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The Currant Shed: a perfect match

Hamish Maguire and Emily Dowie have found the perfect accompaniment to Shottesbrooke wines: The Currant Shed restaurant.

A charming dining experience in a 1916 building, The Currant Shed is located adjacent to the Shottesbrooke estate overlooking a parcel of vines.

“We bought the place in August from the Hoffmanns who are good friends of ours,” says manager Emily. “The Shed and Shottesbrooke – it’s really a match made in heaven. The dining area has a lovely rustic ambience, so the moment you walk in, you know you’re in for a long, country lunch.”

The timber and corrugated structure dates back to 1916 when it stored dried fruit. The new owners have given it some extra style and function (including a private dining room), and hung some contemporary art by Penny Dowie, setting off the original beams and corrugated walls. An elderly grape vine shades a sunny courtyard, while the views over lime orchards, vines and paddocks have probably changed little over the decades – “And aside from giving the vines some love, that’s how they’ll stay!”

Emily is known among many South Australians as ex-front of house manager of *The Star of Greece*, one of the most sought after dining experiences in the state. She brings her sense of style to the interior and her love of fresh local produce to the kitchen.

Chef Kerry Oates serves up a stunning menu, including the likes of home-made pâté topped with lime aspic (the limes pulled from trees in the neighbouring orchard), blue swimmer crab risotto and warm mulberry and almond frangipane tart with mascarpone.

The Currant Shed is yet to earn any Michelin stars, but Hamish Maguire reckons there's a better guide to gourmet dining in the region: "Most weekdays it's full of McLaren winemakers on their lunch break!"

Plans are afoot to open a walk between The Currant Shed and Shottesbrooke estate; for now, it's open for lunch 6 days a week, closed Wednesdays, accessed down Ingoldby Road.

Bookings recommended on weekends: call 8383 0232

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