

Tony Ingle

Tony Ingle, Senior Winemaker for Angove's, was born in England in 1963. He initially pursued a career in finance, studying Economics at London University. Employment at Japanese and American merchant banks ensued.

A 1990 trip to California and Australia sparked a passion for wine which led to a career change. Tony found employment in the UK wine retail trade and participated in his first vintage in England with Chapel Down Winery in East Sussex near Gatwick Airport. He recalls it being a very cool-climate winemaking experience, indeed.

The next vintage was spent at Domaines Virginie near Beziere in the Languedoc with Australian winemaker John Weeks. Following this, Tony traveled to Australia to work a vintage at Chateau Tahbik.

Returning to his much-loved France, Tony worked as a member of a flying winemaker team in Bordeaux's Entre-Deux-Mers and the Anjou region of the Loire Valley. In 1996, he returned to Australia, working at Hardy's Tintara Winery in the McLaren Vale for a vintage. This led to additional winemaking positions within the Hardy Wine Group, working vintages at La Baume, France and Padthaway in the southeast of South Australia. BRL Hardy sponsored Tony's permanent residency in Australia, and the Ingle family moved to Renmark in February 1998 when Tony was appointed Assistant Winemaker at Renmano.

After another vintage in the south of France, Tony returned to Hardy's Renmano and Berri wineries. He commenced formal winemaking study at Adelaide University, receiving a Graduate Diploma in Enology. Shortly thereafter, Tony was promoted to Winemaker overseeing the red wine program at Berri Estates.

In 2003, a long way from his original banking career, Tony moved to Angove's in time for his 15th vintage. Tony is fluent in French and speaks some Finnish, courtesy of his Finnish wife with whom he shares a love of opera and the theater. The property around their home in Renmark is planted to Petit Verdot, Chardonnay, and roses. Rugby is his sporting passion, and Tony still celebrates England's magnificent victory in the Rugby World Cup,

His years as a roving winemaker have given Tony a deep appreciation of the wines of the world, particularly of France and Italy. Always eager to try new regions and varieties, enduring favorites include Bordeaux, Burgundy, Chianti, and the Rhone.