

Doug Govan

THE PUBLICAN/WINEMAKER

Fleurieu icon DOUG GOVAN is a long-serving publican and winemaker, famous for his beloved pub The Victory Hotel on picturesque Sellicks Hill.

The STORY // The Victory Hotel is one of those classic favourite destinations that's been around for as long as you can remember. For 26 years, it's been in the hands of SA publican Doug Govan. Doug purchased the venue in 1989 after a long-held love affair with the pub from childhood family holidays.

With a history in the nightclub scene in Adelaide, Doug is a veteran of the service industry, and the success of the Victory is testament to this. After working his way through the industry in Adelaide for many years, Doug was ready to move down South.

"We grew up taking trips down the coast and always stopping here on our way home," says Doug, "I've always loved it." So when The Victory came on the market years later, Doug jumped at the chance.

Since Doug has fathered the pub, this Fleurieu icon has gone from strength-to-strength, with improved development, an ever-changing yet reliable menu and an impressive wine list. It's been awarded 'Best Hotel Dining' in the Advertiser Food Guide 2014, and his wine label *Rudderless* (based on the Victory property) and second restaurant venture *The Star of Greece*, have also been commended by press such as James Halliday and The Australian.

YOUR part of the story Visit The Victory for a meal, a drink, or even for one of Doug's famed Wine Dinners. Doug is always up for a chat, and a tour in his cellars really is an exceptional experience.

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The HERO // It is Doug's passion for wine, views and making people happy which has made his name in the industry and Fleurieu region. His dedication to making connections and sharing his passions have made The Victory and The Star of Greece incredibly popular food and wine venues in the state.

Whether you're a regular local or a newcomer, you want a parmigiana and a pint or a world-class steak and a nice glass of red, Doug will oblige.

He's got secret cellar tunnels deeper than you can imagine, and connections to winemakers as near as down the road, and as far as Burgundy in France.

Doug has stories and knowledge that could stretch further than his cellars. But it is his love for wine and passion to develop the industry in the region which make him a household name and Fleurieu hero.

The FLEURIEU // It's the views which originally brought Doug to the Fleurieu, but it's the people, the food and the wine that made him stay. "I've always been a sucker for views," Doug says, with his family home and holidays always surrounding Adelaide and South Australia's breath-taking hillsides and sea-scapes.

With a love for the ocean, the Fleurieu was the best of both worlds for Doug, with The Victory the ultimate project to continue his love of good wine, good food, and stellar views. "It's close to McLaren Vale, and now with the Expressway it's only 45 minutes from Adelaide," Doug says of the Fleurieu, "and the food, wine and people down here are amazing."