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Crush 2010

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Crush is over for another year. Purely in the name of research, the Discover the Hills team travelled high and low to experience the event – making it to a total of 8 venues, and enjoying quite a bit of wine.

First stop was Petaluma's at the Bridgewater Mill, kicking off the day with a few glasses of Croser while listening to the tunes of the Bill Parton Trio. As Discover the Hills was there relatively early in the morning, there were plenty of seats available, however this popular spot was filling up fast. The wine and the setting were fabulous, the only negative being that food was not ready, and as we had been keen to taste the delights of the Bridgewater Mill that was a disappointment.

Next stop, the Stanley Bridge Hotel at Verdun, where K1 by Geoff Hardy, Deviation Road and Domain Lucci were presenting their wines to the public. Hungry by this stage, we first dove into the food with a spectacular pate made by Stanley Bridge Head Chef amongst the many food being served up. For those not that much into wine, the newly launched Coopers Clear was on tap, as was traditional favourite Pale Ale. The Stanley Bridge Hotel provided a lovely rural setting for the event which was relaxed and it seemed filled with many locals.

An unexpected stop at Barristers Block was next, motivated by the desire to taste the Jack's Fish Shack salt and pepper squid. It was beaut. Barrister's Block had a large crowd, with many children enjoying a picnic with their parents under one of the many shady trees. An art display as well as great music and wine helped make our spontaneous decision to stop in at Barristers Block great.

Onto BK Wines in Charleston, where although a smaller event, great wines were still flowing, with the owners and wine makers (rather than hired bar staff) serving up the drinks. For the first time the Discover the Hills team were recognised which was a monumental occasion. Riesling and Rose were enjoyed and spying on the goings on across the road at the Charleston Pub made for some great entertainment. We decided for once, not to have the food available, which turned out to be a mistake.

And here's why it was a mistake, our next stop Lobethal Road, was chokers, more people there than I'm sure they had planned for. All the food was gone, all the seats were taken. Luckily the Lobethal Bierhaus was there to provide some much needed sustenance. Ali Seedsman, of Sticky Rice Cooking School, was performing cooking demonstrations. We then enjoyed some Lobethal Road Sauv Blanc before heading South.

Our next stop, closer to home was Shaw and Smith, who proved why they are one of the biggest brands in the Hills with a massive throng of attendees on their lawns overlooking the lake. Again all the food had gone, except for the ice cream, which had a long line of people waiting to order. We had a quick glass of their legendary Sauv Blanc before getting in the car and heading back to home base...so the Captain of the day's tour could enjoy a beverage.

Once back in Hahndorf we wandered to the Hahndorf Academy, where at 4pm in the afternoon, there was still no food available and the DJ was packing up his decks. Finding a shady spot we enjoyed some wines from

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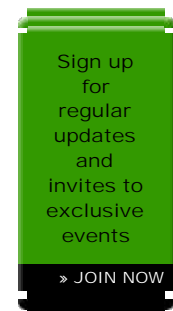
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d'Arenberg before moving onto the Alec Johnston Park, were we got hold (finally) of some hotdogs and enjoyed some Oakbank Beer from Pikes. Picking up a couple of bottles of Pike and Joyce wines we headed home.

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Adele Scott

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Thanks to Bek and her team for a huge effort at Crush, its great to read about some of the other venues and what went on for the day. You really are putting "The Hills" on the map! And most of all thanks for your support, being new to the industry, its great to get some positive feedback. Thanks heaps, Adele Scott – BK Wlines



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