

## diggers bluff

Diggers Bluff is named after Tim O'Callaghan's dog, Digger, and the windy bluff on which they live overlooking Seppeltsfield. Here Tim prunes, picks, ferments, presses and labels his wines "with my own hands" to produce a style which he attributes to the influence of his father, Robert O'Callaghan at Rockford – "rich, soft and balanced."

### My place

"In the winery I use a very slow crusher to carefully remove the berries from the stalks," explains Tim, "making sure that there is a minimum of stalks and leaves in the ferment. This also ensures we get no snails, lizards, nails,



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posts or even the odd push bike, believe it or not! I have an 1800s and a 1960s hand cranked press, and these play a critical role in achieving soft, smooth flavours and tannins."

### Visiting Diggers Bluff

"We have a top view and awesome sunsets and if you're keen to come and have a look you're most welcome. Please call ahead. You'll enjoy a one-on-one tasting with someone who works in the winery and vineyard. If you're lucky it might even be me!"

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Tastings by appointment

Price range \$17-\$45

*Key Wines: Top Dog Shiraz, Watch Dog Cabernet Shiraz, Sly Dog Cabernet, Stray Dog Grenache Shiraz Mataro, Lap Dog Rosé*

### Local knowledge

"We enjoy a good beer and feed after a long day and we're lucky that the Greenock Tavern is just across the Seppelt Valley. It sports a fine brew from the local brewery, The Barossa Brewing Company, and some of the best pub food you'll find in Australia."



Darren Davis and Tim O'Callaghan making wine the old-fashioned way with a basket press and inset foot stomping grapes

