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THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA'S WINTER WINE WEEKEND 8 - 10 JUNE 2019

The Winter Wine Weekend is an annual three-day celebration, showcasing the premium wine and food for which the Mornington Peninsula is renowned. Each year, the Winter Wine Weekend offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in wine, wander with the winemakers, visit the vineyards in their winter beauty and taste new vintages.

Winter Wine Weekend has been held during the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June since the 1980s. The extensive program opens with a showcase exhibition and tasting – ***The Winter Wine Fest, held on Saturday 8th June from 11am – 4pm in the Pavilions at Red Hill Showgrounds.*** This is a rare opportunity to experience 50 Mornington Peninsula wineries exhibiting over 200 premium wines under one roof, highlighting the incredible diversity in wines resulting from the climate and terroir unique to the region.

The wines will be matched with menus created by eight chefs from Mornington Peninsula restaurants and one cheesemaker, each putting together entree sized dishes with regionally sourced produce specifically with the excellence of the Mornington Peninsula's wines in mind.

Throughout the weekend the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons welcome visitors to warm Cellar Doors to taste new release wines, visit old favourites and to experience the seasonal offerings of the region. There is more to pruning in June, although many vignerons relish the rejuvenation of the vine following the busy harvest season. The majesty of the vineyards is perhaps no more apparent than when stripped bare.

Three days of wine, food and song, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Shiraz and a range of other rare gems, are matched with fine Australian cuisine, pizzas, emu snags & regional fare. Whether at a vintage review, a wine and food matching program, blending your own sparkling dosage, or simply chatting with the maker, the wines of the region will be on show in grand style.

Ticket Information:

Pre-booked tickets are \$75 and on the day \$80, each ticket includes a complimentary Riedel tasting glass, all wine tastings, a tasting book and two entree sized dishes (more food vouchers also available for purchase). Designated driver tickets are also available for \$65 (\$70 on the day) and include all of the

above except no wine tastings are included. Please note that wine by the glass will be available to purchase to enjoy with your meal if desired, but any wine purchased by bottle cannot to be consumed at the venue, due to Liquor Licensing.

Online Tickets are available now and tickets to Winter Wine fest on Saturday 8 June will be available at the Entry at Red Hill Showgrounds (until sold out).

Link to further information & online tickets [here](#).

2019 Wineries:

100 years on Stanley's, Avani Wines, Baillieu, Barmah Park, Crittenden Estate, Dexter Wines, Dromana Estate, Elan Vineyard, Elgee Park, Fenian Wines, Foxeys Hangout, Handpicked Wines, Hurley Vineyard, , Kerri Greens, Kyberd Hills, Lindenderry at Red Hill, Main Ridge Estate, Mantons Creek, Merricks Estate, Miceli, Montalto, Moorooduc Estate, Morning Sun Vineyard, Myrtaceae, Nazaaray Estate Winery, Ocean Eight, Paradigm Hill, Paringa Estate, Phaedrus Estate, Polperro, Port Phillip Estate & Kooyong Wines, Portsea Estate, Prancing Horse Estate, Principia, Pt Leo Estate, Quealy Winemakers, Rahona Valley, Red Hill Estate, Sedgley & Sons, , Staindl Wines, Stonier, Ten Minutes by Tractor, Tuck's Ridge, Willow Creek, Woodhaven Vineyard, Yabby Lake Vineyard, Yal Yal Estate

2019 Restaurants:

Alatonero, Red Hill Epicurean, Lindenderry at Red Hill, Montalto, Paringa Estate, Petit Tracteur, Many Little, Rare Hare Wine and Food Store and Red Hill Cheese

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