Welcome to Corryton Park Homestead.

An historic home. A garden with stories to tell.

Welcome to Corryton Park Homestead, a much-loved family estate nestled in the rolling hills of the Barossa's Eden Valley.

With a history stretching back more than 175 years, Corryton Park has been home to pastoralists, farming families and winemakers. Today, it is the heart and soul of the Burge family, a place where generations come together and new memories are made.

We invite you to take your time, wander the gardens and discover a little of the history, character and charm of this special place.

A homestead steeped in history.
The story of Corryton Park begins in the mid-1840s, when David Randall acquired the property and established a dairy and cattle farm. Originally known as Glen Para, the stone homestead was built in 1851.

In 1869, the property was purchased by William Rounsevell, a prominent South Australian coaching entrepreneur. He renamed it Corryton Park and added two of its most distinctive architectural features — the tower and ballroom.

Over the following century, the property passed through several families, each leaving their own mark. Among the most significant changes was the addition of the grand Doric colonnade in 1928, which remains a defining feature of the homestead today.

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The estate also has a long connection with winemaking. The first vines were planted in 1855, and by the early 1860s, stone cellars had been established on the property. Although wine production later ceased, the original cellar buildings remain as reminders of this early chapter.

A little bit of movie magic.
More recently, Corryton Park found itself in front of the cameras, becoming a filming location for the Netflix series My Brilliant Career.

The estate's historic outbuildings were transformed into the fictional town of Gool Gool, providing a fitting backdrop for the period drama.
It's another chapter in the life of this remarkable property, where buildings that once served a working farm have found a new role in Australian storytelling.

As you wander, take a moment to imagine the outbuildings as part of a bustling country town.

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The Burge family connection.
For Grant Burge, Corryton Park was a place he admired long before it became the family home. As a young boy riding his horse through the area, Grant would pass the grand old homestead and imagine one day living there. Years later, while courting Helen, he quietly promised himself that if the opportunity ever arose, he would buy it for her. That dream eventually became reality. Grant turned his attention to the vineyards, while Helen embraced the restoration of the homestead and gardens, bringing renewed life to the historic property.
Today, Corryton Park remains a treasured gathering place for the Burge family, hosting weddings, milestone birthdays, celebrations and long lunches and special events for their wine friends.

It is also the inspiration behind Corryton Burge wines, created by the sixth generation of the Burge winemaking family. And if you noticed the stone griffins guarding the entrance, there's a story there too. Traditionally believed to protect precious possessions, these mythical creatures have become a much-loved symbol of the estate and the Corryton Burge brand.

A wander through the gardens | History, colour and a little bit of the unexpected.
Described by Helen Burge as a historic farm garden, Corryton Park's gardens combine formal hedging and rose beds with charming cottage-style plantings, sweeping lawns and magnificent established trees. The gardens have evolved over many generations, and today Head Gardener Nathan Guillin continues to nurture their historic character while introducing new plantings and projects. There's no set path to follow. Take your time, explore at your own pace and enjoy the little details that make Corryton Park so special.

The stone archway and front garden.
For many visitors, the first glimpse of the front garden through the stone archway is a memorable moment.
Formal plantings, beautifully maintained lawns and magnificent golden pines frame the homestead, creating one of the property's most striking views.
It's a favourite first impression, and one that never seems to lose its magic.

The vintage rose garden.
One of the garden's newest projects is tucked away in the orchard. This developing rose garden brings together treasured varieties collected over the years from different Burge family properties. Many of the roses needed considerable care, including two seasons of hard pruning, before being relocated to their new home. For Nathan, this has been a particular labour of love, and the garden will continue to take shape over the coming seasons.

The rear cottage gardens.
Behind the homestead, the garden takes on a softer, more relaxed character.
Cottage-style plantings and colourful perennials come alive through spring and summer, creating a lovely contrast to the more formal front garden. Find a quiet spot on the garden bench and take in the changing colours, textures and views. There's always something new to discover.

The magnificent camellias.
The towering camellias are among the garden's established treasures. Corryton Park is fortunate to have rich, dark, organic soil, providing particularly favourable conditions for these beautiful plants.
Their impressive size and presence are a reminder of the many years of care that have shaped the garden.

A few unexpected visitors.
Even the most carefully tended garden has its challenges. Alongside the usual garden pests, the occasional kangaroo makes an appearance. The resident sulphur-crested cockatoos are also known to take a particular interest in the formal roses, occasionally giving them an unscheduled pruning!
It's all part of gardening in the Australian countryside.

A garden that continues to grow.
Maintaining a historic garden is a labour of love, requiring patience, care and an appreciation of what has come before.
For Nathan and the team, the aim is not simply to preserve the garden, but to ensure it continues to thrive for generations to come..A garden of this age is never truly finished. There are always new ideas, changing seasons and opportunities to bring something back to life.

We hope you leave with an appreciation of the thought, care and dedication that go into keeping Corryton Park Homestead and its gardens alive..Thank you for visiting. We hope to welcome you back to see how the garden continues to grow.