



## HUNTER VALLEY LEGENDS



### **John Tulloch**

The Tulloch story began in 1843 when James Tulloch arrived in Australia from his homeland of Scotland. But it wasn't until 1895 the rich heritage of the Tulloch family became associated with the wine industry and started the tradition which proudly continues in the family today. In 1895, James's grandson, John Younie Tulloch (J.Y. Tulloch) owned the Branxton General Store and accepted an unusual settlement for a debt owed to him - a 43 acre property in nearby Pokolbin. Tulloch took an immediate liking to the property and the five acres of neglected Shiraz vines it contained and undertook his first foray into viticulture and winemaking, which began the family tradition.

### **Bruce Tyrrell**

Fourth generation family member and Managing Director, Bruce Tyrrell heads this winemaking company that boasts well established, popular and highly recognisable wine brands that are exported to over 30 countries worldwide. English immigrant Edward Tyrrell established Tyrrell's Wines in 1858 in the lee of the Hunter Valley's Brokenback Range, New South Wales. This land has become recognised as home to some of the Hunter Valley regions finest vineyards, and the basis for development of one of Australia's most successful privately owned wine companies.

### **Neil McGuigan**

In 1985 wine merchant and restaurateur Johnny Walker stated that Neil McGuigan was "the most brilliant winemaker of his time". Neil continues to be one of Australia's foremost winemakers and brings over 27 years experience to McGuigan Wines. Growing up in a family of winemakers in the Hunter Valley, Neil was drawn to a career in winemaking and viticulture. Neil has been instrumental in the establishment of many of Awards.



In 2004 Neil came together again with brother Brian at McGuigan Simeon Wines (now Australian Vintage) as General Manager of Production and Wine Supply in 2004, a position he still holds today. Some of Neil's most recent accolades include: 2011 International Wine and Spirit Competition "Winemaker of the Year" and 2009 International Wine Challenge "White Winemaker of the Year" and most recently was awarded the Trophy for the 2010 NSW Wine of the Year at the 2010 NSW Wine

### **Robert Molines**

Widely regarded as one of the great Hunter Valley Chefs, Robert Molines possesses the qualifications and background that has made his food legendary. Living at Rothbury with wife Sally, and sons Louis and Joseph, Robert has built a thoroughly deserved reputation with his culinary imagination and hard work. Born in Algeria in 1951, his childhood exposed him to an exotic mix of Arab and Mediterranean cultures, opening up a diverse world of food and culinary delight.

Robert has now returned to the Hunter Valley restaurant scene, previously making a name for himself at the popular Roberts Restaurant at Pepper Tree, Robert can now be found weaving his magic at Bistro Molines and has once again re-established his restaurant as a must visit, being awarded 1 Chef Hat (2010,11).

### **Tower Estate**

Opening in 2001 Tower Estate has set the bench mark for luxury escapes in the Hunter Valley. Tower Estate comprises of the 5 star Tower Lodge, Tower Winery and Roberts Restaurant which has now been ranked among the world's best being invited to join Relais Chateaux, an exclusive collection of 475 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 55 countries.

The Lodge is an exclusive haven that boasts 12 extraordinary guestrooms, plus an intimate lounge and bar, baronial dining room, cosy library, state-of-the art meeting room plus impressive recreational facilities.

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