

-  **Dry Eden Valley Riesling 2009** Bright straw-green; attractive lime and a little green apple aromas and flavours; the restrained alcohol gives the wine freshness and crisp acidity. Screwcap. 11.5% alc. **Rating 93 To 2017 \$19.50**  
 **Bella Rouge 2009** Attractive wine; 24 hours skin contact with cabernet sauvignon has worked well, with bright flavours and a pleasing touch of tannin to strengthen the finish. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating 93 To 2010 \$20**  
**Valley Floor Barossa Shiraz 2008** **Rating 93 To 2023 \$28.50**  
**The Fifth Wave Barossa Grenache 2007** **Rating 93 To 2017 \$35**  
**Liqueur 20 Year Old Shiraz Tawny NV** **Rating 93 To 2011 \$35**  
**Barossa Valley Sparkling Shiraz Cuvee NV** **Rating 92 To 2013 \$35**  
**Orphan Bank Barossa Valley Shiraz 2007** **Rating 91 To 2017 \$50**  
**Barossa Valley Vintage Shiraz 2003** **Rating 91 To 2023 \$25**
-  **Live Wire Eden Valley Riesling 2009** **Rating 89 To 2016 \$20**  
**Blacksmith Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007** **Rating 89 To 2014 \$28.50 BE**  
**Ten Year Old Barossa Tawny NV** **Rating 89 To 2011 \$18.50**  
**Hangin' Snakes Barossa Valley Shiraz Viognier 2008** **Rating 88 To 2015 \$20**  
**Barossa Late Harvest Riesling 2008** **Rating 88 To 2013 \$25**  
**Eden Valley Chardonnay 2009** **Rating 87 To 2011 \$15**

## Lark Hill




521 Bungendore Road, Bungendore, NSW 2621 **Region** Canberra District

**T** (02) 6238 1393 **F** (02) 6238 1393 **www.larkhillwine.com.au** **Open** Wed–Mon 10–5

**Winemaker** Dr David, Sue and Chris Carpenter **Est.** 1978 **Cases** 3000 **Vyds** 6.5 ha

The Lark Hill vineyard is situated at an altitude of 860 m, level with the observation deck on Black Mountain Tower, and offers splendid views of the Lake George escarpment. The Carpenters have made wines of real quality, style and elegance from the start, but have defied all the odds (and conventional thinking) with the quality of their Pinot Noirs in favourable vintages. Significant changes have come in the wake of son Christopher gaining three degrees, including a double in wine science and viticulture through CSU: the progression towards biodynamic certification of the vineyard and the opening of a restaurant in 2007. They have also planted 1 ha of gruner veltliner; it is hard to understand why there have been so few plantings of this high-quality variety calling Austria its home. Exports to the UK.

-  **Canberra District Riesling 2009** A complex bouquet and palate, with notes of citrus rind, a hint of tropical fruit and a whisper of honeysuckle; fills the mouth with flavour. Screwcap. 12% alc. **Rating 94 To 2017 \$30**  
**Canberra District Gruner Veltliner 2009** At long last, a gruner veltliner to write about. In Austria it is planted in precisely the same regions as riesling, so it was doubly pleasing it should appear in the Canberra District. Is strongly varietal, with a waft of white pepper on the bouquet adding complexity to the fig and ripe pear fruit; best of all is the texture and mouthfeel. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. **Rating 94 To 2019 \$45**

## Larry Cherubino Wines



15 York Street, Subiaco, WA 6000 **Region** Western Australia

**T** (08) 9382 2379 **F** (08) 9382 2397 **www.larrycherubino.com** **Open** Not

**Winemaker** Larry Cherubino **Est.** 2005 **Cases** 6000 **Vyds** 20 ha

Larry Cherubino has had a particularly distinguished winemaking career, first at Hardys Tintara, then Houghton, and thereafter as consultant/Flying Winemaker in Australia, NZ, South Africa, the US and Italy. In 2005 he started Larry Cherubino Wines and has developed three ranges: at the top is Cherubino (Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon); next The Yard, five single-vineyard wines from WA; and at the bottom another five wines under the Ad Hoc label, all single-region wines. The range and quality of his wines is extraordinary, the prices irresistible. Exports to the UK, the US, Canada, The Netherlands and Switzerland. Winery of the year 2011 *Wine Companion*.



- Cherubino Porongurup Riesling 2009** An exercise in restraint on the bouquet, which hides the quite remarkable intensity and drive of the palate, with lime and lemon juice on the mid-palate framed by lingering minerally acidity. Gold-plated 20-year development potential. Screwcap. 12.2% alc. **Rating 97 To 2030 \$35**
- ★ **The Yard Porongurup Riesling 2009** As with all the '09 Larry Cherubino Rieslings, virtually devoid of colour; the bouquet, however, is expressive, the palate beautifully defined and balanced, the aftertaste lingering. Five years will see it come into full flower. Screwcap. 12.3% alc. **Rating 96 To 2027 \$25**
- ★ **The Yard Kalgan River Riesling 2009** Hints of wild flowers, even sage, on the bouquet lead into a lip-smacking juicy palate with flavours from lemon to mandarin driving through to an emphatic finish. Screwcap. 12.8% alc. **Rating 96 To 2024 \$25**
- ★ **Cherubino Pemberton Sauvignon Blanc 2009** Pale green-straw; citrus and herb, rather than tropical, aromas precede a blaze of flavour on the highly charged, intense and long palate. The barrel fermentation is not the least obvious. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating 96 To 2013 \$35**
- Cherubino Frankland River Shiraz 2008** Smoky oak, violets, roasted meat, blackberry and Asian all-spice blend to form a beguiling bouquet; the palate is multi-layered and amazingly silky with black fruits swamping the considerable oak with ease; incredibly complex, lacy and engaging from start to finish. Cork. 14% alc. **Rating 96 \$65 BE**
- ★ **The Yard Mount Barker Riesling 2009** Evanescent blossom aromas from apple to lime foreshadow an elegant and precisely pitched palate, with citrus and green apple flavours running through to the crisp finish. From the Whispering Hill Vineyard. Screwcap. 12% alc. **Rating 95 To 2024 \$25**
- ★ **The Yard Pannoo Porongurup Riesling 2009** Has the intensity and acidity usually restricted to Tasmania, with almost searing green lime and apple fruit encased in a fine-spun web of acidity; dry finish. Screwcap. 12.3% alc. **Rating 95 To 2020 \$25**
- The Yard Pemberton Sauvignon Blanc 2009** Pale straw-green; while grassy/citrusy notes are dominant, there are whispers of tropical fruits; has excellent line, length and balance. Screwcap. 12.6% alc. **Rating 94 To 2012 \$25**
- Cherubino Margaret River Chardonnay 2009** A complex yet restrained bouquet of grilled cashews, grapefruit and toasty oak; the palate is quite tightly wound, showing white nectarine and grapefruit, combined with lively acidity and a touch of grip; unevolved, but with a bright future. Screwcap. 13.2% alc. **Rating 94 \$49 BE**
- The Yard 24 Road Vineyard Chardonnay 2009** Pale, bright straw-green; a wine made with great skill to reflect the more elegant side of Margaret River chardonnay, nectarine fruit in a silken web of quality oak, fruit always dominating the oak. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating 94 To 2019 \$30**
- Cherubino Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2008** Bright colour; unevolved bouquet with layers of cigar box, rolled leaf, cassis and fine seasoning from new French oak; the palate is layered and almost silky in texture, with a sweet spot of dark fruit concluding with extremely fine-grained tannins; needs time, but should reward amply. Cork. 13.5% alc. **Rating 94 \$75 BE**
- The Yard Pedestal Vineyard Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2009** **Rating 93 To 2015 \$28 BE**
- ★ **Ad Hoc Tree Hugger Margaret River Chardonnay 2009** Pale straw, bright hue; lemon and grapefruit bouquet, showing a slight steely/flinty edge; incredibly fresh, zesty and focused, with a lingering lemon character; demanding of seafood to complement. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating 92 To 2016 \$20 BE**
- ★ **Ad Hoc Hen & Chicken Chardonnay 2008** Bright green-gold; a very elegant wine, with white peach and nectarine doing the talking aided by perfectly balanced acidity; if there is oak, it is not obvious. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating 92 To 2014 \$19.95**

- ★ The Yard Acacia Vineyard Frankland River Shiraz 2008 Rating 92 \$35
- ★ Ad Hoc Wallflower Riesling 2009 Has a highly toned and expressive bouquet with perfumed white flower aromas, then a bright but quite tight palate with touches of apple and citrus. Screwcap. 12.3% alc. Rating 91 To 2017 \$18 BE
- ★ Ad Hoc Straw Man Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2009 Attractive, easy-drinking style; gooseberry and citrus flavours dominate proceedings; has good balance and length. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating 91 To 2012 \$20
- ★ The Yard Orondo Vineyard Dwellingup Mourvedre Grenache Shiraz 2009 Rating 91 To 2016 \$25 BE
- ★ Ad Hoc Etcetera Cabernet Merlot 2008 'A blend of Cabernet, Merlot ... and the rest.' A full-bodied and rich array of black fruits complexed by notes of briar and spice, and supported by ripe tannins. Good cellaring potential. Screwcap. 14.2% alc. Rating 91 To 2020 \$20
- ★ Ad Hoc Hen & Chicken Chardonnay 2009 Rating 90 To 2014 \$20 BE
- ★ Ad Hoc Red Wine 2008 Bright, clear colour; filled to the gills with plush red (dominant) and black fruits; oak and tannins largely irrelevant; shortens fractionally on the finish. Cherubino's summary: 'Mix Master. Well mixed red.' Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 90 To 2015 \$18
- Ad Hoc Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir NV Rating 90 To 2013 \$20
- ★★★★ Ad Hoc Middle of Everywhere Shiraz 2008 Rating 89 To 2015 \$20



## Last Word Wines



12 Main North Road, Clare, SA 5453 **Region** Clare Valley

T 0458 434 000 F (08) 8842 2695 [www.lastwordwines.com](http://www.lastwordwines.com) **Open** 7 days 9–8

**Winemaker** Donna Stephens (Contract) **Est.** 2009 **Cases** 7000 **Vyds** 110 ha

Founder and owner Con Lymberopoulos is a former PE teacher who built himself a house in the Clare Valley before deciding to plant 1 ha of vacant land next door to vines. Together with one of his closest friends, and a collection of other partners, he began buying land and vineyards in the Clare Valley, building the holdings to an impressive 20 ha at Watervale, and 90 ha at Quarry Road, Clare. The labels and wine styles are different to most, as is the Last Word Inn, a combined café, restaurant, take away and cellar door, open 7 days for prodigiously long hours, particularly on the weekend.

- ★★★★ Intellectual Riesling 2009 Pale straw-green; lime, lemon, apple and spice aromas, then a pleasant palate that does chop off somewhat on the finish. Screwcap. 12.9% alc. Rating 87 To 2015 \$14

## Laughing Jack



Cnr Parbs Road/Boundry Road, Greenock, SA 5360 **Region** Barossa Valley

T 0427 396 928 F (08) 8562 3878 [www.laughingjackwines.com](http://www.laughingjackwines.com) **Open** By appt

**Winemaker** Mick Schroeter, Shawn Kalleske **Est.** 1999 **Cases** 3000 **Vyds** 35 ha

The Kalleske family has many branches in the Barossa Valley. Laughing Jack is owned by Shawn, Nathan, Ian and Carol Kalleske, and Linda Schroeter. They have 35 ha of vines, the lion's share to shiraz (22 ha), with lesser amounts of semillon, chardonnay, riesling and grenache. Vine age varies considerably, with old dry-grown shiraz the jewel in the crown. A small part of the shiraz production is taken for the Laughing Jack Shiraz. As any Australian knows, the kookaburra is also called the laughing jackass, and there is a resident flock of kookaburras in the stands of blue and red gum eucalypts surrounding the vineyards. Exports to the UK, the US and Switzerland.

- ★★★★★ Greenock Barossa Valley Shiraz 2007 Deep crimson-purple; an unashamedly full-bodied wine, with black fruits (blackberry, plum, prune) surrounded by firm tannins and some savoury characters; needs considerable patience, but will repay it. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Rating 94 To 2022 \$38