

## SALLY AND JEREMY SCARBOROUGH

A family tradition of winemaking could be passed down to a third generation if Jeremy Scarborough's 10-year-old son Callum's love of harvesting equipment is any indication.

"My son is mad about mechanical harvesters and tractors," Jeremy says. "He gets really excited around this time of year."

Jeremy is the son of Ian and Merralea Scarborough, who established Pokolbin-based Scarborough Wine Co to release their first drop in 1987. Like his father, Jeremy is a winemaker, and sister Sally is sales and marketing manager.

The family's story began in the late '60s when Ian studied oenology at Roseworthy College in Adelaide and worked with Peter Lehmann from 1970 to 1972. He met South Australian-raised wife Merralea and moved the family to the Hunter, where he took a position as chief winemaker at Tulloch.

Growing up in Pokolbin, Jeremy decided early on that he wanted to be a winemaker.

"I think it was inevitable I'd follow that path. There was never pressure from my parents to come back and be part of the wine industry, it just naturally evolved," Jeremy says.

"My father went through university with people like Phil Shaw [Rosemount], Patrick Auld [Pooles Rock] and Jay Tulloch [Tulloch], so those guys were always coming around to the house. Their children were much the same

age, so we'd all be going to the same Christmas parties and play groups. It was—as it is now—very much a community."

Sally recalls planting the vines as they set up the business and helping out at the cellar door during school holidays.

"It was always something. I knew I was going to be involved in because it was part of our family," she says.

Jeremy graduated from University of Adelaide Roseworthy Campus in 1994, meeting his wife, Liz Riley, there.

Sally's passions have always been food and wine but her move into the industry came a little later than Jeremy's.

After studying public relations, Sally affirmed her desire to join the family business while working in the Napa Valley in California.

"I lived in the Napa Valley for quite some time . . . I was really drawn to that area," she says.

She worked for the family company in Sydney and Melbourne before moving back home 2½ years ago to be closer to her family after the birth of her son, Jack.

Jeremy, who has learnt "just about everything" from his father, holds the



SCARBOROUGH PAIR: Siblings Sally and Jeremy at the family wine centre in Pokolbin.  
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business close to his heart.

"I'm not just the guy who turns on the pump in the winery. I'm involved in the vineyard, the winery and the financial side," he says.

Sally agrees: "Although we do have our differences of opinion, we all know what the common goal is."

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