

OUR VINEYARDS

Between them, Henry and Tom have about 55 hectares of vineyards:

The Gibbston block was planted in 1991
12 hectares planted in Bendigo in 2002
19 hectares planted in Bendigo in 2003
Marlborough blocks were planted in 1995



OUR WINES



The wine of the van Asch family reflects our heritage and place within the grape growing areas of Central Otago, New Zealand. Our approach to wine-making is simple, to portray the fruit and terroir. It is with pride and enjoyment that we have created this reflection of our land.



Rockferry is a landmark Marlborough New Zealand property where the early settlers crossed the Wairau River.

Today Rockferry reflects this heritage by using traditional winemaking techniques to produce wines of purity, intensity and distinction. Our wines are a true expression of single vineyard winegrowing.

FREEFALL

Freefall represents wines of New Zealand and celebrates its home in Central Otago next to the original Bungy bridge.

Our wines embrace the excitement created by Bungy and are best enjoyed following the conquering of your own personal challenge!

Freefall - Adventure In Wine

OUR TEAM

Henry and Tom have gathered together a passionate team to run The Winehouse & Kitchen. Viticulturalist turned Business Manager Timbo Morrison-Deaker heads the venture, Ingrid Thomas is the Sales Manager coming from a background in international wine distribution, former wine and tourism marketer Tim Fulton drives the brand development, at the helm in the Kitchen is well-travelled head chef Chris Bindon and managing the restaurant is Kirsten Lilley.



OPEN 7 DAYS FROM 10AM UNTIL 5PM
Children Welcome (Sandpit Supplied!)
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The Winehouse & Kitchen
Gibbston
Through the Kawarau Bungy Centre Carpark
20 minutes from Queenstown on SH 6



T H E W I N E H O U S E & K I T C H E N



THE KAWARAU GORGE

Until a few thousand years ago, Lake Wakatipu exited to the Mataura River through the moraines at Kingston. Gradually a branch of the Clutha River eroded back along the lines of weakness in the schist bedrock, (the present Kawarau gorge), until it captured the Nevis River. Eventually the newly formed Kawarau River encapsulated the Shotover River and the entire Lake Wakatipu catchment.

GIBBSTON HISTORY

- 1860: Pioneer WG Rees brought sheep through Gibbston, with difficulty, to stock his Wakatipu run.
- 1862: Discovery of payable gold in the area and thousands of prospectors swarm in to start the Arrow gold rush.
- 1880: After 18 months construction the Kawarau Bridge was opened on December 30th.
- 1963: The Kawarau Bridge is unable to keep up with demand and the two lane "Battling Betty" bridge opens.
- 1988: Henry van Asch and AJ Hackett operate commercial Bungy Jumping from the Bridge under a one month licence.
- 1990: An extensive Bridge restoration project is undertaken by the Department of Conservation & AJ Hackett Bungy.
- 2003: The Kawarau Bungy Centre is officially opened by the Prime Minister Helen Clark.



GLENROY HOMESTEAD

- 1910: Ewen Duncan leased "Glenroy" - a 4775ha Block as run 345D.
- 1913: Edgar Thompson Shand took over the lease buying a six-acre section from Mr & Mrs Whelan & built the original Glenroy homestead with a terraced garden, trees and shrubs.
- 1920: Shand returned from war with a leg wound and as a result sold the run to Fred Bloxham of Timaru. Bloxham installed the first private hydro-electric plant in Gibbston which drew water from nearby Tom's Creek.
- 1928: Bloxham moved on to farm at 'Bendermeer' Lake Hayes, and Peter McNaughton Anderson of Poolburn moved into Glenroy. Soon after arriving Peter struck desperately hard times with the depression and a rabbit infestation. Anderson's youngest son, Peter, eventually took over Glenroy and lived there all his life, rabbiting, mustering and farming.
- 1995: Jim Hunter bought the Glenroy Station and Topsy Anderson remains in residence.
- 1998: Topsy; the final resident departs the homestead.
- 2003: New owner Phil donates the house to Henry van Asch.



THE WINEHOUSE & KITCHEN

Henry van Asch, having visited the Anderson's during their time in Glenroy, always admired the character of the homestead. On hearing of an impending Arrowtown fire brigade training exercise Henry set about rescuing the building. In August 2003, he had the homestead relocated to its present position adjacent to the Kawarau Bungy Bridge.



The Winehouse & Kitchen was born with Henry's viticulturalist brother in law Tom Hutchinson. Tom has been growing white varieties in Marlborough for 10 years at the 'Corners' vineyard.

Rather than sell grapes to well known Marlborough wineries, Tom & Henry have now launched the Rockferry label, inspired by Tom's guesthouse of the same name at the historic ferry crossing on the Wairau River.

Henry's current van Asch Label has been given a new lease of life along with some new fruit supply.

The third wine label, Freefall, has taken inspiration from Bungy and sits at the aspirational end of the wine scale.



FREEFALL

The home for these wine brands is The Winehouse & Kitchen. A farmhouse concept restaurant, the emphasis on warm welcomes and hearty wholesome food in keeping with the homestead's pastoral history, heritage and restoration.



The aim is to provide a restful wine-educational experience to visitors & locals and their families.



The facility is also available for evening functions and events.