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WINEMAKERS REVEAL THEIR PASSION



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Food or wine? Rarely do I have one without the other; it means I eat a lot.

Philosophy or science? Always philosophy. As I attempt to capture the grapes in the bottle, nature has done the work in the vineyard, so there is no hard science required in my wine world.

Environment or economy? Environment is everything. Without it there is no future. It drives the economy.

IF NOT A WINEMAKER, YOU WOULD BE...

I'd be a restorer and campaigner of old buildings and things. I just hate to see history decaying.

Do you remember the first wine you ever tasted? My Dad (Jim Barry) was the winemaker at Clarevale Cooperative winery. I remember sitting on a very tall stool and being given a taste of sweet, sweet, sherry, which I still love a lot today.

THE MOST BIZARRE DESCRIPTION A REVIEWER HAS GIVEN ONE OF YOUR WINES WAS...

James Halliday said my Shiraz – picked on St Patrick's Day – had divine approval. He said he believes I have some connection with the divine Almighty.

What do you hide in your personal cellar? Quite a lot of port (which the mice eat the caps off because they're sweet), Wendouree, Hill of Grace, Grange, Jim Barry's Armagh and a lot of my Dad's very old Riesling.

THE BEST WINE YOU EVER TASTED...

100-year-old 1898 Seppelts Para Liqueur Port. It was so concentrated and delicate, like angels brushing molasses-laden brushes across your tongue. I just kept thinking that the people who made this gracious creature 100 years ago are long dead and I'm drinking this now.

IN YOUR OPINION...

What's underestimated? My opinion.

What's sensationalised? The gloom and doom that permeates the wine industry currently – no good will come of it. I think it's time to dust off and focus on making great wine.

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LOOKING INTO YOUR CRYSTAL BALL...

What will the SA wine industry look like in 10 years? Let's hope it will once again be full of people who love the artistry of grape growing and winemaking and no longer refer to it as an industry - we are grape farmers and winemakers. Wine factories should not exist.

What will we be drinking? Great Australian wine and plenty of world wine and maybe fortifieds will again have their day in the sun.

Favourite drop? Ben Jeanneret's Hummer Merlot – it's a cracker.

What's your wine ambition? To live long enough to prove that the consumption of wine is good for you.

Do you have a wine secret? I have discovered that the consumption of wine makes boring people appear more

interesting.

What is special about your 2010 vintage? In truth it was the perfect vintage so one just has to let nature take its course. Minimal intervention required.

Any wine dogs at Good Catholic Girl? Harry Barry was a Maltese Shitzu and a great people hater. A lot of people remember him.

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A FEW OF MY favourites...



2010 GOOD CATHOLIC GIRL THERESA CLARE RIESLING
Zesty, zingy and delicious. A tribute to my good Catholic boy grape growers. **RRP \$25**



2007 GOOD CATHOLIC GIRL THE JAMES BRAZILL SHIRAZ
Reflects the terroir of the Armagh Valley to perfection. Big, bold and delicious. **RRP \$30**



2006 JEANNERET HUMMER MERLOT
Rich, opulent, juicy and full of personality. Reflecting the love that Ben Jeanneret puts into his beautifully crafted wine. **RRP \$40**