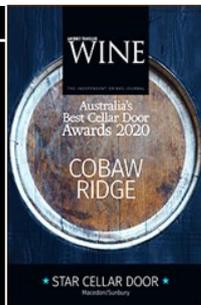


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# Spring Newsletter 2020

100% ESTATE

Certified Organic 2009 - Biodynamic 2011  
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## Cellar Door Opening Hours

New Covid Normal

Saturday - Sunday and Public  
holidays

12 - 5 pm by Appointment

Bookings :

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STAYING COVID SAFE

CELLAR DOOR OPEN From  
21st November : Bookings

Cellar Order Form available on line if  
you're unable to make a booking.

## Dear Customers

What a year ...

Bushfires last summer (thankfully none nearby), COVID 19, vintage restrictions and a tiny crop have contributed to a testing year all round!

The cellar door has been closed since March and with Victoria / Melbourne in lockdown it's been a time of reflection and refocusing on what we do.

We've used the lockdown time to good effect, our Loft accommodation (above the cellar door & winery) is just about finally complete. Beautifully furnished and finished with Lux in mind, it'll be fully self contained and designed for self catering. The added bonus of a little wine storage unit, filled with vintage delights to choose from and indulge in!

We are not sure of just when we can throw open the doors, so watch this space!

Also completed, our long awaited office/reception room adjoining the cellar door, as well as adding a VIP private tasting room, for more formal sit down structured tastings. With all the above, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to cellar door once we get to Covid normal!!

## Wine

With all the craziness in the world we have continued to make in roads with our wines, both domestically and a little more export. Along with Melbourne -VIC & Sydney - NSW... Queensland, Adelaide and Tasmania are now well represented also.

With the new release wines we have received some stella critical comments, for example... "From one of the coldest grape growing places in Australia off biodynamic farmed wines at 600-plus metres above sea level. Winemaking on the edge. And edgy. Great Wines. This set of releases the best I have seen as a suite from Cobaw Ridge. Some magic in the air!" Mike Bennie The Wine Front .

## New Releases

**2018 Cobaw Ridge Chardonnay**  
"Beautiful wine, lean and pure, fine and supremely balanced. Will hit the checks and balances for those seeking flinty, minerally styles while delivering

some flavour for those into that. Green apple and talc scents, struck flint, wet slate, wet ferns in perfume. Mouth-watering and brittle in the palate but with loads of slinky, mineral-laced, fine boned acidity in tow. Faint nutty-oak characters, a whisper of nougat oak there too. Everything so fine. Such loveliness, if that's a good descriptor."

**Rated : 96 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront.com.au

### 2018 Skin Contact chardonnay

2018 "Chardonnay off the wonderful, biodynamic vines of stalwart Macedon Ranges producer Cobaw Ridge. Always character filled wines, here's a new release, an orange wine. Half of the ferment left on skins for three weeks, the other half of the ferment is on skins for ...737 days!! Yowsers! I thought the wine would be wildly tannic, and sure, there's lots of pucker and chew, but its seamless, you could almost say pretty. It's perfumed and squeaky in texture, lightly fuzzy in appley fruit flavours, scents of flowers, dried and fresh. It suggests words like complex, intensity, freshness and poise. If anything, it feels more textural white than orange wine, with fine, superb tannins the calling card. This is such a great wine. Ticks all the goodness boxes. And darn, good drinking."

**Rated : 96 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront.com.au

### 2019 Cobaw Ridge il pinko Syrah Rose

"Magnificent rose here. The faintest greasiness and oiliness in the most wonderful and fine sense. Just ripe cherry, pomegranate, finest tannins, cool, integrated acidity. Fells fancy. A seamless flow of the most delicious kind of rose. textural and wonderful."

**Rated : 94 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront.com.au

### 2018 Cobaw Ridge Pinot Noir

"There's this distinct textural thing that you find in Cobaw Ridge wine that feels like it turns the volume up on its unfiltered nature, somewhat similar in my mind to drinking Bass Phillip or the great Burgundies of Prieure-Roch. The wines feel more cloudy apple juice texture, hazy, with tannin entirely through the wine rather than a sheath or train tracks or similar. And I like it. The art equivalent for me would be abstract expressionism. I like that too. This wine continues the theme. Chalky and powdery yet wildly juicy and fresh. Sage and eucalyptus settle in sour cherry juice and blood plum flavour, with acidity all Campari

and tang. It starts fleshy, roll through the palate for ages, finishes pleasing bitter, maybe slightly sweet, lightly gummy and herbal. All good. A more-ish wine with the vibe of something nourishing, lots of interest, marching to its own beat."

**Rated : 94 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront.com.au

### 2017 Cobaw Ridge l'altra Syrah Lagrein

"Dances on the tongue with its melody of wild raspberry, fennel, blood orange and varied exotic spice. A slight wine that packs in lots of good flavour, feels vivacious and thirst-quenching and somehow still manages to show the attractive, hallmark haze of texture that Cobaw Ridge does so well. While not quite a summery red, there's plenty of depth here all things considered, and tannins stain the palate well, there's cause to say it will take well to a chill, though drinks excellently with fingerless gloves cupping the bowl of the glass too. A clever and intriguing, wonderful drink."

**Rated : 93 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront.com.au

### 2016 Cobaw Ridge Syrah

"Great site, lovingly (biodynamically) tended. Idiosyncratic and original, expressive wines (in the best possible sense). Syrah from here is always really savoury and typically really compelling, 'un-Australian' in its earth and bloody/gamey characters, broad, savoury weave of tannins, and there's no disappointment here. A stellar release, loaded with perfume, all pot pourri, undergrowth, black pepper, crushed rock and some raspberry and plummy notes there too. The palate reflects the bouquet well, medium weight here, supple in texture but those tannins, lacy, chalky, faintly tarry in that way of nebbiolo, do a wonderful job shape, form and keeping things fresh and long with each sip. It's really beautiful syrah, delicious from the get-go but weaving in so much detail and interest. A humdinger from 2016."

**Rated : 95 points**  
Mike Bennie Winefront .com.au

It goes without saying that some of the wines are cellar door only and extremely limited ....

We look forward to seeing you!

Nelly and Alan Cooper



## Proud Parents!

Big Congratulations to **Joshua Cooper**  
(Joshua Cooper Wines)



Gourmet Traveller Wine 2020 Young  
Winemaker of the Year !

Photo: by Richard Cornish

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