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## Fox Creek Circle 2010 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

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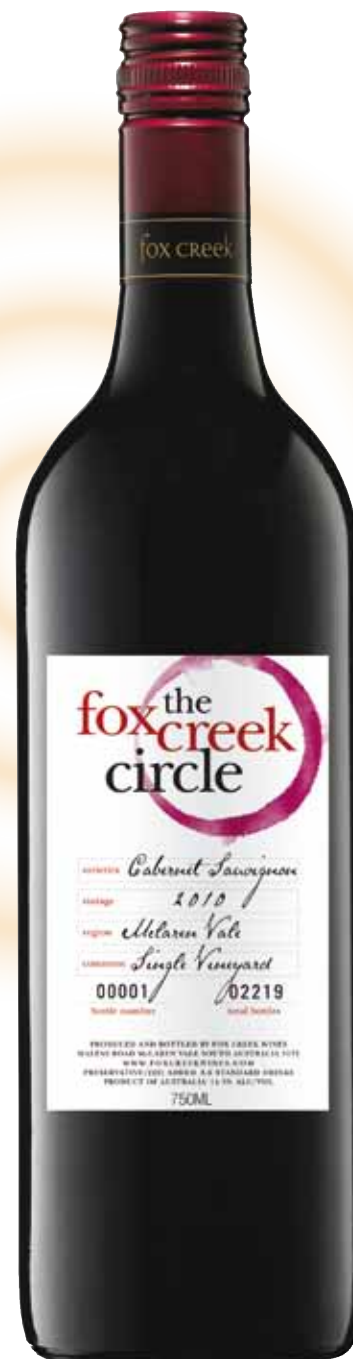
Head Winemaker

The great thing about making wines for the Fox Creek Circle is that if I see something special during the frequent tastings in the barrel hall, I can set aside a small parcel of wine that is interesting to drink and not constrained by the style of our usual products. This batch of wine impressed me from the start and it has been very rewarding watching it go through different stages of maturation so, I couldn't help but keep some carefully selected barrels of it aside for this project.

This fruit for the wine comes from a vineyard that is situated in the cooler foothills of McLaren Vale on the way to Kangarilla and is from a clone of Cabernet Sauvignon that I find demonstrates true varietal character and is very appealing. Fermentation began in open top fermenters and was finished in 2 to 3 year old oak.

The wine then spent the next 19 months maturing in oak prior to the best barrels being selected for inclusion in this wine. The style of this wine is different to the usual McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon and shows great depth of flavour but at the same time exhibits finesse, restraint and balance with subtle and integrated oak.

I love this wine, it is so drinkable it could be considered dangerous and should appeal to those who also love Cabernet Sauvignon wines. This wine will develop in the bottle over the next 5 to 8 years for those who enjoy their wines with a little age. It is a limited make and since it has quickly become an office favourite it won't be around for long.



## CIRCLE MEMBERS DON'T FORGET!

If you have an order for Autumn dispatch please don't forget our cut off date for any changes is Monday 26th March 2012. Also, if your credit card has changed or expired please contact us so you don't miss out.

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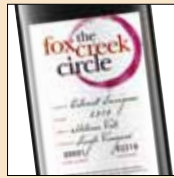
## New Releases



### 2011 CHARDONNAY

The 2011 Chardonnay is a real treat. It begins with a rich but complex bouquet of white peach, nectarine, mandarin notes with creamy, bready yeast characters and subtle biscuity oak. Then the rich, fruity palate has lovely flavours of golden peach, mango and banana complemented by the textural oak frame which surrounds dollops of creamy butter and the yeasty texture. Lastly the crisp mandarin finish completes this complex, restrained and balanced wine.

The Chardonnay is wonderful on release and we would expect the wine to be at its very best through 2012 to 2015.



### 2010 SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

See front page of newsletter.

A new wine for Fox Creek with a bouquet of leafy choc-mint, fresh herbs and blackcurrant, with hints of cinnamon and nutmeg. Its palate is full of red cherry and strawberry with a twist of redskin. The lovely fruit weight along with the elegant and balanced tannins gives the wine fabulous length; the clean finish enhances the desire for another glass.

While it has immediate appeal, this wine will develop in the bottle over the next 5-8 years for those who enjoy aged wines.



### 2010 OLD VINE SHIRAZ

Last year the first release of our 2009 Old Vine Shiraz was part of the McLaren Vale Scarce Earth initiative which celebrates single vineyard shiraz wines from McLaren Vale. The fruit for our 2010 Old Vine Shiraz is sourced from the same vineyard owned by Pasquale Maglieri

and planted by the Foggo's in 1910, where the gnarly old vines produce amazing, concentrated flavours. The alluvial clay soils have permitted deep root development.

This intense, deep red wine has lovely aromas of dark chocolate, black cherries, roast chestnuts, toasted rye bread and caramel all spiced up with black cardamon and nigella (not the cook).

The palate is rich and full with flavours of ripe plum and dark cherries, with hints of vanilla and caramel rounding out the mid palate. The wine finishes with great balance and length, and is characterised by a depth and intensity only achievable with old vine fruit. The fine French oak and textural tannins will soften as the wine ages, although it is also very approachable as a young wine.

Depending on the level of ageing you prefer, this wine will be drinking at its best up to 2020 (and possibly much longer). Scott recommends you decant the wine for up to two hours before drinking to allow the wine to open up and fully express itself.



## REFER A FRIEND TO THE FOX CREEK CIRCLE

We have recently decided to implement a reward/incentive scheme for our wine club, the Fox Creek Circle. If you recommend our wine club to someone and they become a member both of you will receive \$50 off your next order of a dozen or more wines. Obviously when they join they will need to let us know who recommended them so we can reward you both. If you have any questions contact [kristin@foxcreekwines.com](mailto:kristin@foxcreekwines.com)



## Grigoryan Brothers perform at Fox Creek Cellar Door

SUNDAY 8TH JULY

We are very fortunate to have Slava and Leonard Grigoryan performing at Fox Creek's Cellar Door in the afternoon of Sunday 8th July. They will be performing music from their latest album, 'The Seasons'.

'The Seasons' is a twelve movement composition, originally written for solo piano by the great Russian composer Tchaikovsky. It has been arranged for two guitars by Slava & Leonard's father Edward. This program sees the Grigoryan Brothers returning to a more classical setting

whilst still pushing the limits of what two classical guitars can accomplish together. They will also play a selection of their favourite pieces, including composition from Brazil and works that display their improvisational skills.

We will have booking details in our next newsletter but in the meantime save the day for this extraordinary concert.

## 2010 Red Baron Shiraz loved the world over

The **2010 Red Baron** has been selected in the Top 100 Wines in the annual Vancouver Magazine International Wine Awards in **Canada**.

It also received a great review recently from Per Bill, one of **Sweden's** top wine journalists and a member of parliament. This is a translation of what he had to say:

*"The wine of the week is a lovely sun ripened wine from McLaren Vale in Australia. The Red Baron Shiraz contains lots of sweet berries and makes a perfect match with tasty meat dishes like game. A deep, rich and full bodied wine from McLaren Vale with fresh, modern and aromatic fruit, good balance and good acidity with hints of blackberry, cherry, lingon berries, licorice, flowers and oak."*

And was also voted one of the TOP TEN WINES in **Colombia** by 'Cocina Semana', one of the best food and wine magazines in the country. <http://www.cocinasemana.com/home-multimedias/multimedia/los-mejores-vinos-del-2011/24469>

It also won Silver at the International Wine Challenge Catavinum in **Spain** at the end of last year.

In fact every wine we entered in that show won a medal – see listing below.

09 JSM	Gold
08 Reserve Merlot	Gold
08 Reserve Shiraz	Gold
09 Shadow's run SCS	Silver
10 Short Row	Silver
NV Vixen	Silver
10 Duet	Silver
10 Red Baron Shiraz	Silver

The **2010 Red Baron** also scored 4.5/5 points in the Shiraz & blends tasting in the September/October 2011 issue of Winestate and featured in the Top 40 Best Buys under \$20 in the same issue.

It also won a Bronze Medal in the 2011 Visy Great **Australian** Shiraz Challenge.

So, all this on top of the Gold from the 2011 AWC **Vienna** International Wine Challenge and the Silver from the 2011 **New Zealand** International Wine Show suggest that if you haven't yet tried this wine we recommend that you do.



## Autumn 2012 Mixed Dozen

The Fox Creek Circle Mixed Dozens for Autumn 2012 are listed below. **If you require any changes to your mix or would like to add to your order please contact us by Monday 26th March as dispatch will start on Tuesday 27th March.**

Those who have ordered single variety dozens for Summer will receive them at the same time. If your credit card has changed or expired please contact us so you don't miss out.

### WHITE DOZEN

- 2011 Shadow's run Sauvignon Blanc
- 2010 Shadow's run Unwooded Chardonnay
- 2011 Chardonnay
- 2011 Verdelho
- 2011 Sauvignon Blanc
- 2011 Vermentino

Mail Order Price **\$192.00**  
Fox Creek Circle Price **\$164.50** delivered



### RED DOZEN

- 2009 Shadow's run Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2010 Red Baron Shiraz
- 2010 Shiraz-Grenache-Mourvedre
- 2010 Duet Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot
- 2009 JSM Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc
- Vixen Sparkling Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc
- 2010 Short Row Shiraz
- 2010 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Mail Order Price **\$255.50**  
Fox Creek Circle Price **\$219.00** delivered



### MIXED DOZEN

- 2010 Shadow's run Unwooded Chardonnay
- 2011 Chardonnay
- 2011 Sauvignon Blanc
- 2011 Verdelho
- 2009 Shadow's run Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2010 Red Baron Shiraz
- 2010 Duet Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot
- 2009 JSM Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc
- 2010 Short Row Shiraz
- 2010 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Mail Order Price **\$227.50**  
Fox Creek Circle Price **\$195.50** delivered



## Foxy Christmas

BRENDA GRATTON

It was that time of year again (already?) and we wanted to do something really special. A plan was hatched and we decided to go all out, close the office and really let our hair down.

Paul (our illustrious CEO) put his captain's hat on, got up at the crack of dawn, travelled a million miles (well at least 50!) and picked up the bus and headed South. Along the way he collected staff members and off we trekked down to Goolwa and the mouth of the mighty Murray River (which is quite mighty at the moment thanks to 2 years of seasonal rain). Our winemaker, Scott turned up with an obligatory Christmas hat (a bit of a "bad Santa" look) and Dan the cellar hand was standing on the side of the road in a pin stripe suit, straw hat and a sign that read "Goolwa or bust". (we are a colourful bunch!)

After arriving at the Goolwa dock, we all boarded the Spirit of the Coorong boat and set off down the river. If you haven't done this trip,

you should. The water is calm, the scenery and birdlife outstanding and the commentary interesting without baffling you with too much science! After negotiating the barrage, we arrived at the mouth of the Murray. The boat pulled up to shore so that we could all stretch our legs and explore the beautiful spot where the river meets the sea.

Once we arrived back at the dock we had half an hour to kill so we visited the Goolwa Steam Exchange Brewery who had some very interesting beers that are made on site. Our lazy lunch followed at Hectors on the Wharf. I'm no food critic but it scored 10 out of 10 with me. Scott made sure the food was matched with our own wines of course and our secret Kris Kringle was very entertaining. After lunch, Paul dutifully donned his captain's hat again and drove us all home. I think I speak for all of us in saying it was a day we will all treasure.



## 100 KILOMETRE FOOT RACE IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Three years ago I decided to start training so I could take part in the 12 kilometre Adelaide City to Bay Fun Run to raise money for The Royal Society of the Blind who help us with our Braille wine labels. Since then I have taken part in many races around South Australia and love to run. I find it provides time for me to clear my head and plan my day.

On the 19th May this year I will take part in my toughest challenge yet, The North Face 100 race which as the name suggests is a 100 kilometre run through the some of the toughest terrain in Australia in the Blue Mountains of NSW. The race starts at 900 metres above sea level, drops as low as 200m and goes as high as 1,100m. I expect to feel a world of pain during this experience but I am sure that it will be an experience I will never forget. If you have the opportunity to be in Leura over the weekend of the race, why not come along and cheer me on, I will need encouragement. Or if you want to sign up and run in the race you can find all details at [www2.thenorthface.com.au/100/index.html](http://www2.thenorthface.com.au/100/index.html)

PAUL ROGERS  
CEO



## 'Toodle Pip' Brenda

It is with much sadness that we have to inform all our faithful members that Brenda has left Fox Creek. After nearly ten years that our beloved Brennie decided to work closer to home, in a very different role. She is trying her hand in the Aged Care Industry, a role that will suit her organisational skills and kind heart. Most of us here believe she left because she was clocking up too many kilometers on her precious 'Porsche Boxster'.

You will all miss Brenda's cheery voice on the phone. The fact is that she was so good at her customer

service role that many of you felt comfortable to chat with her about your holidays, births and even your hardships. She could actually recognise some of your voices, astounding as we have over 4,000 members. Brenda also made friends with members that she met at various events over the years and still catches up with them regularly.

All of us wish Brenda the best of luck with her new position and we will always welcome her back home to her second family at Fox Creek.

We will miss you Bren.



## Exhibitions at Cellar Door

### BILL ROBINSON: "SOMETHING CLICKED" EXHIBITION

1st March to 30th April 2012  
Fox Creek Cellar Door Gallery

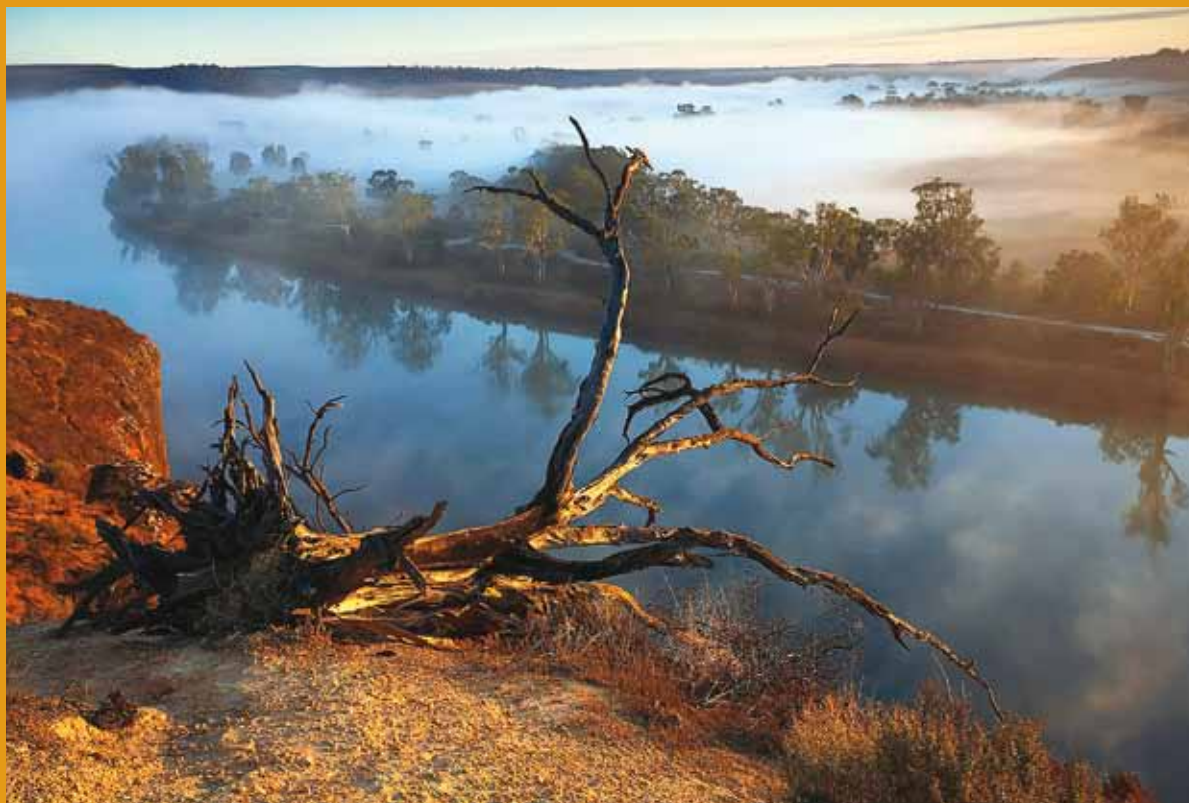
Born and raised in country South Australia, Bill Robinson has always had an affinity for the great outdoors. Maybe that also explains his keen interest in geography which led

to tertiary studies in Geomorphology. In 2003 a good friend started Bill on a (digital) photographic journey that has brought him to this point, his fourth exhibition.

There have been some notable achievements along the way for Bill which include the Raine & Horne Award and the People's Choice Award for Photography at the 2006 Willunga Almond Blossom Festival. At the 2007 Royal Adelaide Show National Photography

Competition, Bill placed first in Large Colour (any subject) Section and received the Champion's ribbon for Overall Large Best Large Colour Print in that same year.

The photos on display at Fox Creek include some of those award winning images, as well as selections designed to showcase the natural beauty that is on offer in South Australia.



## VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR DAY

Sunday 29th April 2012

Calling all car lovers! On Sunday 29th April both cars and wines will be showcased in the Vintage and Classic Day in McLaren Vale.

The beautiful old cars will cruise Main Road, McLaren Vale before dispersing to various wineries for display from 12:30 until 3pm.

Visit our Cellar Door to check out the Jaguar car display. Bring a picnic, pre-order one of our regional platters or buy something tasty from the BBQ. Ring 8557 0000 to pre-order your platter. See [www.vintageandclassic.com.au](http://www.vintageandclassic.com.au) for more information about the event.



  
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HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CELLAR DOOR SOON!

Cellar Door is open for tastings between  
10am and 5pm seven days a week.  
Malpas Road, McLaren Vale.