

- ★ 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 **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/Boundary Road, Greenock, SA 5360 **Region** Barossa Valley

T 0427 396 928 F (08) 8562 3878 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