

The Barossa Cellar captures community spirit

The Barossa Cellar has been swamped with nominations from local growers and wineries who are eager to have their old Shiraz vines used for source material to establish The Barossa Cellar's own vineyard.

Louisa Rose, who is co-ordinating the vineyard, said the response has been overwhelming and demonstrated the strong community interest in the project.

"We now have an extraordinary list of vineyards that produce some of the best Shiraz in the Barossa," Louisa said.

"Among the oldest are Langmeil Winery's Freedom vineyard in Tanunda (1843), Schild Estate's Moorooroo vineyard in Rowland Flat (1847), Turkey Flat's Ancestor vineyard in Bethany (1847), Torbreck's Hillside vineyard in Lyndoch (1850) and Glen and Tania Monaghan's Stonegarden vineyard in Springton (1858). We have received more than 35 vineyard nominations and will now work with the owners to select vines, before taking cuttings next winter to plant in 2019."

In addition to the vineyard nominations, Louisa said the community response to helping establish The Barossa Cellar vineyard had been very positive, with all vineyard costs likely to be covered by in-kind donations, including soil surveys and soil pits which have recently been undertaken on the site.

"As well as the generous support of the Barossa Viticulture Technical Group, Barossa Vine Improvement and grafting to be undertaken by the Yalumba Nursery, we have had offers for irrigation and vineyard design, trellising, fencing, pest and disease monitoring and consulting from local contractors and suppliers to the Barossa wine industry," Louisa said.

"The end result will be a small, exceptional vineyard that not only represents some of the oldest Shiraz genetics in the world, but also represents real community enterprise and endeavour."

The Barossa Cellar Chairman James Wark says this community spirit is helping The Barossa Cellar steadily approach its fundraising target.

"Our expectation is that we will be able to begin construction in the next few months, however we still need to raise more funds before we can commit to a start date," James said.

"Every donation is important and will help us reach our target. We are really keen to get this project up and running so the BGWA and our expanding collection of Barossa and Eden Valley wines can move into their new offices and cellar in 2018. There is no doubt the Barossa will be the envy of every wine region in Australia, with this stunning building as the centrepiece of our wine

awareness and education programs to promote Barossa wines to the world."

To date, more than 70 Barossa wineries have donated or pledged to the project, along with growers, winery employees, suppliers and those from outside the region with a strong connection to the Barossa. The Barossa Cellar is now calling on everyone who is a beneficiary of the Barossa wine community to get behind the project and consider making a donation.

"There is a great deal of support for the project out there, but from talking to people, we know that many of them haven't yet put pen to paper," James said.

"The donation process on our website is very straightforward and donors can select their preferred acknowledgement and payment option. I would encourage everyone who is in a position to do so, to consider donating to this important community project that will benefit the Barossa for many generations to come."

James said he was confident that if all potential donors acted now, the project would get the green light to proceed before Christmas.

"The momentum has been building all year and we would love nothing better than to be able to kick things off in 2017," James said.

Donor categories include Stones (\$500), Vines (\$1000) and Keys (\$10,000+), with the Vines proving to be the most popular type of donation. Each vine donor will be allocated their own vine from just 1,800 vines in The Barossa Cellar vineyard and will have first option to buy the limited edition wines produced from this vineyard.

Many people are donating a vine or several vines acknowledging the name of their business or family. Others have donated a vine for each child, grandchild or generation of their family and several people have donated a vine in memory of a loved one.

"We have no doubt The Barossa Cellar vineyard will produce outstanding Shiraz grapes and exceptional wines," Louisa said.

"Our vine donors will have first option to buy this wine which will quite literally be hundreds of years of Shiraz history in a bottle! Some people are lucky enough to have their own Barossa vineyard, but for the rest of us this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure our very own Barossa Shiraz vine or two, so make sure you don't miss out!"

Donations can be made at www.thebarossacellar.com.au Donation forms are also available from the website or you can email info@thebarossacellar.com.au or phone 0498 478 166 for assistance.



Cooper, 14; Lilly, 12, Nate, 8, and Riley Wager, 10, from Angaston, with the Halloween poster, distributed through *The Leader*; that needs to be displayed in a visible area to let children know if your house is a Trick or Treat Welcome Home.

New arrival



Amara Emerson Phillips, daughter of David and Megan, was born on August 28 at Tanunda War Memorial Hospital weighing 2920g. A sister for Mackenzie, aged 3. A grandchild for Dean and Colleen Nitschke of Nuriootpa, Kaye and Richard MacLean of Beaumont and the late Andrew Phillips of Willaston.



The Kalleske family and Kalleske Wines at Greenock have got right behind The Barossa Cellar, nominating their Kalleske Johann Georg Shiraz vineyard for source material and donating a vine for each member of the family. Back: Kym, Amie, Troy, Sally, Dylan, Amber, Dana, Carol, Lorraine and John Kalleske. Front: Hamish, April, Johann, Olivia, Lara and Jade. Absent: Tony Kalleske.

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