

WIN A DOZEN COONAWARRA FINE WINES

Complete our 2min survey for your chance to win one of two mixed dozen Coonawarra wine packs, valued at over \$350.

Your feedback is important and will help us better understand the value of Coonawarra's cellar door and visitor experiences and support future planning and funding for our region.

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COONAWARRA CABERNET CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate spring in Australia's premier Cabernet Sauvignon region with three weeks of unforgettable food, wine and regional experiences.

SHUTTLE BUS

Hop On-Hop Off Bus, operating on Saturdays 3, 10 & 17 October. KIDS U16 TRAVEL FREE! Must be accompanied by Adult Day Pass ticket holder. (Max. 2 Children per Adult Ticket).

From Mount Gambier: Departs at 10am from The Globe Hotel, 6 Ferrers St, Mount Gambier returning approximately 5.30pm. \$40 per person return.

From Penola / Coonawarra: Departs from Penola VIC, 27 Arthur Street, at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. Return collection commences 4pm from wineries. \$23.50 per person.

Bookings essential - online via QR code

Proudly sponsored by Wattle Range Council.



ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

We're proud to promote the safe and responsible enjoyment of Coonawarra wines. Pace yourself, stay hydrated and plan a safe journey home.



Coonawarra Vignerons and its members acknowledge the Pinchunga people as the traditional custodians of the Land on which we live, work and gather to present the Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations Festival. We recognise their connection with the land, water and community and pay respect to elders both past, present and emerging.



Cabernet Decade[nce]

Friday 16 October

Experience a signature Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations event as up to 15 wineries come together at Wynns Coonawarra to showcase an exceptional line-up of 2016 vintage Cabernets. Meet the winemakers, compare styles and discover how these wines have evolved over a decade. Continue the evening with a degustation dinner at Ottelia, paired with Coonawarra wines. Return bus transfers are also available.

Tasting at Wynns Coonawarra: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Dinner at Ottelia Restaurant: 7.30pm-9pm
Tasting Event: \$45pp + booking fee
Tasting & Dinner package: \$170pp + booking fee

Bookings essential



Golf Day

Friday 2 October

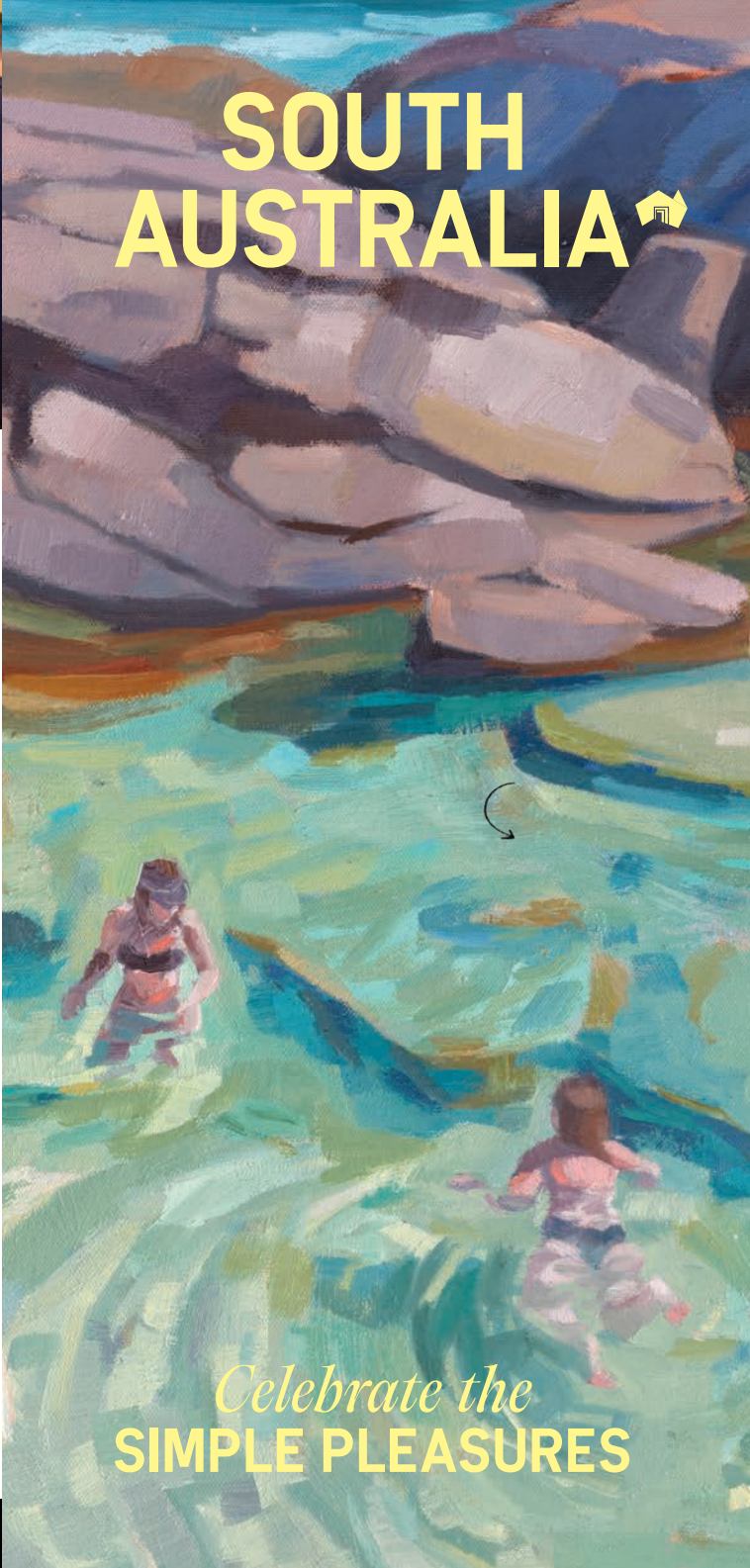
Kick off the October Long Weekend with a day of golf, great food and world-class Coonawarra wine. Gather your team for this all-inclusive Ambrose event at the picturesque Penola Golf Course, featuring sparkling Cabernet and breakfast on arrival, lunch on course, Coonawarra wines throughout the day and afternoon nibbles. Compete for team and novelty prizes, including the coveted Champion Team Red Jackets.

Date: Friday 2 October, 8.30am for 9am start
Cost: \$368 for team of 4
Individual players welcome \$95

Bookings essential



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COONAWARRA CABERNET CELEBRATIONS

1-18 October 2026

Program of events

Celebrate, educate + activate the senses over 40 free + ticketed events and experiences

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2027

Coonawarra Cup | Friday, 15 January 2027

A great day of country racing, Coonawarra hospitality and summer celebrations.

Coonawarra Fringe | 13-14, 19-20 February 2027

Experience the excitement of the Adelaide Fringe right here in Coonawarra! Over two fabulous weekends enjoy theatre, comedy, live music and cabaret in stunning wine country.

Coonawarra After Dark | April 2027

As vintage draws to a close, Coonawarra comes alive after dark with wine, food, music and festivities.

Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Friday 14-Sunday 16 May 2027

Celebrating 35 years of creativity, culture and community. Bringing the region to life with exhibitions, live performances, workshops, walking tours, local artists, fabulous food and fine Coonawarra wine.

Coonawarra Cellar Dwellers | July 2027

Warm up your winter with rare and aged wines brought out from the cellars especially for the month of July.

Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations | October 2027

A celebration of Coonawarra's signature variety, with tastings, events, food and unforgettable Cabernet experiences.

Stay connected

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Tasting Experiences

From museum wines and vertical tastings to regional food pairings - discover the remarkable stories, flavours and people that make Coonawarra one of Australia's great wine regions. Bookings appreciated for groups of 6+ people.

SCAVENGER HUNT + WINE EXPERIENCE Coonawarra Walking Trail

Lace up and explore Brand's Laira Coonawarra, Ottelia, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, DiGiorgio Family Wines, Redman Wines and Zema Estate. Complete the Super Quiz, and go in the draw to win tickets to the Woof and Wine Walk on 14 November.

Free
All October
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CABERNET FRANC TRAIL

Discover Cabernet Franc, the parent of Cabernet Sauvignon. Taste this emerging varietal, collect stamps at Whistle Post Wines, Leconfield Coonawarra, Parker Estate, DiGiorgio Family Wines, Wynns Coonawarra and Rymill Coonawarra, and go into the draw to win a Cab Franc pack.

Free
All October
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BALNAVES OF COONAWARRA | Cabernet Through Time

Taste Balnaves' limited-release 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon alongside the current release and discover seven years of bottle development, showcasing the depth, elegance and ageing potential of Coonawarra Cabernet.

\$5
All October
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BOWEN ESTATE | Evolving – Classic Coonawarra

Doug and Emma have selected a back-vintage Cabernet Sauvignon – discover the depth, elegance and exceptional ageing potential.

Free
10-11 October,
10am-4pm
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BANKS THARGO | Weekend Tastings

Meet owners Heather and John, and taste their boutique wine range, including the recently released 2019 Paroo Bagman Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec. Open weekends.

Free
All October
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DIGIORGIO FAMILY WINES | Wine Flight & Regional Bites

Enjoy a seated tasting of six premium wines, each paired with locally sourced bites. Celebrate the family's Italian heritage through regional flavours, shared dining and expressive Coonawarra wines.

\$45
All October
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DIGIORGIO FAMILY WINES

Frank's Favourite & Produce Platters

Frank DiGiorgio has hand-selected his favourite aged Cabernet Sauvignon. Compare it in a six-wine tasting paddle, then enjoy a local produce platter overlooking the vineyards.

\$10
All October
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HOLLICK ESTATES | Roots, Reds and Reserves

Explore rare back-vintage Cabernet Sauvignon from the early 2000s, revisit old favourites and take home beautifully cellared wines for your collection.

16-18 October,
10.30am-4pm
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KATNOOK ESTATE | The Cabernet Journey

An exclusive vertical tasting of four Cabernet Sauvignon vintages (2015–2018). Discover how vintage, winemaking and bottle ageing shape the evolution of premium Coonawarra Cabernet.

\$10
redeemable
on purchase
All October
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KATNOOK ESTATE | Wine Down + Cheese

Relax with a Limestone Coast cheese board and a glass of wine. Enjoy the historic cellar door, spacious lawns, dog-friendly grounds and family-friendly activities.

Wine: **\$10-\$25**
Platters: **\$20-\$40**
All October
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OTTELIA | 3x3 Tasting Experience

Challenge traditional food and wine pairings with a self-guided tasting of three wines and three snacks. Compare flavours, explore unexpected combinations, and discover how wine transforms with each bite.

\$20
Thursday to
Monday,
11am - 3pm
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PARKER ESTATE | Perfect Pours

Savour a rare glass of Cabernet from the exclusive Museum Wine List. Limited museum wines will also be available to purchase throughout October.

\$20
All October -
10am-3pm
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PARKER ESTATE

Cabernet Gin celebrating Cabernet Celebrations

Discover Cabernet Gin in a refreshing house-made cocktail. Crafted with award-winning Cabernet Gin and local garnishes, it's a delicious new way to experience Coonawarra Cabernet.

\$30
All October -
10am-3pm
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PATRICK OF COONAWARRA

Back Vintage Home Block Tasting

Discover the evolution of Patrick's Home Block Cabernet Sauvignon through a self-guided tasting of four vintages, showcasing the exceptional ageing potential.

\$10
Weekends
in October
10am-4.30pm
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PATRICK OF COONAWARRA | Chocolate + Wine Experience

Enjoy a self-guided tasting of four wines, expertly paired with four handcrafted chocolates from South Australian chocolatier Red Cacao.

\$15
All October,
10am-4.30pm
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RAIDIS ESTATE | The Aeration Journey

Experience how aeration unlocks the flavours and aromas of Raidis Estate's flagship The Trip during a guided tasting using a world-first adjustable electric wine aerator.

\$95
Weekends in
October,
11am or 3pm
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RYMILL COONAWARRA

Coonawarra Through Time

Sample past, present and future Cabernets in a guided wine flight featuring back vintages, current releases and pre-releases, thoughtfully selected by our winemaker and served with cheese and crackers.

\$30
All October,
10am-4pm
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WHISTLE POST | 15 Years of Whistle Post Cabernet

Celebrate 15 years, with a retrospective tasting of three landmark vintages, plus an exclusive barrel sample of a future release showcasing the winery's evolving story.

Free
All October,
11am-5pm
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WYNNS COONAWARRA | Three Vintage Cabernet Flight

A special vertical tasting featuring 2022, 2024 and a pre-release 2025 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon barrel sample, celebrating the wine's 70th vintage anniversary.

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WYNNS COONAWARRA

Premium Cab. Sauv Experience with Cheese

Experience the 2022 John Riddoch, 2024 Black Label as well as a Single Vineyard Cabernet, perfectly paired with a cheese platter.

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ZEMA ESTATE | Aged to Perfection – Vertical Flight Tasting

A guided tasting of museum and current-release wines. Compare aged and new vintages, with limited museum bottles and take-home packs available.

\$10
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ZEMA ESTATE | Cabernet Bingo: A Sensory Wine Adventure

Put your palate to the test with Cabernet Bingo. Match aromas and flavours, learn about Coonawarra Cabernet, win instant prizes, and enter the draw for a gift pack.

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All October
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Festival Event Calendar

From long lunches and live music to hands-on experiences and family-friendly fun, enjoy a vibrant calendar of events throughout October. Gather your friends, meet the makers and discover the best of Coonawarra.

WEEKEND 1 | Long Weekend

Thursday 1 October

10.30am - 2pm **Pasta Making & Lunch with the DiGiorgio Family | DiGiorgio Family Wines** **\$180**
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Learn to make fresh pasta with the DiGiorgio family before enjoying your handmade creation with traditional sauce, Parmigiano Reggiano, bread, salad, nibbles and Italian dessert.

Friday 2 October

8.30am - 4pm **Golf Day | Coonawarra Vignerons** **\$95 or \$368**
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Tee off the SA Labour Day Long Weekend at Penola Golf Course in this all-inclusive Ambrose event. Enjoy sparkling Cabernet on arrival, gourmet catering, Coonawarra wines, novelty prizes and the chance to claim the coveted Champion Team red jackets. Teams and individual players welcome.

11am - 12.30pm **Vineyard Tour + Tasting | Rymill Coonawarra** **\$60**
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Explore the vineyard with Rymill's Vineyard Manager before enjoying a tasting plate and wines grown from the very vines you visited. Learn how their wines are crafted from vineyard to glass.

1pm - 2.30pm **Private Tour & Tasting + Italian Meatballs DiGiorgio Family Wines** **\$100**
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Discover DiGiorgio's Terra Rossa soils, century-old vines and winery on a guided tour, before enjoying barrel and aged wine tastings, local produce and Margot's handmade Italian meatballs.

4pm - 6.30pm **Sparkling Cabernet at Sunset Balnaves of Coonawarra** **\$25**
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Celebrate Cabernet Celebrations with a glass of Sparkling Cabernet and cheese board while enjoying golden-hour views across the vineyards and tranquil pond at Balnaves of Coonawarra.

Saturday 3 October

10.00am - 4.30pm **Shuttle Bus | Coonawarra Vignerons** **\$40** return
Mt Gambier **\$23.50**
Day pass
Kids free
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Return transfer Bus Departing Mount Gambier 10am, Globe Hotel – Ferrers Street. Hop On-Hop Off Shuttle Bus operates from Penola Visitor Information Centre, departing hourly 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

10am - 4pm **Family Fun Day | Rymill Coonawarra** **Free entry**
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Relax on the lawns at Rymill Coonawarra with live music from Lady and the Amp, delicious food, local market stalls, family activities and award-winning wines. Bring your picnic rug and well-behaved dogs.

11am - 4pm **Live it up – It's the Long Weekend Brand's Laira** **Free entry**
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Relax with delicious platters, live music by Dave Blackett, wines and kids' activities. Unwind beneath the trees and soak up the atmosphere.

12pm - 5pm **Pizza & Tunes | Raidis Estate** **Pizza \$25**
\$10
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Enjoy pizzas, Raidis wines and live music in a relaxed vineyard setting. Bring family and friends, play lawn games and settle in for the afternoon.

Sunday 4 October

9am - 1pm **Coonawarra Community Markets Coonawarra Hall** **Free entry**
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Discover local produce, artisan goods and handcrafted treasures while sampling wines from Coonawarra producers. Meet the makers, support local businesses and enjoy a vibrant community market atmosphere.

11am - 4pm **Live it up – It's the Long Weekend Brand's Laira** **Free entry**
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Relax with delicious platters, wines and kids' activities. Unwind beneath the trees and soak up the atmosphere.

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Monday 5 October

11am - 4pm **Live it up – It's the Long Weekend Brand's Laira** **Free entry**
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Relax with delicious platters, wines and kids' activities. Unwind beneath the trees and soak up the atmosphere.



WEEKEND 2 | Blend it up

Friday 9 October

11am - 12.30pm **Vineyard Tour + Tasting | Rymill Coonawarra** **\$60**
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Explore the vineyard with Rymill's Vineyard Manager before enjoying a tasting plate and wines grown from the very vines you visited. Learn how their wines are crafted from vineyard to glass.

1pm - 2.30pm **Private Tour & Tasting + Italian Meatballs DiGiorgio Family Wines** **\$100**
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Discover DiGiorgio's Terra Rossa soils, century-old vines and winery on a guided tour, before enjoying barrel and aged wine tastings, local produce and Margot's handmade Italian meatballs.

Saturday 10 October

10.00am - 4.30pm **Shuttle Bus | Coonawarra Vignerons** **\$40** return
Mt Gambier **\$23.50**
Day pass
Kids free
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Return transfer Bus Departing Mount Gambier 10am, Globe Hotel – Ferrers Street. Hop On-Hop Off Shuttle Bus operates from Penola Visitor Information Centre, departing hourly 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

11am - 5pm **Mrs Zema's Pizza + live music | Zema Estate** **Free entry**
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Join Zema for a fun day with friends and family as Mrs. Zema lovingly prepares her legendary homemade pizzas. Enjoy Zema's Italian hospitality with live music and wines by the glass.

11am - 4pm **Cocktails on the Deck | Brand's Laira** **Free entry**
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Settle in on the Cellar Door deck or stretch out on the picturesque lawns while enjoying a delicious selection of handcrafted cocktails, including refreshing Spritzers, fruity Sangria and classic Whisky Sours.

Sunday 11 October

11am - 4pm **Cocktails on the Deck | Brand's Laira** **Free entry**
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Settle in on the Cellar Door deck or stretch out on the picturesque lawns while enjoying a delicious selection of handcrafted cocktails, including refreshing Spritzers, fruity Sangria and classic Whisky Sours.

WEEKEND 3 | Back to our Roots

Friday 16 October

11am - 12.30pm **Vineyard Tour + Tasting | Rymill Coonawarra** **\$60**
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Explore the vineyard with Rymill's Vineyard Manager before enjoying a tasting plate and wines grown from the very vines you visited. Learn how their wines are crafted from vineyard to glass.

1pm - 2.30pm **Private Tour & Tasting + Italian Meatballs DiGiorgio Family Wines** **\$100**
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Discover DiGiorgio's Terra Rossa soils, century-old vines and winery on a guided tour, before enjoying barrel and aged wine tastings, local produce and Margot's handmade Italian meatballs.

2pm - 4pm **Musing in the Museum + Winery Tour Zema Estate** **\$50**
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Step behind the scenes for an exclusive winery tour, and aged Cabernet museum tasting with Nick Zema. Includes a grazing platter.

5.30pm - 7.30pm **Cabernet Decade[nce] Tasting Wynns Coonawarra** **\$48**
Bus **\$15**
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Join up to 15 Coonawarra producers for a one-night-only Cabernet Sauvignon showcase. Taste and compare current releases alongside wines from the 2016 vintage and older, meet the makers, and discover the exceptional ageing potential of Coonawarra's signature variety.

7.45pm - 9.45pm **Cabernet Decade[nce] Dinner | Ottelia** **\$125**
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Complete your evening with a degustation dinner at Ottelia, perfectly paired with premium wines. This optional dinner package is the ideal finale to an unforgettable celebration of Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

Saturday 17 October

10am - 4pm **En Primeur | Bowen Estate** **Free**
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A rare opportunity to taste Bowen's pre-release 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz alongside their current-release 2024 wines. Celebrating 50 vintages of Bowen Estate.

10am - 5pm **Tipples and Tunes Brand's Laira, Patrick, and Whistle Post** **\$85**
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Hop aboard for a day of wine and live music, visiting Brand's Laira, Patrick of Coonawarra and Whistle Post Wines, with Lady & The Amp playing a live set at each venue. Return bus transport from Mt Gambier included.

10am - 4pm **A Decade of Majella Cabernet – Vertical | Majella Wines** **Free**
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One day only! Enjoy a special 10-year vertical tasting of Majella Cabernet Sauvignon, meet winemakers Bruce and Michael, and discover how Coonawarra Cabernet evolves.

10.00am - 4.30pm **Shuttle Bus | Coonawarra Vignerons** **\$40** return
Mt Gambier **\$23.50**
Day pass
Kids free
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Return transfer Bus Departing Mount Gambier 10am, Globe Hotel – Ferrers Street. Hop On-Hop Off Shuttle Bus operates from Penola Visitor Information Centre, departing hourly 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

10am - 4pm **Back to our Roots + Cooper Demonstration Yalumba** **Free**
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See the ancient craft of coopering come to life with a live oak barrel toasting demonstration, then taste Coonawarra Cabernet favourites, rare releases and exclusive back vintages in the Menzies Wine Room.

11am - 3pm **Prof's Paella | Majella Wines** **Paella \$8**
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Enjoy Prof's famous paella, paired with Majella wines. Relax in a casual setting with great food, exceptional wine, and wonderful company.

6.30pm - 10.30pm **Murder in the Vines – A 1920s Coonawarra Mystery | Raidis Estate** **\$195**
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Step into the roaring 1920s for a thrilling murder mystery. With a glass of wine in hand, enjoy three courses while solving clues, uncovering secrets and embracing Gatsby-era glamour. Bookings Essential.

6.30pm - 10pm **Dinner in Eric's Cellar | Brand's Laira** **\$165**
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Step inside historic Eric's Cellar for an intimate five-course dinner, expertly paired with cellar wines and hosted by winemaker Brooke Blair in a uniquely atmospheric Coonawarra setting.

Sunday 18 October

10am - 4pm **En Primeur | Bowen Estate** **Free**
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A rare opportunity to taste Bowen's pre-release 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz alongside their current-release 2024 wines. Celebrating 50 vintages of Bowen Estate.

🎓 Educational 🍷 Celebration 📅 Book online 🍷 Cheese platters
🎵 Live music 🍷 Dine 👥 Family friendly
Bookings appreciated for groups of 6+ people