

PROJECT 5255: Vintage 2026

THE CABERNET EDITION



Applications close 30 November 2025: <https://form.jotform.com/252728649495878>

Project 5255 is a collaborative project between growers and winemakers from Langhorne Creek to support three winemakers from outside the region to make a wine from Langhorne Creek fruit – on us! Whether you're employed by an established wine company or running your own show, Langhorne Creek Grape & Wine Inc. (LCGW) wants to support you to make a Langhorne Creek wine, in your own style, from our grapes.

We all know that wine is closely bound to a sense of place so we're looking for winemakers who'd like to explore Langhorne Creek as a region to source quality fruit. We'll give you up to 2 tonnes of fruit so that you can express your take on the terroir of the Creek. We'll give you access to talented people such local viticulturists and winemakers to help you with your grape selection and introduce you to the unique characteristics of our region.

The wine that is made should be labelled under your own label with your own artwork, but the **Langhorne Creek 5255** logo must be included on the **front label** together with the **Langhorne Creek GI**. The wine must be made from 100% Langhorne Creek fruit.

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For the V26 5255 program, we're putting the spotlight on one of our regional hero varieties – Cabernet Sauvignon. Successful winemakers will be able to select from a variety of amazing fruit to fit with the style that they want to create, with grapes available from different vine ages, soil types, clones and viticultural practices.

Project 5255 offers a great opportunity to experiment and try techniques you may have been wanting to explore – from preservative free, whole bunch, wild or new yeasts, Pet Nat to traditional ferments.

WHO ARE YOU?

- You have a Producer's Licence.
- You could have your own label. Start-up or established. We don't mind.
- You could be a winery or winemaker based in another Australian region who has never used fruit from Langhorne Creek before under your label.
- You can make a sound, finished wine, labelled with **Langhorne Creek 5255** that finds a place in the market.

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU PARTICIPATE?

- To immerse yourself in the vibrant Langhorne Creek community and discover a new source of fruit.
- You join the 5255 alumni, including Charlotte Hardy (Charlotte Dalton Wines), Rob Mack (Aphelion Wine Co.), Turon White (Turon Wines), Natillie Johnston (Tillie J Wines), Riley Harrison (Harrison Wine), duo Greg Clack/Kate Horstmann (XO Wine Co.), Brendon Keys (BK Wines), Anita Goode (Wangolina) and Lauren Langfield (Lauren Langfield Wines).
- You receive up to 2 tonnes of fruit, gratis.

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- Access to talented people – viticulturists, winemakers and marketers who know Langhorne Creek like the back of their hand. They can assist you with advice and support from grape to glass.
- Publicity! We'll be making the project, your wine and brand, highly visible in market.
- Free label printing through our project sponsors MCC.
- Complimentary entry into the 2027 Langhorne Creek Wine Show for your 5255 wine.
- A complimentary ticket to the 2027 Wine Show exhibitor tasting and luncheon.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL WINEMAKERS

- The winemaker must sign a project agreement with LCGW.
- The wine produced must have the **Langhorne Creek 5255** logo on the **front label** @ 1.5 cm high (incorporated in own branding or on a neck label).
- The wine must have **Langhorne Creek (GI)** on the **front label**.
- The wine must be made from 100% Langhorne Creek fruit.
- The winemaker must cover costs of transportation of the grapes to the winery where they will be processing them, unless otherwise agreed.
- The winemaker **must** agree to the below promotional schedule and social media commitment to support the project; provide photos / videos (from a smartphone is fine) from the production process for LCGW to use; and be willing to have progress reported on LCGW's social media.
- The winemaker **must** be willing to participate in videos, photo shoots and media opportunities as directed by LCGW to support the project.
- The winemaker **must** be available to attend an orientation day (to meet the grape grower and visit the vineyard) and be present at harvest.
- The wine should be sold for at least \$25 per bottle.
- The wine must be ready to be released at a launch event before the end of June 2027 (date TBC).

When	What	Who
January 2026	Orientation day and vineyard visits, photo shoot for media release	5255 winemakers, LCGW, LC growers
March / April 2026	Harvest and winemaking, minimum two social media posts (photo and/or video) using hashtag #Project5255	5255 winemakers, LC growers
May to Dec 2026	Minimum two social media posts (photo and/or video) with winemaking updates, label artwork ideas etc. using hashtag #Project5255	5255 winemakers
Jan 2026 to Jun 2027	Minimum two social media posts (photo and/or video) with bottling updates etc. using hashtag #Project5255	5255 winemakers
May / Jun 2027	Launch event – date TBC	5255 winemakers, LCGW, LC growers

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I'M INTERESTED, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

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We'll be confirming the successful applicants in December 2025, and announcing the recipients in early 2026, so we ask you to **apply by 5pm on Sunday 30 November 2025**. This project is an opportunity that only comes along every two years. Join the Langhorne Creek Project 5255 alumni – apply today!

V20 Project 5255

- Charlotte Dalton Fiano
- Aphelion Malbec
- Turon Grenache

V22 Project 5255

- Tillie J Grenache
- Harrison Malbec
- XO Prosecco

V24 Project 5255

- BK Wines Sangiovese
- Lauren Langfield Cab Franc
- Wangolina Malbec



Brendon Keys, Lauren Langfield and Anita Goode at V24 launch event