



CHARDONNAY  
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# Spring Newsletter 2019

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## Upcoming Events

Macedon Ranges Wine and Food

### Budburst Festival

Dates:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

November, 2019

Cellar Door 10am to 5:30pm

Sample our new releases  
over the Weekend!

Along with Cheese Platters  
available on Saturday!



And On Sunday ...

Pietro Barbagallo of  
**KAPRICA** (Carlton) Fires up  
our Oven to create his Traditional  
home style Pizza!

Don't miss out on hearing  
acoustic blues, rag and swing  
By **KING MAXWELL**  
who has a repertoire that spans  
old country blues through to the  
swinging styles of the 1940's.

<https://soundcloud.com/king-maxwell>

## Dear Customers

It's been a while between  
words ...

The BIGGEST news is that after a  
long protracted hiatus of time, we  
have finally seen some activity and  
have recommenced our push forward  
with our much anticipated  
loft style accommodation.

This is within the original winery  
space but above the cellar door  
area.

Self contained open plan, bed-  
room / lounge / galley style  
kitchen, together with a spacious  
ensuite also.

The main tipping point was being  
successful in gaining a small state  
government grant, based on tourist  
development within the area.

This will go some way to assist  
with some of the building cost.

Visiting wine tourists, trade and  
media as well as the odd interna-  
tional winemaker together with  
cellar door customers will be the  
main occupiers of this space!

All "should" be finished in the new  
year!

Only taken 12 years in the mak-  
ing... oh well, we get there in the  
end!



**Wine** On the wine business  
side, we have simply continued as  
per normal, supplying to great  
restaurants in Australia and lim-  
ited retail.

The export side does continue to  
surprise us!

Fresh shipments to the UK and  
Poland recently and further orders  
to Hong Kong and a little bit to  
main land China.

Still a couple of key place we are  
working on are Japan and the USA,  
but given that we maintain our  
single site vineyard production... if  
it happens... it happens!

## New Releases

### 2017 Cobaw Ridge Chardonnay

Always expect savoury, interesting  
chardonnay wines from Cobaw  
Ridge. Here's another. Loading in  
grape flavour and its full potential.  
It's a big chardonnay but not  
weighty, nor creamy, nor buttery  
and toasty. There's just lots of  
things going on. It smells of honey-  
comb, cashews, green apple, faint  
sea spray, the palate with similar  
flavours, really juicy but with a core  
of minerally-saline acidity and fin-  
ishes with a light fino-meets-green-  
apple edginess. It's complex as  
chardonnay gets, alluring and com-  
pelling as a drink. It's Fantastic. "  
Rated : 95 points **Mike Bennie :**  
**Winefront .com.au**

### 2018 Cobaw Ridge il pinko Syrah Rose`

A little richer and a touch more  
fruit focussed than prior. Made  
under our normal methods, very  
gently pressed, with no rotation,  
juice naturally fermented and ma-  
tured utilising large old French oak  
and Qvevri. Full malo and zero so2  
till post blending prior to bottling.

"Classic pale salmon pink. Showing  
some fine spice and syrah herbs on  
the nose. Great focus and interest-  
ing and a tussle between texture  
/concentration."

### 2017 Cobaw Ridge Pinot Noir .

Macedon Ranges. Cobaw Ridge  
produces scintillating wines in  
which charisma is never lacking.  
This pinot noir is decidedly washy  
in texture but asserts many things in  
the glass, with wild-edged herbal,

spicy, pickled cherry scents and a  
palate awash with tang, a sheath of  
gummy tannins and a finish that  
spreads luxuriously with brambly,  
blackberry flavours. So much go-  
ing on, so unique. It's a skittish-  
wine now, fun to approach, but  
will be all autumn scents and  
flavours with five to 10 years ma-  
turity. **Gourmet Traveller Wine  
Oct /Nov : Mike Bennie**

### 2015 Cobaw Ridge Syrah

Picked Early April 2015 from our  
original planting of Syrah, vines  
planted 1985. Full 100% de-  
stemmed to fermenter. Gentle  
hand plunged once natural fer-  
mentation starts. Total of 42 days  
on skins pre press. Total of 24  
months elevage in a mixture of  
new 700 lt barrels and older sea-  
soned French oak So2 sole addi-  
tion, to the wine prior to Bottling.

Cool climate Syrah and the essence  
of granite. Focussed and expres-  
sive of our amazing terroir. Always  
rewards us with age!

### 2015 Cobaw Ridge Syrah : Mac- edon Ranges :

The time has long  
past for comparing Australian  
wines to French Wines. We've all  
grown up, the industry has ma-  
tured, we can stand on our own  
two feet and be proud of who we  
are and what we do in Australia  
without having to fawn to France.  
Having said that though, it's really  
hard not to think of great syrahs of  
the northern Rhone (St- Joseph,  
Hermitage) when tasting this ex-  
ceptional, nervy, peppery, thrill-  
ingly dark-fruited syrah. And even  
harder to ignore what great value it  
is in comparison to them. **Gour-  
met Traveller Wine Oct /Nov  
: Max Allen**

We trust that you continue to  
enjoy the fruits of our 34 years of  
growing here at Cobaw Ridge.

Look forward to seeing you!

*Nelly and Alan Cooper*