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Ryan Fromm at TeAro Estate.

NEW AGE *in the* VALLEY

The young guns are breathing fresh life into the wines and food of the Barossa

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APPROACHING the Barossa from the south reveals a different kind of valley. Through the mysterious forests of Mt Crawford, past deep reservoirs, dipping and winding along narrow, bush-cuffed roads you arrive in Williamstown, a place always much damper and cooler than visitors imagine the Barossa to be.

That the valley is more than the sum of its parts, a collection of micro climates and tiny terroirs, is not widely acknowledged but at TeAro Estate cellar door, tucked away on Williamstown's sleepy Queen St, it's central to the Fromm family's philosophy.

Shaped by the church and a 19th century imperative of waste not, want not, Australia's most historic and culturally significant wine region is today home to a new generation of young, well-travelled, highly motivated winemakers. Their outlook may be global but their roots are sunk deep in the Barossa's soils. "This is a place where up to six generations have managed to stay on the same dirt," says 32-year-old Ryan Fromm, fourth generation winemaker at TeAro and a passionate advocate for the southern Barossa.

His family cellar door occupies a beautifully restored >

