

## **MEDIA RELEASE - February 2006**



### **BUNDALEER WINES OPENS A CELLAR DOOR AT NORTH STAR HOTEL, MELROSE**

The Prairie Hotel at Parachilna, Australia's most awarded outback hotel has adopted a southern sister - the North Star Hotel at Melrose, at the foot of Mount Remarkable in South Australia's glorious Southern Flinders Ranges.

Hardly a newborn, the North Star is in fact the oldest licensed hotel in the Flinders Ranges. Extensively renovated in 2002, the pub now has a fascinating and unique interior that combines the old and the new. Walls are stripped back to reveal seams of the ancient stone from the 19th century, and during winter wood fires burn in the original fireplace, while kitchen and facilities are brand-new, modern and efficient.

A more recent makeover by the new North Star team, has upgraded the accommodation to create four boutique hotel rooms with a touch of "modern glamour" and an outdoor deck dining area with stunning views to Mount Remarkable. Family and backpacker-friendly rooms are available at North Star's - The Place Next Door. A third option is typical of the unique experience a stay at the North Star will be cosy cabins created from old semi trailer trucks!

According to owner of the Prairie Hotel and now North Star Hotel's Jane Fargher, walk into the front bar and you'll feel as welcome as a local.

It's a pub where you want to stop and have a beer, Jane said. But just like the Prairie, it's a lot more than that. There is so much to see and do in the Flinders Ranges, and the North Star is a great starting point for adventure, whether it be hiking the Heysen Trail, bike riding the Mawson Trail or a wine tasting, gourmet experience.

The North Star Hotel also has collaborated with Bundaleer Wines from the Southern Flinders Ranges, to create a cellar door.

Jane says she is very excited about the North Star as a new addition to her "family", particularly with the unique feature of a cellar door within the hotel.

The pub is very much a southern sister to the Prairie, but not a twin sister! After wine tasting and a night at the North Star, those on the gourmet trail can have a lazy breakfast and an espresso on the deck then head to the Prairie in time to settle in, before sunset drinks on the veranda, followed of course by our famous Flinders Feral cuisine for dinner.