Our local restaurants and accommodation

Drink | Ottelia + Eat | Fodder

Drink Ottelia - Eat Fodder a food and wine experience unique in Coonawarra.
Join us in our Cellar Door and let us introduce you to the Ottelia siblings whilst you savour the delights from our daily menu of wood fired pizzas and seasonal dishes made with fresh veggies from the Fodder.
Ottelia garden

Website: www.ottelia.com.au

Open 7 days – Closed Tuesday & Wednesday
Phone: +61 8 8736 3170

Yummy food available from 10.30am to 3pm - bookings appreciated.

Coonawarra Units
ACCOMMODATION
A Great Place to Stay

- 36 spacious row cottage style units
- Ideal for wine enthusiasts, families, and groups
- Adjoining Chardonnay Lodge restaurant
- Extensive lawns and gardens
- Famous vineyard location
- 15014 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra

Phone: +61 476 646 406 or book online: www.coonawarraunits.com.au

Chardonnay Lodge Coonawarra has reopened
All day casual dining, or step in for a quiet drink after work or on the weekend
Confidently family friendly. Special Events and Weddings catered for.

Open 7 days - Closed Tuesday & Wednesday
Phone: +61 8 8737 3078 or +61 416 494 868
Email: margaret@chardonnaylodge.com.au

Sustainability initiatives
Allergen free cleaning agents

Visit our website for key event dates, locations and event details www.coonawarra.org

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Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre
For information on accommodation, restaurants, tourism companies and other regional attractions call into the Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre, 27 Arthur St, Penola. You are encouraged to book accommodation and transport requirements well in advance of key events.

Phone: +61 8 8737 2855 or 1300 045 373 Email: penola@wattlerange.sa.gov.au
Website: www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/tourism

Coonawarra members are responsible servers of alcohol, and encourage the responsible and legal consumption of alcohol. Please drive, cycle and ride safely.
Coonawarra members encourage designated drivers, but should you require responsible and legal consumption of alcohol. Please drive, cycle and ride safely.

Our featured events

Events
The following events are an important part of our community and visitor calendars.

January Coonawarra Vignerons Cup
April Coonawarra After Dark weekend
May Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival
July Cellar Dwellers month
August Coonawarra Wine Tasting Roadshow
October Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations month

Visit www.coonawarra.org for more specific event details.

History
- Coonawarra has long been recognised as one of Australia’s premium wine producing regions and takes its name from the Aboriginal word ‘honeysuckle rise’.
- Scottish immigrant John Riddoch was the founder of The Coonawarra Fruit Colony, which eventually became known as the Coonawarra wine region.
- Wine grapes were first planted in Coonawarra in 1890, with the first vintage occurring in 1895.
- The second vintage was made in the Katnook woolshed; now part of Katnook Estate.
- Construction of the first winery in Coonawarra was commenced by John Riddoch in 1896, and was completed ready for the third vintage in 1897. The iconic, triple-gabled stone building is now part of Wynns Coonawarra Estate.

Soil
- Coonawarra’s terra rossa soils are unique, and highly prized.
- Our soils have been formed over the last million years when the land was covered by an ocean teaming with sea life. Then came an ice-age, freezing the waters, causing the shoreline to recede. As the land rose above sea level, the white limestone layer was exposed to the elements. The prevailing maritime winds blew silt from the plains creating the clay layer, rich with nutrients, and oxidised into the rust-red soil we see today.
- The celebrated cigar-shaped ridge of terra rossa is just 27kms long and 2kms wide.
- Underneath the terra rossa is a vast, permanent supply of pure water from the limestone aquifers.
- Coonawarra has an average elevation of 55m above sea level. But while the landscape appears broad and flat, it provides the perfect conditions for even opening … and amazing sunsets.

Climate
- Coonawarra is a cool climate wine growing region.
- Cold water arrives from the Antarctic, and wells up just off our coastline – 70 kms away, bringing cool air during late summer afternoons, creating warm days and mild to cool nights: the ideal weather for ripening berries.
- The average daily winter temperature is 9.8°C and the average summer daily temperature is 18.8°C.
- Coonawarra enjoys four distinct climatic seasons.

Vines
- There are currently 5,600 hectares under vine, which is approximately 8% of the South Australian wine industry vineyards.
- The main varieties grown in Coonawarra are Cabernet Sauvignon (62%), Shiraz (20%), Merlot (7%), Chardonnay (5%), Sauvignon Blanc (2%), Riesling (1%), and small quantities of other varieties such as Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Semillon and Viogner.
- Coonawarra viticulturists are committed to progressive and innovative grape growing practices to secure a sustainable future for the Coonawarra wine region.

Wines
- Coonawarra is internationally renowned for producing beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon wines, among many quality wine styles.
- Viticulturists and winemakers work closely together to grow distinctive and versatile wines – regardless of whether they are red, white, sparkling or dessert wines.
- The key to the excellence of Coonawarra wines is their intense fruit character and great balance.
- Many quality wine styles.
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Website: www.coonawarra.org

Further information
- For more specific event details, check: www.coonawarra.org
- Updates will be available at: www.coonawarra.org

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