

Trentham Estate Winery, overlooking the Murray River near Mildura, is distinctive among Australia's notable wineries.

Outstanding wines, excellent food and a stunning natural landscape, Trentham Estate reflects 100 years of grape growing traditions and experience on the part of its founders, the Murphy family.

Turning challenge into opportunity and values into principles has been the mantra for success at Trentham Estate since 1909.

"Being able to create something that people genuinely enjoy and that contributes to great experiences and memories is incredibly satisfying."

Patrick Murphy, Vineyard Manager

It was the year Irish immigrant John Murphy and his three brothers moved from the security of Melbourne to take up land at Merbein West in the Chaffey Brothers' fledgling Mildura irrigation colony. A plumber by trade, John, like so many others who came to Mildura, had no experience in horticulture or farming.

The dream was to create a better future through the fruits of labor on the land. The reality, in the early years, was somewhat more challenging.

In 1960, the eldest of John's sons, Jack and his wife Moya, found opportunity for their young family in new land opening in New South Wales, purchasing a property 15 kilometres from Mildura at Trentham Cliffs, a settlement developed after World War 2.

A magnificent location on a broad stretch of the Murray river, elevated above stunning cliffs and with secure access to water, Jack felt the potential was obvious. The property included some of the first Shiraz grapes planted in the region and the vines flourished in the rich red loam over limestone. It prompted a decision by Jack to specialize in winegrapes.

Sons Patrick and Anthony followed Jack and Moya into the family business, Patrick working on the property, and Anthony, following a passion for winemaking, and in 1984 the Murphy's produced their first vintage using just six tonnes of grapes.

In the 35 years since, Trentham Estate has collected hundreds of wine show medals and an impressive array of wine trophies and business awards. The Murphy Vineyards are now 60 hectares under vines of various age and the winemaking facility is a state-of-the-art complex handling 5000 tonnes of premium varietal fruit each vintage.

Since the first sod was turned on the winery and restaurant in 1987, the Murphy's have created a much-loved venue for locals and a not-to-be missed riverside destination for visitors.

A consistency of quality and attention to detail has been rewarded with hundreds of wine show medals, trophies and business awards over 35 years, including a nomination for Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's prestigious Winemaker of the Year Award and a trophy for Best Shiraz at the 2008 International Wine and Spirit Competition.

A considered and select range of wines, celebrates a love of life, the local lifestyle and the Murphy's Irish and Italian heritage. But it's complemented by a spirit of innovation and a passion for new styles and varieties that assures an exciting new dimension in every Trentham Estate range.

"Now, for people who visit, the main thing is that complete experience – the food, the wine, the river. I don't think there's anything else like it in Australia."

Anthony Murphy, Winemaker

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