

John Torresan - E-Type Series 2 FHC

I have worked most of my life in the wine industry. We started in 1960 with a vine yard at Flagstaff Hill, quickly progressing to a 500-ton winery and running bottling lines and making wine. Then in 1992 we changed to bottling, mainly for BRL Hardy, and have grown- immensely to the point of moving to McLaren Vale for more room and establishing a completely new premises with contract bottling for most wineries in South Australia.

When it comes to cars, I bought my first MGB at 18 years of age, and like most guys, sold it when I got married. I bought another MG about 2005, fully restored it, and joined the MG Car Club right up to this year, when I have switched to the JDCSA.

I bought my first Jaguar in 1990, an XJ40 and then progressed to an XJ8 Heritage in 2002. It was a wonderful car. Then in 2018 I bought my E-Type Series 2, primrose yellow from a Lloyds auction in Brisbane. The body was good but the rest had not been touched in 54 years.

With Alan Baker, we completed just about a full restoration including the interior from black to beige, and "now she is beautiful".

The E-Type for me was a little bit of a teenage dream.

The car was originally purchased from new by Sam Holt, son of Prime Minister Harold Holt. It then passed down to a family member and then a 3rd person in Queensland, and now John Torresan.

Editor. Thank you, John, for the story and photos. If Alan Baker has been involved in the restoration, it will undoubtedly be as good as it looks. Ditto - hopefully you can catch up with some of the E, F & GT Register events with your E-Type.



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