clove aromas, enhanced by cedar and vanilla notes from oak influence.

Deep crimson in colour, this beautifully complex Shiraz from the Jacob's Creek's range shows classic varietal from the Barossa region, both on the nose and on the palate. Juicy plum and forest berries complemented by light vanilla oak, coco and smooth tannins.

Ranked **17 of 75** 2014 Shiraz tasted from Barossa Valley by Huon Hook (92 points)

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 14.5%, **Price (DM):** \$14.95



2012 Orlando BJT Barossa Shiraz

No notes available

2013 Gramp's Botrytis Semillon

Gramp's Botrytis Semillon is deep golden in colour and displays intense apricot and marmalade botrytis fruit flavours and a luscious lingering finish. Serve as an aperitif or as a dessert wine.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 11.4%, **Price (375ml):** \$20.00

2012 Jacob's Creek McLaren Vale Shiraz

No notes available



2015 Jacob's Creek Limited Release Pinot Noir

No notes available

2009 Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

After 24 months in new French oak hogsheads, this is a Coonawarra cabernet that contrasts dark chocolate oak with considerable concentration of deep, crunchy blackcurrant fruit. It's more than a little coiled up on release, but it's got the fruit drive, acid verve and tannin structure to go the distance. Stand well back for at least a decade. James Halliday 2014.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 14.5%, **RRP:** \$70:00