

Feast High Country Festival

3 - 19 May 2019

North East Victoria



Stellar line-up for Feast High Country Festival 'Grand Opening' weekend

As the High Country explodes into full autumn glory, the culinary stars of north east Victoria align for the 'Grand Opening' celebrations of the three-week long Feast High Country Festival. With a star-studded line-up this glittering event celebrates everything great about food and wine in Victoria's picturesque north east.

An incredible 40 events are planned between 3 - 19 May, covering all corners of this stunning region, and all styles of produce, producers, chefs, makers & brewers. Opening Weekend alone (3 - 5 May) sees 17 diverse events where the experience is not only unusual, it's unique.

A twinkling twilight market in Mansfield celebrates passionate local farmers, while in Rutherglen tweed-clad hipsters cycle through the vineyards. At the Delatite Winery guests are invited to join the revered winemaking family commemorate half a century of production and in the King Valley, the makers join the feasters, at a bountiful brunch and produce market.

In Bright, foraging for wild nuts and pine mushrooms sounds incredibly appealing when visitors are accompanied by foodie stalwart Patrizia Simone, and even better when prepared in a class in her kitchen.

"Autumn is the perfect time for road tripping", Sarah Pilgrim, Event Manager, Feast High Country Festival said. "We're encouraging everyone to join Victoria's High Country's best producers, cooks, winemakers and brewers at our mouthwatering, region-wide Feast Festival this May.

"Scott Pickett from Estelle teaming with Simon Arkless from The Terrace at All Saints is a highlight on the program, and must do event for all foodies!"

Held on Saturday 4 May The Estelle x The Terrace lunch champions the region's offering with an unwavering commitment to fresh, local produce. The menu features a wine-paired lunch that culminates in dessert featuring the All Saints 'Museum Muscadelle', one of only a handful of local wines to score a James Halliday 100/100.

"The Grand Opening Weekend sets the tone for the whole event." said Ms Pilgrim. "The very best of the High Country's renowned food and drinks will be showcased in a sparkling program of events that celebrate both the outstanding natural beauty of the mountains, valleys, vineyards and villages of the region and the incredibly talented folk who bring it to your table."

The Festival opens on 3 May with the Grand Opening dinner and continues to 19 May 2019. There is a range of accommodation in the region, or simply visit for the day.

In a nutshell

- Sensational produce, producers, chefs, makers & brewers in packed program of events
- 40 amazing events around the region
- Experience the beautiful scenery of North East Victoria
- Hands-on classes with the experts, village bonfires, dinners intimate & grand

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Riders relax with a tasty tippie at Jones Winery between stages of the Feast High Country Festival 'Tweed Ride'. Guests dress in vintage outfits and cycle between Rutherglen's renowned wineries, hipster chic at its best!