



Making cheese to please

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KRIS Lloyd has made plenty of mistakes in her professional life... that's what has helped make her one of Australia's most successful artisan cheese makers.

The old fashioned trial and error method employed by Kris and her team at Woodside Cheese Wrights has seen the company achieve national and international success.

And while the failures may have been many, the numerous triumphs have seen the company rise to the forefront of the industry.

"Taking a risk and creating new flavours has consistently paid off for

us," Kris said.

"Sometimes the crazier the idea, the better the product.

"I believe that innovation is key to a successful business.

"Our enthusiastic staff are encouraged to share their ideas and together we have come up with some great cheeses."

Today more than 80 tonnes of hand made cheeses, some infused with garlic and black pepper, others wrapped in seaweed or vine leaves, rolled in ash, washed in white wine and made with

edible organic flowers are sent across Australia.

What is even more remarkable is that Kris

knew nothing about making cheese when she and her husband Paul bought the existing Adelaide Hills business in 1998.

Back then the company made just four types of cheese.

Today it produces around 24 and has won dozens of industry awards while also allowing Kris to achieve many personal accolades from the wider business community.

In 2010 she was the national winner of the Telstra Business Women's Award for Innovation, won a gold medal in the

2009 Vogue Entertaining and Travel Produce Awards, was named an

Adelaide Food Legend in the Adelaide Food Awards, helped establish the Artisan Cheese Making Academy at the Regency Park TAFE and this year was inducted into the Australian Business Women's Hall of Fame.

"Buying the business, even though we were complete novices, has been rewarding and we continue to be passionate about what we do," Kris said.

"The Adelaide Hills is a remarkable region, not only because of its accessibility to the city, but its beauty never ceases to amaze me."



Cheese maker Kris Lloyd has enjoyed national and international success through her company Woodside Cheese Wrights and says the Adelaide Hills are an amazing place to do business.

