

2025 KICKED OFF AT TWO RIVERS JUMPING STRAIGHT INTO AN INCREDIBLY BUSY & EARLY HARVEST

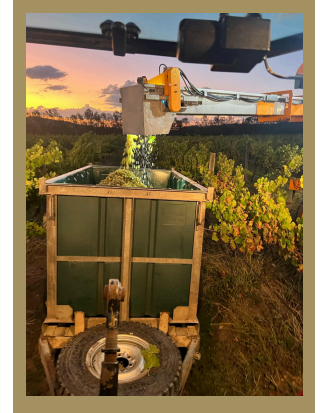
THE VINEYARD

After nearly perfect growing conditions before Christmas, Steve and the team dove straight into an intense January and February, working among the vines as early as January 5th! Despite endless hot and humid days that often ended in afternoon storms, we had another great year and are looking forward to the end results.

Vintage 2025: Crop levels were up across the region this year, and as mentioned above we saw a very early start to harvest. As a result our harvesting activity was more or less done and dusted by the beginning of March - relatively early in comparison to previous years.

The Verdelho was the first variety to be fully harvested, producing berries with a high Baumé, whilst the Chardonnay provided fruit with an amazing flavour but slightly lower Baumé. ("Baumé" refers to a measurement of the sugar content in grape juice, which directly affects the potential alcohol level of the wine. It's a scale used to determine grape ripeness and predict the alcohol content of the resulting wine.) The story was similar for the Semillon this year which yielded a slightly lower

Baumé than previous years. However, with numerous days reaching temperatures in the high 30's and at times low 40's this was to be expected. Despite this, all other grape varieties, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Fiano, Albarino and Marsanne, were picked as normal as the heat subsided a little in mid February. The team is now working hard cleaning up the vineyard following Harvest and preparing for pruning time. Life never stops in the vineyard!



MEET THE TEAM

As life gets busier at Two Rivers we have expanded our team with the addition of Erin Kemmis and Rivka Meijer - both of whom we will introduce you to below. Erin joins us as Wholesale Coordinator and is keen to promote our brand further afield, throughout the Hunter and beyond, whilst Rivka has taken on the role of Corporate Sales - a move which will ensure the visibility of Two Rivers as a brand across the region as well as a venue for Corporate events.

ERIN KEMMIS

How long have you worked at Two Rivers and what do you do?

10 months. I take care of Wholesale Wines.

What do you enjoy about your role?

Meeting amazing business owners and learning about their customers and staff. No day is the same. Oh, and wine! I get to talk about wine all day!

Can you tell us a little bit about you?

I'm originally a Sydney girl but have called the Hunter home for almost 6 years now. We moved up before covid hit as we wanted a slower pace, a community that cares and a house we could afford! I have been previously an Event Manager for over 12 years and a Fashion Designer before that. But I've loved wine for even longer.

What 3 qualities/morals are important in your life?

Authenticity - both within yourself and with others. Kindness - being kind costs nothing. You never know how a small act of kindness could change someone's day. Dance - sometimes you just need to let your hair down and go with the music (doing it with wine helps!)

What is your favourite Two Rivers Wine and what would you pair with it?

I really love our current Cuvee. It's 100% Semillon, so it's fresh and easy drinking and not overly dry, nor sweet. Pair with anything - it really is that versatile. I also really like our Reserve Range - such good value.

What was the last book you read?

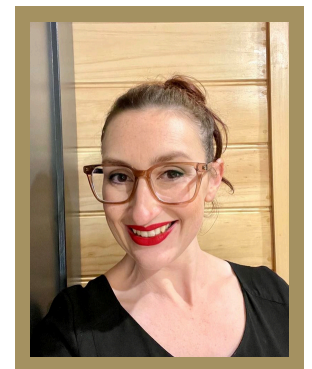
Black Emu - a non-fiction about the agricultural practices of Australia's indigenous peoples and the misconception that they were all nomadic communities and therefore didn't farm. There's evidence in early settler accounts of the methods used and what they planted....there's a lot of wisdom there that should be incorporated into our current agricultural practices.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go and who would you go with?

Do they have to be alive haha? I'd go to India with Mahatma Gandhi or travel Europe with Monet and paint rural landscapes. Oh, or anywhere with my husband! haha

Why would you go there?

I'd go to India to immerse myself in the culture and hopefully gain some insight into being happy with less. And I'd love to give back. Europe to paint because there is unending inspiration in the scenery there - and amazing food!





TWO RIVERS

HUNTER VALLEY WINES

RIVKA MEIJA

How long have you worked at Two Rivers and what do you do?

I started at Two Rivers in early January and will be taking on Corporate Relations as well Cellar Door.

What do you enjoy about your role?

I love people and I love Two Rivers wine! I really enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to our wines. I am a big believer in supporting local so it's great to connect and work with other local businesses.

Can you tell us a little bit about you?

I was born and raised in Amsterdam, the Netherlands before moving to Montreal, Canada at the age of 14. I spent 4 years navigating my way through High School, College and learning English. I studied International Communications and Media back in the Netherlands and worked in hospitality as a part time job since a young age. After a brief stint in the corporate world, I decided that I should travel before really hooking into my career. That is now 7 years ago.

Coming to Australia was never a dream of mine but as it turns out, it is my dream country to live in. I spent 4 years in Walgett, NSW. First to complete my 88-days of farmwork (with a stint up north in WA as part of a contract mustering team) and later starting a café / gift shop there. 2.5 years ago, I moved to Willow Tree to run the restaurant and bar at the Willow Tree Inn and now I am here!

What 3 qualities/morals are important in your life?

Work hard, keep learning, be kind.

What is your favourite Two Rivers Wine and what would you pair with it?

It is hard to go past the Cuvee, a lovely crisp but fine bubble. I also really enjoy the Reserve Chardonnay with an oven baked fish and the Reserve Shiraz with a steak.

What was the last book you read?

I recently finished Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and who would you go with? Why would you go there?

I would love to go back to Africa and spend more time there visiting more countries, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa, Namibia... I recently travelled to Kenya and fell in love with the colours, the light, the people and the wildlife so I'd love to keep exploring the continent.

Whoever wants to come, especially if they can fund, the trip! 😊

EVENTS AT TWO RIVERS

Following a couple of quieter months over the heat of the summer, we are now running headlong into our Autumn events calendar. Our first wedding of the year took place in early March followed by the return of the long awaited Long Lunch. Twice the size of the Long Lunch held in 2024, it sold out within 48 hours of going on sale. It was a fantastic afternoon of delicious food prepared by Chef Nathan Cooper, Two Rivers wine, live music by Chris London and some fun-filled wine trivia. We hope to host another in Spring so watch this space!

On the same weekend we also hosted the highly anticipated and successful Children's book launch by author Lisa Melichar, with book readings and signings, face painting and games.

Looking ahead we have a number of weddings booked over the next few months, not to mention plenty of baby showers, two more Food & Wine Pairing Dinners at the Old Courthouse in late May and a lunch & wine tasting experience for a 200 strong contingent from Angus Australia.

Other great news is that work has finally begun on the construction of our permanent marquee. After months of delays, approval was granted in early March, and the concrete slab was poured shortly after. Work on the necessary utilities is now in progress. If everything goes as planned, we hope to have the marquee ready within the next couple of months although landscaping will take a bit longer. We are thrilled, as this will provide the region with a unique and versatile event space, perfect not only for weddings but also for a wide range of events, including Christmas parties, corporate conferences, Festivals and Awards ceremonies. For smaller events such as baby showers, family celebrations, board meetings and smaller team meetings we will continue to use our indoor/outdoor Cellar Door space.

THE CELLAR DOOR

Our Cellar Door has been buzzing all summer long, with wine tastings, delicious platters, Friday night specials, and a variety of intimate events. As Autumn settles in, we're thrilled to introduce some exciting new vintages to our collection. And that's not all—stay tuned for additional tasting experiences coming your way soon! We can't wait to share more with you.

