



100-year-old

A WINE with a unique link to the past was officially launched at Seppeltsfield last week.

The 1909 Para Vintage Tawny was unveiled by the excited Seppeltsfield ownership team.

This is the second 100-year-old wine to be released since the new ownership structure - headed up by Nathan Waks - took over at the iconic winery.

And Mr Waks, the Seppeltsfield managing director, was thrilled to see and taste the latest release of the world's only continuous line of barrel-aged wine - which dates back to 1888.

Premier Mike Rann was on hand to officially unveil the 1909 vintage.

Mr Rann spoke of the importance the historic Seppeltsfield winery plays in maintaining the Barossa's reputation as a tourism hotspot.

"It has a reputation built by excellence over time," Mr Rann said, talking about both Seppeltsfield and the Barossa.

"I am delighted Seppeltsfield's new owners are looking to retain the artisan-



SPECIAL SET: James Godfrey, fortified winemaker; Lindsey Buidinet and Bill Seppelt.

based community through their upgrades.

"The government sees Seppeltsfield as an important heritage site and significant tourism drawcard."

The Premier said the Seppeltsfield history, which is represented through the 100-year-old wine, has helped define what South Australia is today.

Along with the release of the 1909 vintage, a spectacular set of wine was unveiled on the day.

Beautifully crafted

cases containing 100ml bottles have been created to display the 100-year-olds released to date (32 in total).

The first of these sets will be retained at Seppeltsfield, while the second will be donated to the South Australian Museum - 98 others will be available to the public.

Vintage 1909:

Colour - dense olive brown with distinctive green edge.

Nose - Burnt toffee, raisin fruit cake and vanilla.

Palate - Sweet and viscous, burnt toffee, raisin fruit and dark chocolate.