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With Stuart Gregor

I get sent a lot of wine from a lot of wineries, all in the hope they will appear on this page.

Some come anonymously, some with beautiful prose, but a few weeks back, one wine came with something special.

A bloke walked into my office, looked at me and asked, "Aren't you Joe Bugner?" I said, "No, mate," and he said, "Oh, well if you're the wine guy, I have two bottles of red for you." I thanked him.

The bottles looked unremarkable, but then he started telling me of the medals they've won and the vineyard, and my eyes started glazing over as I began wondering what it would be like to be Joe Bugner. I would have fought Ali for starters...

Then he said, "You might be interested to know that this is the wine Roosy drank after the Swannies won the flag."

And then he tells me that the grapes for the Sugarloaf Creek Shiraz are grown at Broadford in Central Victoria and Barry Hall's mum can see the vineyard from her kitchen. So big bad Bazza's mum gets a few cases, sends a couple of bottles up to Bazza and Roosy ends up drinking it after the Swans majestic triumph last September.

It's a perfectly decent, richly flavoured red, but it now has a special place in my heart – it will forever be "Roosy's Wine".

In a world of anonymous wines, Sugarloaf Creek leaps out like Leaping Leo Barry over a pack of Eagles with only two seconds to go... Visit www.sugarloafcreek.com.au or stockists and GO SWANS!

Sugarloaf Creek Shiraz 2003, \$29.

With four gold medals to its name, it's no wonder a genius like Roosy loves it. And I love it, too. It's a monster wine with a velvet heart. Basically Bazza in a bottle.

Jacob's Creek Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2005, \$14. A new white from the Swan's official wine sponsor and, yet again, a wine of clarity and incredible value for money. Just proves you don't have to go over the pond for a great bottle of sav blanc.

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