



Welcome to summer at Coriole!

It is a busy time of year for us. The winery has switched from working on whites and youthful reds to final blending of 2013 full bodied red wines. The vineyard staff are vine training and slashing. The restaurant is busy to capacity each lunch time and there is the occasional wedding in the garden.

Reserve wines and a cluster of alternate varieties feature in our summer newsletter. The 2010 Reserves have only recently been released with now almost three years bottle age. 2010 is a classic rich/elegant vintage.

My middle son Peter Lloyd has recently joined Coriole as Marketing Manager making us now a third generation business. This is all very exciting!

Greetings. Hope you are in good voice for the Christmas season.

Mark Lloyd.



Reserves

The **MARY KATHLEEN 2010** is named after the family matriarch, and Coriole founder Mary Kathleen (Molly) Lloyd. The wine is Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% Merlot. It is powerful yet elegant, with mouth filling texture and subtle fine tannins and lovely violet perfume.

Jeremy Oliver has just put the **LLOYD RESERVE 2010** as one of his top 10 wines of the year.

Chenin Blanc 2014

Chenin Blanc smells like . . . “an old lady’s handbag”. This suggestion came from the “irreverent and irresistible wine writer”, Phillip White. I liked it! Every bottle of Chenin since reminds me of this. When I finally got to ask Phillip about this descriptor it led to the discussion that all our smell and taste references may be settled by the time we are eight and the chances of it meaning anything to a younger person are remote! So we can’t share the same smell references with anyone younger than us. Well, this is sad . . . but in the meantime the slight floral and powder scent of Chenin will transport me to my mothers handbag.





Sangiovese & Nero D'Avola

Sangiovese and Nero . . . two contrasting styles. I am so often surprised by Sangiovese . . . still after 28 years of production. I taste a little in the glass while preparing food for dinner and think . . . "this is bit lean and miserable isn't it?" But at the table and with food it all changes! Sangiovese is not trying to be a stand-alone taste any more. It's texture and subtleties of flavour along with the food are in balance. I can't think of another variety where this experience is so marked.

The 2013 Sangiovese is very highly recommended.

The Nero 2014 is a real contrast. This is a youthful medium bodied plush style. It is fragrant and flavoursome. Nero is not always like this. Some of the Sicilian and Australian examples are fermented for extended times on their skins and often in Amphora (traditional 400 litre earthenware pots). These can be quite savoury in style. At Coriole we wanted to find in Nero a variety that would suit a very fruitful early release low tannin style.

The 2014 Nero is very highly recommended.

A 3rd Generation Family Business

Peter Lloyd started working at Coriole recently after university and extensive experience in the wine industry as well as other fields including working as a baker, on a cider farm and managing an alpaca farm.



02 Peter Lloyd, Marketing Manager

Photo: Kate Potter



03 Cider Production

Photo: Ben McGee

Are Winelists too weird?

There is much discussion in the wine media at the moment on the subject of restaurant wine lists. Some journalists believe that too many of Australia's iconic restaurants contain wine lists with little relevance to the needs of the consumer, that is, they are filled with obscure wines from obscure places. On the other hand many sommeliers simply respond by saying they are taking the customer on a vinous journey of discovery, opening up new worlds and possibilities. I must admit to be being torn either way, on one hand it's great to be exposed to new wines and to expand one's tasting horizons, on the other hand it can be an expensive and disappointing mistake and given the occasion it may be more appropriate to choose a recognisable wine from the list that you know will not disappoint. I have come across several sommeliers who have exclaimed 'I had to take that wine off the list because it was selling too well"! In this brave march into new wine worlds, sommeliers must be prepared for some collateral damage, so if your bold leap into the unknown ends in disaster (i.e. the wine is no good!), ask to return it and it will be a sommelier's duty to ensure your satisfaction. Peter Lloyd

Tasting Notes / Wine Descriptions

'14 Prosecco

Delicate and light, an Aperitif style sparkling. Fresh and dry on the palate with notes of fresh apple. This variety is a refreshing change from Chardonnay as the base of great sparkling wines.

'14 Chenin

Light floral perfume. Round delicate palate and modest acidity. Yet here is a wine that will age for many years.

'14 Fiano

This is our 10th release since we pioneered this Campanian variety in Australia. Citrus and peach aromas, fresh, and that distinctive pithy, chalky texture that Fiano is noted for.

'14 Sangiovese Rose

A beautiful crimson pink colour. Distinctive cherry flavours, dry and refreshing and will provide great summer drinking.

'14 Nero d'Avola

This is our third release of this Sicilian variety. We had been looking for a variety that can be released young with minimal oak. Lifted perfume, bright red fruit, juicy, youthful flavours, and low tannin.

'13 Sangiovese

Great drinking young or for cellaring. The nose is bright and aromatic – red fruits, cherry, musk and earth. Savoury Sangiovese at its best.

'13 Barbera

Herb flower aromas, light on tannin with mouthwatering cherry and blueberry notes.

'13 Dancing Fig

This cellar door only wine is now a classic GSM style. 50% Mourvedre, 35% Grenache, 15% Shiraz. Medium bodied palate with soft tannins.

'12 Estate Shiraz

Shiraz is the traditional grape of McLaren Vale and is Coriole's flagship variety. Lifted aromas of spice, mocha and blackberry. The palate is soft, round and plush with bright red and black fruit and integrated oak. An elegant, medium to full bodied style that finishes long and balanced.

'11 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

An attractive aroma of blueberry and fresh herbs. Medium to full bodied with dark fruit and choc-mint The 2011 vintage was good in McLaren Vale. Drink now or over the next 5-10 years.

'10 Mary Kathleen

Named after the family matriarch Mary Kathleen (Molly) Lloyd. 10% Merlot in this Cabernet blend. Powerful yet elegant, with mouth filling texture and subtle fine tannins and lovely violet perfume.

'10 Lloyd

This wine is one of Langton's Classified Wines of Australia. The vineyard was planted in 1919. Concentrated and intense with subtle spice. A balanced, long lived release that will comfortably age for the next 10-20 years.

"What Coriole perhaps does better than any other McLaren Vale maker is to fashion wines of such balance and finesse that can be enjoyed relatively early in their lives but are simultaneously equipped with the structure, balance and layers of fruit to unfold slowly through the decades. Here is as good an example as I can remember - a wine that I have already enjoyed with an Argentinian steak in Hong Kong and have also recommended to friends as a wine to put down for twenty years or more. It's a perfect marriage of strength and finesse."
97 points. Jeremy Oliver



04 New lawns at Coriole. Croquet anyone?

Photo: Hollie Adams

Fiano Wins Trophy in the McLaren Vale Wineshow 2014

The Fiano 2014 has won the trophy for the “Best McLaren Vale White Wine Other” (Other than Chardonnay).

Summer Entertainment

Peoples Messiah. Saturday Dec 20th, 5.30 pm. Come and sing or simply listen. Performance in the barrel shed with wonderful young soloists, organ and conductor. Bring your own picnic.

Booking essential. www.trybooking.com

Here's To Now. Saturday Jan 3rd from 4pm till late. A great line up of musicians; Shaolin Afronauts, Oisima, Marlon Williams, Nai Palu, Max Savage and there are more to come. Food from Happy Motel, Beer from the Wheety, Cocktails-Clever Little Tailor, and even wine from Coriole! Bookings www.thehappymotel.com

Macbeth. Thursday Jan 22nd-Sunday Jan 25th, 7pm. Don't miss out on meeting up with that monster Macbeth. Bring a picnic, order a hamper. Bring a rug or a small chair. Or chairs provided. Essential Theatre. www.trybooking.com

UK Christmas Delivery

We can arrange Christmas deliveries of a 6 pack of Coriole wine. The pack includes Chenin Blanc, Fiano, Sangiovese Shiraz, Redstone Cabernet, Redstone Shiraz and Sangiovese. Alternatively we can make up a premium pack that includes Estate Shiraz and Lloyd Reserve Shiraz. Total cost for the standard 6 pack to any mainland UK address is £91.50 incl VAT. Contact jodi@coriole.com to arrange.

Coriole Christmas Box

This lay down display box of goodies contains 2 bottles of wine, 250ml First Oil EVO, 750ml Extra Virgin Olive Oil, 250ml Aged Sweet Vinegar (7 years average age), and 5 x 150 gm cryovac packs of mixed olives. All items are produce of Coriole. Price is \$95 delivered. See order form. Card can be included.

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