

THE EVENT

The Around Hermitage Wine and Food Trail is set in the north western side of Pokolbin Hunter Valley. It has some of most highly rated wines and restaurants in the Valley, with the scenic backdrop of the Brokenback Mountains. This unique event showcases the release of some of the area's premium wines.

The 1st Release Wine week will involve around 12 Wineries in the Around Hermitage Hunter Valley region who will release some of their premium wines during the same week.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT YOU TRIED SOMETHING FOR THE 1ST TIME?

All of the wines will have been made from grapes grown in the area and some, such as the Semillons, will have been produced from the current 2019 vintage.

Be the first to taste an exclusive range of Hunter Valley Premium Wines from some of the greatest vintages of the century.

MAIN FEATURES:

1ST RELEASE WHITES, SPARKLING, ROSES AND REDS

AGED SINGLE VINEYARD REDS

PREMIUM 1ST RELEASE SIGNATURE DINNER AT THE MILL RESTAURANT

IMMERSIVE AND FUN EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

MEET THE WINEMAKERS & VINEYARD OWNERS - HEAR THEIR STORY!



AROUND HERMITAGE
1ST RELEASE WINE WEEK

TASTE

1ST RELEASE SIGNATURE DINNER

THE MILL RESTAURANT, ESTATE TUSCANY
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

A 5-course Degustation matched with the 1st Release wines, hosted by the vineyard owners and winemakers.

WELCOME WITH HUNTER VALLEY SPARKLING WINES

- Mistletoe Winery 2019 Petillant 'Bubbly' Rosé
- Degen Wines 2018 Sparkling Semillon/Chardonnay

ONE

Tian of blue swimmer crab, avocado, cucumber, eschalot vinaigrette

- Glandore Estate 2019 Regional Series Fiano
- Hunters Dream 2017 Sauvignon Blanc

TWO

- Tuna tartare, tomato, squid ink
- Pokolbin Estate 2019 Riesling
 - Black Creek Farm Thélème 2019 Semillon

THREE

Quail, zucchini, basil, pine nuts, Jerusalem artichoke, Port reduction

- Peter Drayton 2018 Anomaly Barbera
- Macquariedale Wines Organic 2018 Matthew Merlot

FOUR

Lamb belly, Estate made labna, heirloom carrot, olive jus

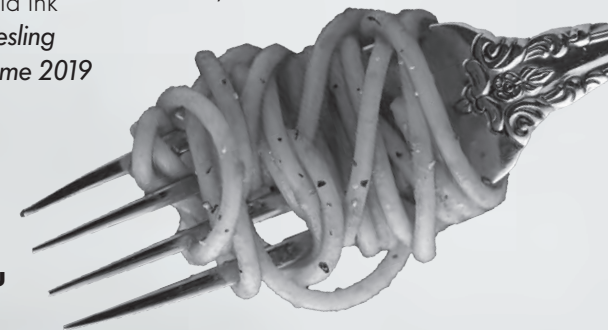
- Thomas Wines 2013 Sweetwater Shiraz
- Tintilla Estate 2017 Reserve Shiraz

FIVE

Goats cheese, toasted brioche, truffled honey

- Misty Glen Wines 2018 Chardonnay
- Wombat Crossing Vineyard 2014 Malloch's Block Chardonnay

The Mill's Executive Chef has put together a spectacular modern menu for the 1st Release Signature Dinner sourcing the finest local produce including herbs, spices and edible flowers to create delicate mouth-watering flavours in every dish.



Tickets \$145pp
Bookings essential:
www.firstreleasewines.com.au

TASTE

1ST RELEASE WINES

SPARKLING

WINE NOTES

LOVE THIS WINE!



Mistletoe Winery 2019 Petillant 'Bubbly' Rosé



Sweet strawberry characters on the front of the palate are balanced by a long dry finish. A great aperitif style.



Degen Wines 2018 Sparkling Semillon/Chardonnay



The awesome blended flavours of these two iconic Hunter Valley grape varieties makes this Sparkling a classic for any celebration.

WHITES

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Glandore Estate 2019 Regional Series Fiano



Pale in colour with a delicate green hue the wine presents a nose with robust vinous aroma and subtle notes of spicy nutmeg. Further enhanced by a perfume of subtle pear skin and yellow peach stone fruits.



Hunter's Dream Estate 2017 Sauvignon Blanc



This 2017 vintage exhibits the rich lifted characters of Sauvignon Blanc. Very light bouquet with grapefruit and lime overtones.



Pokolbin Estate 2019 Riesling



The bouquet captures lemon and lime blossom with aromatic honeysuckle scent. Delicate, lifted lime flavour and green apple, fresh acidity giving a steely mouth finish.



Black Creek Farm Thélème Wines 2019 Semillon



A young off-dry style Semillon that displays pale lime colour and fresh citrus nose. Citrus/apple on the palate with a subtle hint of sweetness. It is fruity and retains a very fine structure, balance and finish.

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Misty Glen Wines 2018 Chardonnay



Six months in French oak has enhanced the fruit. A light straw green colour with notes of stone fruits, melon and citrus, a hint of Chardonnay butteriness.



Wombat Crossing Vineyard 'Malloch's Block' 2014 Chardonnay



This wine displays intense fruit flavours of white peach and green apple with a crisp, fresh line of acidity. The use of French oak adds complexity and give the wine great texture.

REDS

WINE NOTES

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Peter Drayton Wines 2018 Anomaly Barbera



Intense flavours and aromas of juicy strawberry, blackberry, cherry and plum. A full bodied wine with low tannins and high acidity.



Macquariedale Organic Wines 2018 Matthew Merlot



After 10 months maturation in small oak barrels the wine exhibits a lifted cherry and blackcurrant flavour with a well integrated smooth, silky tannic finish.



Thomas Wines 2013 Sweetwater Shiraz



Distinctive floral notes of violets and potpourri, within a pretty, perfumed red and blue fruited frame, and a lengthy, supple tannin profile.



Tintilla Estate 2017 Reserve Shiraz



Explosive front palate with sweet fruit up front, blackberry and dark cherries on mid-palate, round and very full bodied, powerful wine with nice dry tannin to finish.