



**MEDIA RELEASE**

**26 March 2019**

## **Savour the harvest, discover our heritage in Yass Valley**

Autumn is the perfect time to escape to the spectacular wonders of Yass Valley.

“Visitors can enjoy the milder weather autumn brings with an escape to our cool climate wine region. Savour the harvest of new regional food offerings and travel in the footsteps of our historic past to explore a new heritage of talented artisans and producers” said Cathy Kerlake, Acting Economic Development and Tourism Manager for Yass Valley.

Home to the Canberra District Wine Region, known as one of the most exciting emerging wine regions in the country and with over 40 cellar doors, Yass Valley is the heartland for fresh produce, stellar award-winning wines and historic villages filled with discoveries.

Located around three hours’ drive from Sydney, and just half an hour from Canberra, Yass Valley makes the perfect weekend or short break destination. And Cathy says the season is ripe for a visit.

“Autumn is the perfect time to spend the weekend uncovering the rural history and art scene in Yass Valley. Visitors can follow an art or wine trail, meet the makers, listen to a bush poet, discover local artists, join a workshop, admire our heritage buildings and explore our antiques and collectables. Local shopping is also a must – you can find unique treasures in our heritage villages, boutique stores and local markets.

“It’s also the season for some fabulous food and wine events, with [Canberra Wine Week](#) kicking off the month of April, and [Harvest Hamper Trail Makers of Murrumbateman](#) at the end of April.

“Whether you come for a day or stay overnight, Yass Valley offers the right mix for an autumn escape,” concluded Cathy.

For more information on these and other events in Yass Valley visit [www.yassvalley.com.au/escape](http://www.yassvalley.com.au/escape) For Yass Valley accommodation bookings, call 1300 886 014.

For more information, images, interviews or to find out about media famils to Yass Valley, please contact Lauren Griffiths at Threesides on 0417 409 264 or [lauren.griffiths@threesides.com.au](mailto:lauren.griffiths@threesides.com.au)

## **Autumn in Yass Valley - story ideas and leads for media**

### **Canberra Wine Week 2019**

5- 14<sup>th</sup> April

Various venues

Canberra District Wine Week is back with a series of events hosted in and around the Canberra region to celebrate all things wine, food and nature. With events, dinners, workshops and more, the week-long festival is a great excuse to grab your friends and blend your own wine event program, meet the makers and tour their vineyards, enjoy live music and more.

<https://www.canberrawines.com.au/events/>

### **Autumn Food and Wine in Yass Valley - Savour the harvest**

Savour award-winning wine harvests of the region. Discover the heartland of fresh seasonal produce creations from hatted and award-winning restaurants, cafes, pubs and wineries.

When it comes to wine, Yass Valley is home to the Canberra District Wine Region with over 40 vineyards and 28 cellar doors, so you're free to pick the varieties you like. You can follow the wine trail, dine in a vineyard, picnic by a river, chat in a café, grab some fine pub grub and

more. <https://www.yassvalley.com.au/escapes/savour/>

### **Heritage and Arts – Discover our heritage**

Explore the heritage of Yass Valley whilst discovering a new harvest of talented artisans.

Explore the heritage buildings, antique treasures and inspiring works from local artists. Enjoy the beauty of works and see the artists creating at Peter Minson Art Glass, Hillgrove Pottery, Creators Nest, Gundaroo Collectors and the newly re-opened Crisp Galleries. And when it comes to heritage, Yass Valley has a significant collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture within the town of Yass and its surrounding villages. You can enjoy the many walking trails with noted colonial, federation and victorian buildings in Yass, Gundaroo and Binalong

<https://www.yassvalley.com.au/escapes/discover/>

### **One Tree Hill Alpaca Farm**

Stacks of Alpacas! And who doesn't love them?! One Tree Hill Alpacas is a working alpaca farm located close to the village of Murrumbateman. Visitors can take a guided walk through the farm, visit the alpacas, before stopping in at the Farm Shop For the ultimate alpaca experience, book the new Aussie Alpaca Adventure – a 2.5 hour tour to meet the alpacas, hand feed them, take them for a walk, cuddle them and then spend time in the dyeing studio to learn how to dye yarn and skirt a fleece. Alpac-ulous!

<https://www.yassvalley.com.au/tours-and-trails/others/one-tree-hill-alpaca-farm/>

### **New - Shaw Wines Cellar Door**

Sure, Shaw Wines has long been known as a high-quality family owned and operated winery in Murrumbateman. But their spanking new cellar door is really something else entirely. The new architecturally designed cellar door is offering new levels a wine tasting experiences never seen before in the region. Shaw Wines has created an open seated tasting room and a relaxing fireside wine lounge for those who want to relax in a comfy armchair with a glass of wine and a

cheese plate enjoying the expansive vineyard views. Guests can make their way through the list of award-winning wines including the recently awarded Australia's Best Cabernet Sauvignon at the International Wine Challenge in London. A private wine tasting room for group bookings is also available and an exclusive Private Cellar offers premium wine experiences for private or corporate events working with Olleyville at Shaw Restaurant. <https://www.yassvalley.com.au/food-and-wine/winery/shaw-wines/> For vineyard events and experiences see <https://shawwines.com.au/events/>

### **Makers of Murrumbateman Harvest Hamper Trail**

27 -28<sup>th</sup> April

Various venues

Find yourself in the countryside and immerse yourself in the region's delights – food, wine, honey, pottery, alpacas, chocolate. Events include hampers in the vineyard, signature dishes matched with premium wines, live music, pottery open day and sale, bottle your own wine, barrel tasting, chocolate delights, harvest platters on the verandah, dinner and show and more. Participating venues in Yass Valley including Dionysus Winery, Eden Road Wines, Four Winds Vineyard, Robyn Rowe Chocolates and more.

<https://makersofmurrumbateman.org.au/harvest-hamper-trail/>