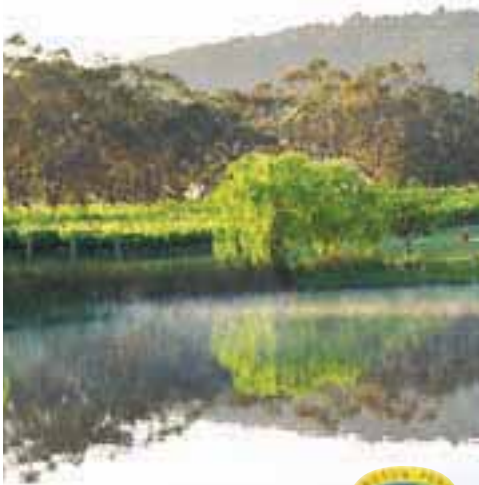


Peninsula Wine Country



Welcome

Mornington Peninsula
...Melbourne's Own Vineyard

Nowhere in Australia are vineyards backdropped by such breathtaking seascapes. Walk pristine beaches & spectacular cliff tops, catch a wave, paddle a sea kayak, tackle the fairway at Cape Schanck, or sip a seductive pinot noir – and feel the difference when you visit the Mornington Peninsula.

This is a special place where vines thrive in sheltered undulating valleys nurtured by a maritime cool climate that together create elegant, personality-packed award-winning wines.

Less than an hour's drive south-east of Melbourne, the region now hosts 175 small-scale vineyards and more than 50 cellar doors offering visitors a personal warm welcome and taste of the region's diverse and impressive collection of fine wines.

Savour elegant Pinot Noir, complex rich Chardonnay, aromatic Pinot Gris, spicy Shiraz, mellow Cabernet Sauvignon – a portfolio created by winemakers and vigneron passionately committed to their craft.

- Cheryl Lee, MPVA
Ph: 5989 2377 for information
and a Wine Touring brochure.

WINTER WINE WEEKEND

9th - 11th June

Mornington Peninsula Cellar Doors make you especially welcome over the Queens Birthday Long Weekend. Christened Winter Wine Weekend, across the Peninsula cellar doors are abuzz with their freshly bottled 2006 vintage Pinots and Chardonnays alongside other very individual varieties, blends & styles.

The opening event is the Winter Wine Fest (Saturday 9 June, 11am – 4pm, Red Hill Recreation Reserve, Arthur's Seat Road, Red Hill) an exhibition and tasting which traditionally marks the beginning of the annual extensive Winter Wine program. This site, which is familiar to many as home to Red Hill Market will be filled with Cellar Door wine tastings – 50 wineries offering over 200 wines to taste. For food lovers there is delicious regional produce and meals to taste, while enjoying the sounds of local musicians. The popular wine seminars are free to attendees and are booked out very quickly on the day. They are a unique opportunity to taste wines, listen and learn, with a selection of the region's key winemakers.

Entry to this year's Winter Wine Fest is \$35 (inc GST) at the door (\$30 pre-booked with the MPVA) and includes a complimentary Luigi Bormioli wine tasting glass with a comprehensive tasting booklet. Wine can also be purchased & taken or freighted on the day.

And that's just the beginning...throughout winter wine weekend you can enjoy a gourmet frankfurt or Emu snag in a crusty bread roll with a glass of a recent trophy winning Elan wine, or keep the young amigos entertained at Five Sons while you warm up your body and satisfy your soul - learn how to dance and enjoy steaming paella or meze – but not all together at the same time! Or visit the Annual Sunday Open Day at Elgee Park or the once-a-year open day on Sunday at Frogspod overlooking beautiful Port Phillip Bay. French fare and award winning wines by the fire in the Marinda Park rustic restaurant invite you to visit and enjoy soup at cellar door with live jazz. Explore the beautiful tranquil walking track along East Creek from Merricks Estate and try European style smoked meat platters each day at Northway Downs. Taste romantic Riesling at Paradigm Hill or visit James Halliday's 2007 Winery of the Year – Paringa Estate. Vertical tastings will be held at various wineries; slow food, pies, pinot and puddings at Barmah Park; or explore tastes of food and wine matching at Ten Minutes by Tractor.

For further information, a copy of the program, please phone (03) 5989 2377 or check the MPVA website: www.mpva.com.au

Peninsula Piers & Pinots

Tasting Pinots 300 visitors enjoyed tasting Peninsula pinot noir, pinot gris, grigio & sparkling wines at Mornington Peninsula Piers & Pinots last Sunday, the first of many wine events held by Mornington Peninsula Vignerons this Autumn. David Haynes from Flinders Yacht Club took first place in the Piers & Pinots Yacht Race.

The weather was very kind this year & it was hard to imagine a better way to spend a quiet Sunday afternoon – by the sea at Flinders foreshore tasting Peninsula Pinots from Dromana Estate, Nazaaray, T'Gallant, Willow

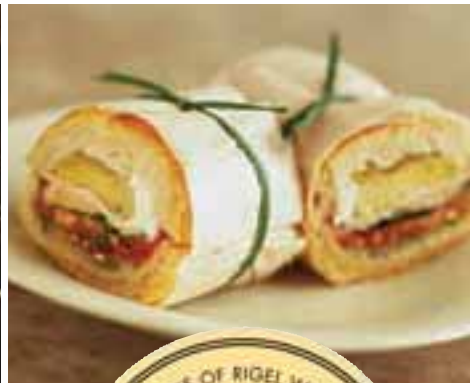
Creek, Red Hill Estate, Mantons Creek, Jones Road, The Duke Vineyard, Rahona Valley, Box Stallion, Elgee Park, Montalto & The Cups Estate & enjoying food provided by The Long Table & Flinders Shellfish.

2007 Harvest Meanwhile harvest is continuing throughout the warmer areas of the region with forecasts predicting another excellent year for quality although yields are perhaps around 70-80% of estimates. This lower than normal yield was caused by cool & damp weather during flowering as well as the impact of a one in one hundred year drought!



Celebration at Stonier

Winemaker, Aubert de Villaine, co-owner of the Domaine de la Romanée Conti the most famous vineyards in Burgundy visited the Stonier winery for a luncheon organised as part of the third biennial Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir Celebration, a showcase regional event which was chaired by founder, Brian Stonier. Pictured is Aubert alongside Stonier Winemaker, Geraldine McFaul deep in discussion about whole bunch fermentation.



The Merricks General Store has had a rich history as a meeting place for locals & travellers alike. Now lovingly refurbished, it is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the freshest of local produce and culinary delights in a unique & authentic setting.

Radiating a warm and rustic charm, the café is open daily from 8am and serves hearty breakfasts, fabulous lunches, desserts and Genovese coffee - in front of an open fire or outside on the deck with water views.

A special function area provides a stylish yet relaxed setting for parties, group lunches or business meetings and after hours the Merricks General Store turns into an ideal venue for weddings, cocktail parties and special occasions.

Home to Rigel Wines and featuring Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz from their local vineyard, the Merricks General Store also offers an abundance of sumptuous delights for the pantry - freshly baked breads, handmade cheeses and locally harvested preserves.

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Your hosts will pick you up from any address on the Mornington Peninsula, or for something truly unique you could blend your wine experience with their 'Love of the Grape' accommodation

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A Red Hill local, owner Christine Gregory loves the place and the people, "By taking the shuttle, I know their Hinterland experience is truly enhanced - the chat & banter starts inside the shuttle, & continues on after they've left the dinner table. Everybody can enjoy the surroundings & there's no waiting for taxis in peak times."

Groups can pre-book Christine's shuttle to get to & from any of the fine restaurants in the Red Hill region for lunch or dinner, taking in the views along beautiful hinterland roads.

They arrive relaxed, & stay relaxed - & no-one has drawn the short straw on being designated driver! Catering for groups of up to nine people, larger groups are also catered for if you can call with a few days notice & the service area has expanded to include pickups from Mt Eliza, Sth Frankston, Somers, Mt Martha, Flinders, Balnarring, & even Portsea.

Phone 5989 2929

The staff at **DISCOVERY ATTRACTIONS** are some of the most experienced Mornington Peninsula winery tour drivers/guides around. Some of their drivers/guides were involved in the first tour company to offer weekly winery tours to what was then a very young wine region of about a dozen wineries. It's from this vast experience that they tailor make your Mornington Peninsula Winery Tour. "Visiting a few wineries and tasting some great wines can be a lot of fun, but your day out at the wineries should be a whole lot more than just tasting the wines. It should be a fantastic, care free day out that combines a lot of fun with superb wines, excellent food, friendly hospitality & good local knowledge. The best thing about our tours is that they aren't our tours, they are your tours.

The itinerary is not set in concrete, if you are enjoying the wines & hospitality of a particular winery and you would like to stay longer, then we will. If you would like to make a detour & visit one of the Peninsula's other attractions along the way, then we can do that too. It's your tour, it's your day!" **Phone 5984 4276 & their friendly team will do the rest.**

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Wine tasting tours on horseback run by Terry & Bev Scott are unique in Australia & indeed the world.



'We are attracting riders from all over Australia and many from overseas' says Terry. 'Red Hill is such a beautiful part of Victoria and we are right in the center of this wonderful vineyard region.

The rides are very easy & safe even for beginner riders. We follow the designated equestrian trails so riders can enjoy the beauty of our Peninsula taking in superb farmland & sea views.

The wineries visited all offer award winning cool climate wines & superb lunches. They include T'Gallant, Ten Minutes by Tractor, Red Hill Estate, Tucks Ridge

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Touring the Vines

with Emily Davenport

Autumn sees our local vigneron up 'til all hours. It's vintage time and teams of pickers work through the vineyards to bring ripe, sticky, sweet buckets of grapes to the wineries where they are destemmed, crushed and fermented in a myriad of ways. Heady smells engulf cellar doors, all hands are employed plunging crimson crusts on bubbling vats.

Cool nights give way to sunny days and our thoughts turn to the rich, earthy flavours of Autumn on the Peninsula - mushrooms, lamb, figs, quinces, olives, pears, berries, apples, avocados, mussels, pink

schnapper, soft cheeses - and the fabulous local Pinots Noir, Cabernet, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling and sticky dessert styles to accompany them at the table.

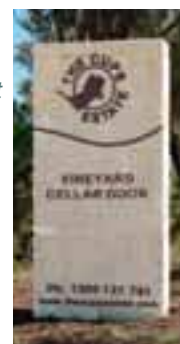
The 2007 vintage will be finished for many wineries before the end of March, vintages in years past often haven't begun until April. While yields are lower after such a long dry spell, as well as frost and hail damage in some vineyards, early signs are that fruit quality is high with good intensity of flavour.

Exploring Southern Peninsula

- with Emily Davenport

In Browns Road Rye you'll find the Peninsula's southern most commercial vineyard **THE CUPS**. Autumn new releases include the much lauded 2004 "Raimondo Reserve" Pinot Noir, Merlot and Shiraz. These reserve wines along with the Sparkling Blanc de Noir, White Pinot, Chardonnay, Pinot Rosé, and Pinot Port are available to taste at cellar door.

Recent show success has included a Gold Medal at the 2006 Le Concours Des Vins for the 2006 Pinot Rosé and the trophy for "Best Sparkling" at the Red Hill Cool Climate Wine Show for the 2005 Sparkling Blanc De Noir.



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