

100 Years, 100 Wines – The Wine Tasting of the Century

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This spring Canberra is the place to be for wine enthusiasts and novices alike.

For the first time the Canberra District Wine Industry Association has created a calendar jam packed with wine events that will ultimately become Canberra Wine Month.

The highlight of the calendar is the largest tasting of Canberra District Wines the region has seen under one roof. Aptly named in this Centenary Year, 100 Years, 100 Wines – The Tasting of the Century, this consumer focused event will take place this year at the Hotel Realm in Canberra's trendy inner city suburb of Barton.

For a one off entry fee of only \$30 consumers will have the opportunity to sip, swill and spit (if they so choose) more than 100 wines from some 20 of the regions leading wine producers. With many winemakers on hand they can chat with the makers, learn more about their favourite tittle and even pick up and order form to later order wines for home delivery should they wish.

There will be cheese and music, and all round good times to be had at this tasting which kicks off at 5.30pm on Thursday 24 October, until doors close at 8.30pm. As an added bonus guests may keep their own souvenir tasting glass.

Its hoped that having tasted their way around the room, that guests will find the need to then get amongst the vines with the annual Wine Roses and all That Jazz Festival just some 10 days later on the weekend of 2-3 November.

Fun-loving wine enthusiasts are invited to shake off the winter blues by immersing themselves in the Wine, Roses and All That Jazz Festival hosted by these famed cool-climate wineries of the Canberra District.

More than 20 cellar doors, all within a convenient 35 minute drive from the Canberra CBD, will be participating in the festival designed to celebrate life's best blues and fine wine. The weekend program will feature wine tastings to demonstrate the region's diverse 'liquid' geography and wine styles, guided vineyard tours, feasting temptations and live jazz music in Australia's capital.

With renowned Canberran wineries confirmed to be participating such as Barton Estate, Brindabella Hills Winery, Capital Wines, Four Winds

Vineyard, Lamberts Vineyard, Lark Hill, Little Bridge Wines, McKellar Ridges Wines,

Mount Majura Vineyard, Murrumbateman Winery, Pankhurst Wines, Shaw Vineyard Estate, Surveyors Hill,

Yarrh Wines plus Robyn Rowe Chocolates, this is one weekend you won't want to miss! Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with the district's highly lauded winemakers and gain an understanding, and a taste, of what makes this region so unique and why its wines are among some of the most highly regarded in the country.

Experience each winery's unique take on the festival with 2013 highlights including Shaw Vineyard Estate's paella and a BBQ on their terrace, Barton Estate hosting jazz guitarist Andy Campbell, Four Winds Vineyard's wood-fired pizzas at their brand new cellar door, talks at Yarrh Wines on their slow smoked BBQ and musical delights from the local Campbell High Senior Jazz Band.

Festival-goers will be able to traverse the region making use of a 'Festival Passport' and, when stamped at three participating wineries, will be eligible to enter the draw to win a number of exciting wine package prizes.

Wine lovers can soak up spring-time sunshine to the relaxing tunes of cool jazz bands, which will be playing among the grounds at a number of winery locations. A program of special lunches and dinners throughout the region's numerous dining hot-spots will also be on offer, featuring of course locally produced classic and contemporary wines matched to fresh, regional produce.

For the full festival program, tickets to the 100 Years, 100 Wines Tasting and more information on how visitors can best plan a weekend of wine and music indulgence, visit www.canberrawines.com.au

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