



MY BAROSSA...

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Where do you take visiting friends and relatives? Here Mark and Mandy Creed, from Lyndoch Hill and Creed Wines, reveal their favourite things to do and see in the Barossa when people come to stay.

1. Parson's Hill Lookout

Located on Trial Hill Road, Parson's Hill Lookout is just minutes from where we live in Lyndoch. The views from here are really lovely. From here you can follow the walking trail to Steingarten Lookout, surrounded by vines planted by Colin Gramp in the 1960s. This is a real Barossa gem. For detailed instructions and a walking map visit www.walkingtrailssupportgroup.org.au

2. Vintners Bar & Grill

We've been customers for many years and especially enjoy the New Year events. We've hosted a number of VIPs here in the past, and love returning for a quiet romantic escape. Vintners is a great showcase for Barossa food and wine. *Vintners Bar & Grill, Nuriootpa Road, Angaston. Phone: 08 8564 2488; www.vintners.com.au. Open for lunch daily and dinner Monday to Saturday.*

3. Altona CSR Landcare Reserve

This reserve was established some years ago on the site of an open-cut mine. The loop walk is gentle and accessible to most visitors. The reserve is dissected by the North Para River, so expect to see plenty of wildlife. Visit at dawn or dusk. *Altona CSR Landcare Reserve is on Altona Road, Lyndoch. The 5.7km walking trail takes two hours.*

4. Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park

Hidden in the Barossa Ranges, this park contains one of our favourite walks: the Stringybark Hike. We often take international visitors here. The park is teeming with kangaroos and wallabies. *Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park is 12km south east of Tanunda. Open from sunrise to sunset daily.*

5. Burge Family Winemakers

Mark writes: "Mum and Dad would almost always stop in to see Rick Burge on our regular Barossa visits. My parents purchased my first dozen bottles of wine from Rick. And my father and I joined Rick's Solero Port club. His port was on the table on many family occasions – fond memories. So many thanks, Rick!" *Burge Family Winemakers, Barossa Way, Lyndoch. Phone: 08 8524 4644; www.burgefamily.com.au. Cellar door open Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays.*

6. Chateau Yaldara

Now part of the McGuigan empire, Chateau Yaldara is a Barossa landmark. We have terrific memories of touring the property and tasting the extensive wine list – from sparkling whites to ports and liqueurs. We were always fascinated by the chateau's cellars and its collection of antiques. The wines have changed since Hermann and Inga's time but the tours are still available and the chateau remains a must-do Barossan experience. *McGuigan Wines, Hermann Thumm Drive, Lyndoch. Phone: 08 8524 0225; www.mcguiganwines.com.au. Tours run daily at 1pm. Lunch available at Café Y (closed Tuesdays).*

7. Brenton Langbein Theatre

How fortunate are we to have a facility of this size and quality right here in the Barossa? We've enjoyed everything from children's dance events to rock music, classical symphonies and folk concerts in this 1,000-seat auditorium. *Barossa Arts & Convention Centre, Magnolia Road, Tanunda. Phone: 08 8561 4299; www.barossaconvention.org*

8. Liebichwein & Lou Miranda Estate

For years, Rovally in Rowland Flat was a regular stop. These days we pop up to see Ron and Janet at Liebichwein. They make some of the best fortifieds in the Barossa. The old Rovally property is now Lou Miranda Estate, which also makes great wine and runs an excellent restaurant. *Liebich Cellar Door, Steingarten Road, Rowland Flat. Phone: 08 8524 4543; www.liebichwein.com.au. Open six days a week (closed Tuesdays), 11am to 5pm. Lou Miranda Estate, Barossa Valley Way, Rowland Flat. Phone: 08 8524 4537; www.loumirandaestate.com.au. Open daily.*

9. Warren Reservoir & Mt Crawford Forest

Two more beautiful natural resources in the Barossa. There are plenty of walking and cycling paths through this area, plus some fun 4WD tracks. A lovely spot for picnics and to enjoy some native wildlife. What a little gem! *Mount Crawford Forest is seven kilometres from Williamstown. Call Forestry SA on 08 8521 1700.*

10. Lyndoch Bakery & Restaurant

Mandy writes: "I'm a regular visitor to the Lyndoch Bakery. Chicken Kiev pie is my first choice! The team down there are doing great things. It's great to see so many people stopping for a casual bite to eat in the town centre!" *Lyndoch Bakery and Restaurant, 26 Barossa Valley Highway, Lyndoch. Phone: 08 8524 4422; www.lyndochbakery.com.au*

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