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FOREWORD

The true flavours of the Fleurieu are a rich, delicious meld of combined ingredients. It's the satisfaction of fresh regional produce in the company of extraordinary wines that speak of place and provenance. It's the pleasure of carefree outdoor experiences that celebrate the beauty of a pristine natural environment. It's the joy of savouring artworks and expressive performances. It's especially about big-hearted locals who welcome you to share their land of plenty.

As the demands and desires of travellers continue to change, so too have tourism experiences throughout the Fleurieu Peninsula been re-imagined and re-designed – and we think you're bound to be impressed.




The Fleurieu provides a broad but cohesive offering of desirable attractions. Winery visits are central to the region, but so is the allure of fabulous food, in restaurants and cafes, from markets and farm gate providores. Art is also an essential part of the conversation, embracing beach culture, Indigenous stories and an unspoiled landscape. It's no wonder that artists of all stripes choose to live here – painters, performers, musicians, crafty artisans, mercurial chefs and winemakers. The Fleurieu is their muse and the wellspring of their creativity.

The quality of the Fleurieu offering extends across all categories, with all of its appealing attributes being of equal importance – and the convenience of having such an expansive paradise located so close to the city of Adelaide is an under-appreciated asset.

To reap the full benefits, you'll have to stay a while longer. Book a room among the vineyards or flanking the beach. Stay for sundowner drinks. Wake up to the irresistible aroma of locally roasted coffee. Enjoy the luxury of lazy time in a place where every pleasure is within easy reach, at any time of the year. And the best time to taste it all is right now.

The key to a great day on the Fleurieu Peninsula is to plan ahead. Make prior bookings at all your planned destinations – to ensure availability, confirm costs and to advise how much time you'll need at each location.

CATEGORIES:

FOOD		COFFEE	
WINE		PRODUCE	
DRINKS		MUSIC	
ART		FLORIST	

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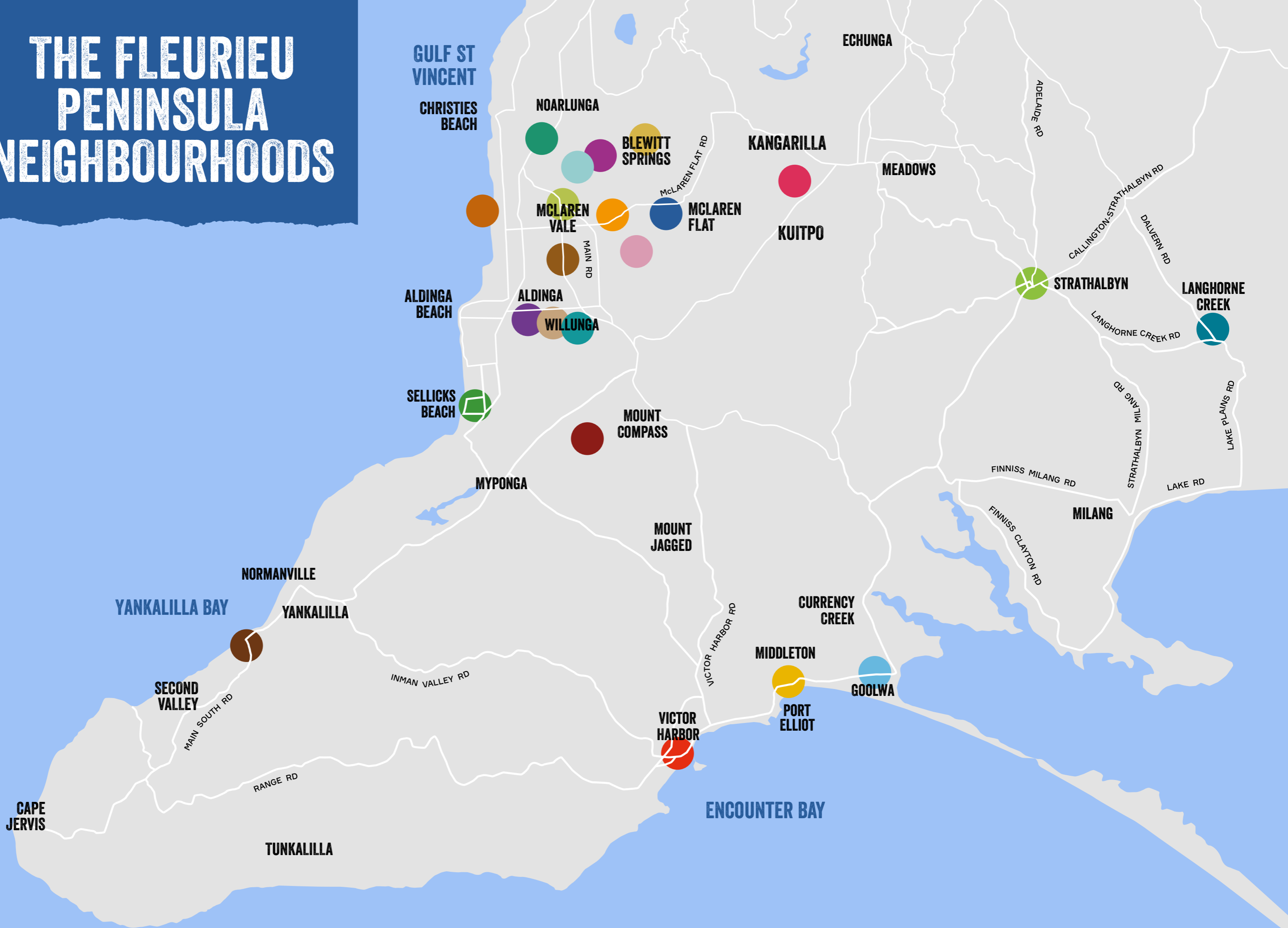
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For more information about the Fleurieu Peninsula, visit the website fleurieupeninsula.com.au and for more details of the region's food and drink producers, visit the website fleurieufood.com.au

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THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOODS



ENTERING MCLAREN VALE FROM ADELAIDE

There are treats for visitors to savour even before arriving in McLaren Vale and getting their bearings at the Visitors Information Centre, which serves as the popular northern gateway to the Fleurieu Peninsula. Take the slow route away from the Southern Expressway and you'll discover serious first tastes of regional food and drink signatures.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Social activities abound for the visitor and generally on a Friday evening I can be found at our cellar door for a drink with our customers and engaging in conversations around our wines, the state of the wine industry, and a little bit of history, pointing out that McLaren Vale the jewel is in Australia's viticultural crown.

DAVID PAXTON, PAXTON WINES



3) VICTOR'S PLACE

62 Victor Harbor Rd, Old Noarlunga
0467 466 212 · victorsplace.com.au



What started as a wine production home for Varney Wines has become a multi-faceted gourmet tourism hub, complete with a 60-seat restaurant featuring chef Chris Bone's frequently changing array of complex regional dishes. Check online for special set-price seasonal dining offers. Diners can select from winemaker Alan Varney's impressive wine range, along with his own gin and Victor's Place craft beers, or you can pay for tutored wine tastings.

4) PAXTON WINES

68 Wheaton Rd,
via Budgens Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 9131 · paxtonwines.com



At historic Landcross Farm, the Paxton family has developed a wine tasting room among a cluster of cleverly restored 1840s stone buildings. Book to organise tasting flights of wines from Paxton's biodynamic and organic vineyards, while enjoying exhibitions by local artists and grazing on tasting platters that can be constructed with an array of local produce.

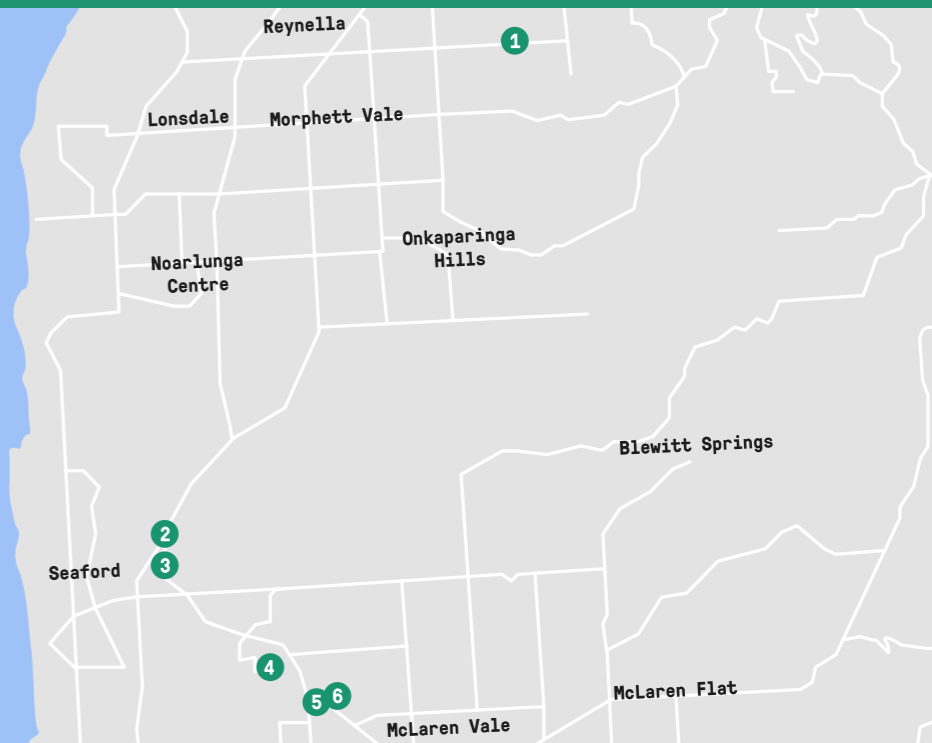


Paxton Wines



Visitor Information Centre

ENTERING MCLAREN VALE



5) SHINGLEBACK

3 Stump Hill Rd, McLaren Vale
8323 9919 · shingleback.com.au



The renovated historic barn of Aldersey Farm combines a tasting area for paid flights across Shingleback's expansive 12 ranges of wines – including some exclusive Tasting Room releases – in the company of exhibited works by local artists. The adjacent Shingleback Kitchen and Dining Room offers four-course WineFood tasting menus (including an expansive seafood feast) that can be booked for lunch from Friday to Sunday.

6) MCLAREN VALE & FLEURIEU VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE

08 8323 9944 · mclarenvale.info



Serving as a gateway and information hub for visitors as they enter the Fleurieu Peninsula, this eclectic centre has staff to provide tips, brochures, and access to E-bike hire so you can go for a pedal along the adjacent Shiraz Trail to Willunga. The large space includes The Gallery that presents a large number of works by local artists; The Stump Hill Café, showcasing regional diversity in shelves stocked with a vast array of local gourmet pantry items; and a cellar door area that is temporarily showcasing Associates wines – famed for its Squid Ink shiraz – as a popup while its new cellar door is being built at McMurtrie Rd.

1) GEOFF MERRILL WINES

291 Pimpala Rd, Woodcroft
08 8381 6877 · geoffmerrillwines.com.au



Taking the suburban route south leads you to the first McLaren Vale winery of distinction - Geoff Merrill's Mount Hurtle Vineyard and cellar door, offering a choice of three paid wine flights, cheeseboards and, on colder weekends, the Alsace specialty Flammekueche, a hot and cheesy pizza-style treat.

2) EIGHTY EIGHT SEAFOOD AND GRILL

1/88 Victor Harbor Rd, Old Noarlunga
8327 2344 · 88seafoodandgrill.com.au



As the highway curves toward McLaren Vale, this casual restaurant is the expanded dine-in companion of the adjacent Seafood Chest, a longstanding fishmonger of distinction offering fresh seafood or cooked take-away.

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

LONG SHOT AND CO



Shingleback

McLAREN VALE

All tastes are catered for along Main Rd, so park the car and stroll through the main street of town to find outstanding art, wine and produce. Fill your belly, or fill your hamper with goodies to take with you.

1) OGRE BREWING

252 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 7260 9057 · ogrebrewingco.com.au



The Mulholland family has breathed fresh life into historic former restaurant The Barn by transforming it into a craft brewery and taphouse. Order a paddle to sample beers and smoked porter from the Ogre range, or choose from a few guest craft brews on tap. There are also informal dining options for lunch and dinner, focused on burgers, wings, steaks and salads.

2) McLAREN VALE HOTEL

208 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8208 · mclarenvalehotel.com.au



The Bellevue Dining Room, with its glass atrium offering glimpses of the neighbourhood's towering Moreton Bay Fig tree, delivers pub food working its way up through the gears, providing generous comfort dishes with class. The Menu moves from familiar steaks and schnitzels to Mediterranean elegance with terrines, extravagant duck pasta and lamb's brains, through to ingenious Fleurieu signatures of chilli cockle broth and carp spring rolls.

3) HARDY'S TINTARA

202 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8329 4124 · hardyswines.com/au/range/tintara



The birthplace of Thomas Hardy's wine empire, which has ballooned from an 1870s flour mill into a handsome cluster of ironstone winery buildings, maintains a cellar door tasting room – with structured tastings that can be booked for the company's flagship Eileen Hardy and Thomas Hardy wines, through to small-batch alternative Mediterranean grape varieties sold exclusively at the cellar door.

4) FLEURIEU ARTHOUSE

202 Main Rd, McLaren Vale,
0410 433 244 · fleurieuarthouse.com.au



The former winery storage shed provides a versatile space for local artists, with retail presentations by more than 30 local artists - several who also rent workshop areas to create their art on site - and a curated exhibition space that is rotated monthly. The presence of good coffee and fresh pastries have made this a friendly local meeting place.

5) THE ALMOND TRAIN

196 Main Rd, McLaren Vale,
08 8323 8112 · thealmondtrain.com.au



Almonds are an emblem of this region – the Fleurieu's most populous food crop before wine grapes took over from the 1980s – and this converted 1920s railway carriage provides a quirky showcase for a wide spread of fresh and flavoured local almonds.

6) DAL MARE COFFEE ROASTER

189 Main Rd, McLaren Vale,
0410 067 199 · dalmarecoffee.com.au



This modest roasting shed on McLaren Vale's main street mainly services its thriving wholesale customer list, but opens its brew bar for coffee and bagels on Saturdays and Sundays – and also offers bicycles for hire.

7) VASARELLI CELLAR DOOR RESTAURANT

169 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 7980 · vasarelli.com.au



The family-owned restaurant presents classic Italian hospitality, with generous flavours in antipasto platters, pasta and gnocchi, through to grilled and roasted meats, all designed to sit comfortably beside Vasarelli's bold wines.



8) MICKY BARLOW ART

122 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
0400 656 513 · mickybarlow.com.au



Kokatha woman Micky Barlow creates and presents a range of her contemporary Aboriginal dot paintings at her studio, gallery and shop. Visitors can also book to participate in dot painting and basket weaving workshops.

9) MULLYGRUB CAFÉ

114 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 7286 0345 · mullygrub.com.au



A McLaren Vale hotspot for breakfast and brunch, along with coffee from neighbourhood roaster McLaren Vale Coffee Co. The Mulholland family's "Fine Grub" concept of preparing and cooking everything from scratch translates into luscious pumpkin scones, plump Rueben sandwiches and hand-cut chips. Don't settle for an orthodox breakfast plate; try guacamole and Persian feta on ciabatta, or bountiful salad bowls.

10) SABELLA VINEYARDS CELLAR DOOR & CUCINA

113 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8270 · sabella.com.au



The Petrucci family, owners of prolific vineyards on McMurtrie Rd, have taken over the former church and turned it into a lively weekend showpiece for presenting their wines – 20 years after establishing the Sabella wine brand. Proudly serving Sabella wines with home-style Italian food from a specials board – gutsy pizza, bruschetta, pasta, tiramisu – the converted church and adjoining garden setting hums to the sound of live acoustic music performed on Sundays.

11) ELLIS BUTCHERS

Shop 18 Central Shopping Centre, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8230 · ellisbutchers.com



Local chefs swear by the quality of locally-sourced meats stocked by Ellis Butchers, especially its selection of Angus and special breed beef, selected aged cuts and house-made bacon and hams. Since moving into a larger shop within the Central Shopping Centre, the range has expanded, giving guests staying in the region plentiful cook-yourself options or small-goods for picnics.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I knew a long time ago, since I started working around McLaren Vale in my 20s, that the Fleurieu was where I wanted to make my home. It's got everything I want – location, lifestyle, and so much produce of unbelievable quality that I can cook with. As a food destination, it's where you can really taste the essence of the region on your plate. Everyone should know about this place and make a beeline to eat here.

SIMON BURR, CHEF, McLAREN VALE HOTEL ”

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

- THE ORGANIC STORE
- OSCAR'S
- YUMMY NUTS MARKET
- CARMEL'S
- J&J WINES
- MEETING PLACE MV
- TIN SHED CAFÉ
- FRUCHOC SHOP
- LANG'S KITCHEN
- MANNA McLAREN VALE
- BRACEGIRDLES
- IND'O' MEX
- THE ALMOND TRAIN (HANABI JAPANESE RESTAURANT)
- RED GUM



Hardy's Tintara



Fleurieu Arthouse

OLIVERS ROAD

The stretch of road leading north from McLaren Vale boasts an especially eclectic selection of wineries, offering a range of eating, drinking, artistic and outdoor experiences that can easily occupy an entire day.

1) D'ARENBERG AND D'ARRY'S VERANDAH RESTAURANT



Osborn Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8329 4888 · darenberg.com.au

Winemaking is a fun puzzle in the mind of d'Arenberg winemaker Chester Osborn. It's why he designed The Cube, an iconic five-level wine experience centre shaped like a Rubik's cube. After paying an entry fee, start with surreal sensory experiences and art installations on the ground floor, move up to an exhibition of Salvadore Dali sculptures and sketches (until June 2023). Take a masterclass to make your own wine blend which you can bottle and take home, or head to the top floor to taste the vast d'Arenberg range. There's much more on the property – Eat @ Polly's offers casual snacks over wine at the adjacent farmhouse, or settle in for lunch at d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant, where chef Peter Reschke's clever regional dishes are accompanied by stunning views across the district.

2) MAXWELL WINES



19 Olivers Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8200 · maxwellwines.com.au

Refreshing and rebranding Maxwell Wines has led to revitalised visitor experiences, from a range of tutored cellar door wine tasting options (which can be paired with a tray of canapes from the restaurant kitchen) to chef Fabian Lehmann's acclaimed fine dining degustation lunches from Friday to Sunday, or Saturday evening. A 100-year-old limestone cave, dug into the hill beside the winery, is home to a cultivated mushroom crop that supplies the restaurant, and can be picked fresh as a visitor experience. If you prefer to be outdoors, get lost in Maxwell's giant hedge maze before enjoying a picnic on the lawns.

3) LLOYD BROTHERS WINE AND OLIVE COMPANY



34 Warners Road, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8792 · lloydbrothers.com.au

Wines represent only a portion of the Lloyd Brothers' business. Their farm tasting room presents the full extent of their involvement in food manufacturing – from premium olives, olive oil and pesto to dukkah. Taste olives from the 50-year-old grove that surrounds Lloyd Brothers' farm shop in the company of a tasting platter best enjoyed with glasses of estate wines.

4) SWELL BREWING CO TAPHOUSE AND BREWERY



168 Olivers Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 0879 · swellbeer.com.au

What started as a brewing hobby for viticulturist Dan Wright has grown into a big-scale beer emporium. The big two-level Swell Brewing taphouse is designed to cater for big numbers, with more than a dozen beers on tap and pub-style dining – and families are welcome, with lawns for the kids to run about during a leisurely afternoon visit.

5) ZERELLA WINES



182 Olivers Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8288 · zerellawines.com.au

The Zerella family's deep roots in McLaren Vale winemaking history includes reviving Tatchilla Wines in 1993 - but now Jim Zerella is driving Zerella Family Vineyards. In a modern cellar door lounge overlooking the vines, pay for tastings across the wine portfolio, including the La Gita range highlighting Italian grape varieties nero d'avola, arneis, sangiovese, barbera and fiano.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

If you can get a booking at the very popular Pizzateca, I suggest dining in to enjoy a classic Italian afternoon – otherwise order one of their takeaway pizza to enjoy in Maxwell Winery's picnic grounds. One of the best structured wine tastings can be experienced at Angove's, including tasting varying styles of shiraz from different vineyards – and on a colder day, settle in before their big open fireplace.

JEREMY MAXWELL, MAXWELL WINES



6) CHALK HILL, NEVER NEVER DISTILLING, CUCINA DI STRADA



56 Field St, McLaren Vale
08 8323 6400 · chalkhillwines.com.au · chalkhill.com.au · neverneverdistilling.com.au

The sleek hilltop pavilion surrounded by Chalk Hill vineyards has been designed as a space to stop, settle and choose between a range of tasting experiences. The Chalk Hill Wine Bar offers 25-minute tasting flights or wines by the glass, while its adjoining Alpha Crucis Lounge provides paid tutored tastings of the brand's premium wines. Across the walkway, Never Never Distilling Co serves gin flights and mixes cocktails. Order some pinsa – Roman-style, pillow-like pizza – or antipasto plates from Cucina di Strada's kitchen, and take a seat to enjoy your food and drinks on the tasting patio or stretch out on the lawns, beneath the shade of big gum trees, and drink in intoxicating panoramic eastern views of the region.

7) ALPHA BOX & DICE



8 Olivers Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 7750 · alphaboxdice.com

Focusing on curious blends, edgy techniques and many unfamiliar Mediterranean grape varieties, winemaker Sam Berketa presents a veritable alphabet of wine in an ever-expanding range. Visitors can book for seated premium tasting flights inside the funky heritage-listed barn, with its amusing found-objects décor, or wines can be purchased to enjoy over a picnic in the grassy courtyard.

8) SC PANNELL ENOTECA



60 Olivers Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8000 · pannell.com.au

As one of the leading lights in modern Australian winemaking, Stephen Pannell presents an exciting new generation of lively, fruit-driven styles and blends in his range of almost 40 wines. Book and pay for a choice of five curated wine flights – each telling a story that Pannell believes focuses on appropriate production, sustainability and true regional expression. The racy, neon-lit cellar door lounge proudly displays SC Pannell's 2014 Jimmy Watson Trophy, Australia's most celebrated wine show award.

9) ANGOVE FAMILY WINEMAKERS



117 Chalk Hill Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 6900 · angove.com.au

An impressive stone and glass tasting pavilion overlooks the Warboys vineyard, with staff providing a series of toured wine tasting flights across a vast range – including a flight of the company's exceptional St Agnes brandies. Cheese and grazing platters can be purchased to complement the wines, or coffee and cakes, and an outdoor wood oven gets fired up for special events.



SEAVIEW

One of the Fleurieu's foundation vineyard districts, this sub-region was initially named Seaview from the 1850s for its hilltop view to the Gulf St Vincent – which brings cool evening breezes in summer to produce such generous winegrape flavours. The original Seaview Cellars is no longer open to visitors – but there's now a bustling neighbourhood of winery cellar doors to savour.

1) CORIOLE VINEYARDS AND GATHER@CORIOLE

Chaffey's Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8305 · coriole.com



This handsome estate provides a taste of languid Tuscan style with its bountiful, manicured gardens, rustic stone tasting cottage and sheltered courtyard presenting delicious and adventurous regional meals, under the banner of Gather@Coriole. Beyond serving Coriole's exciting range of wines – embracing such alternative Mediterranean grape varieties as piquepoul, montimaro and negroamaro - the tasting cottage also exhibits local jewellery and photography. The spacious Arbour Bar serves drinks and snacks (including Coriole olive oil and olives) on Saturdays and Sundays, while the winery also hosts the annual Coriole Music Festival in May and other arts events on its expansive lawns.

2) CHAPEL HILL WINES

1 Chapel Hill Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8429 · chapelhillwine.com.au



Inside the original 1865 chapel within the Chapel Hill winery site, staff guide visitors through seated tasting experiences of various ranges of Chapel Hill wines, all the way through to single vineyard and flagship red wines presented in the company of bites of local produce. Changing exhibitions on the walls showcase leading local contemporary and indigenous artworks.

3) SAMUEL'S GORGE

193 Lot 10 Chaffey's Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8651 · gorge.com.au



Winemakers Justin McNamee and Riley Harrison present their passion for earthy wine styles in the rustic stone barn that serves as a cellar door at Samuel's Gorge Winery. Tasters can sit and learn about the wines from the comfort of classic couches, or on the porch while drinking in panoramic views of the adjacent untamed Onkaparinga River National Park.

4) BEACH ROAD WINES

309 Seaview Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 7344 · beachroadwines.com.au



Winemaker Briony Hoare and her viticulturist husband Tony are vigorously exploring new grape varieties for the region, which translates to fiano, pinot gris, aglianico, primativo, petit verdot, nero d'avola and vermentino, all made in a deliciously understated European manner. These wines can be tasted at their vineyard cellar door in the company of lovely pizza and flatbreads from Queen Margherita, their grandly named wood-fired oven, served from Thursday to Sunday.

5) BEKKERS WINE

212-220 Seaview Rd, McLaren Vale
0408 807 568 · bekkerswine.com



A discrete modern winery lounge offers paid, tutored tastings of Toby and Emmanuelle Bekkers' sophisticated wines. Sit-down tastings can be booked from Thursday to Saturday, showcasing exciting modern interpretations of elegant grenache and shiraz wines that can be produced in this region – along with a limited-release Premier Cru Chablis that Emmanuelle made in France.

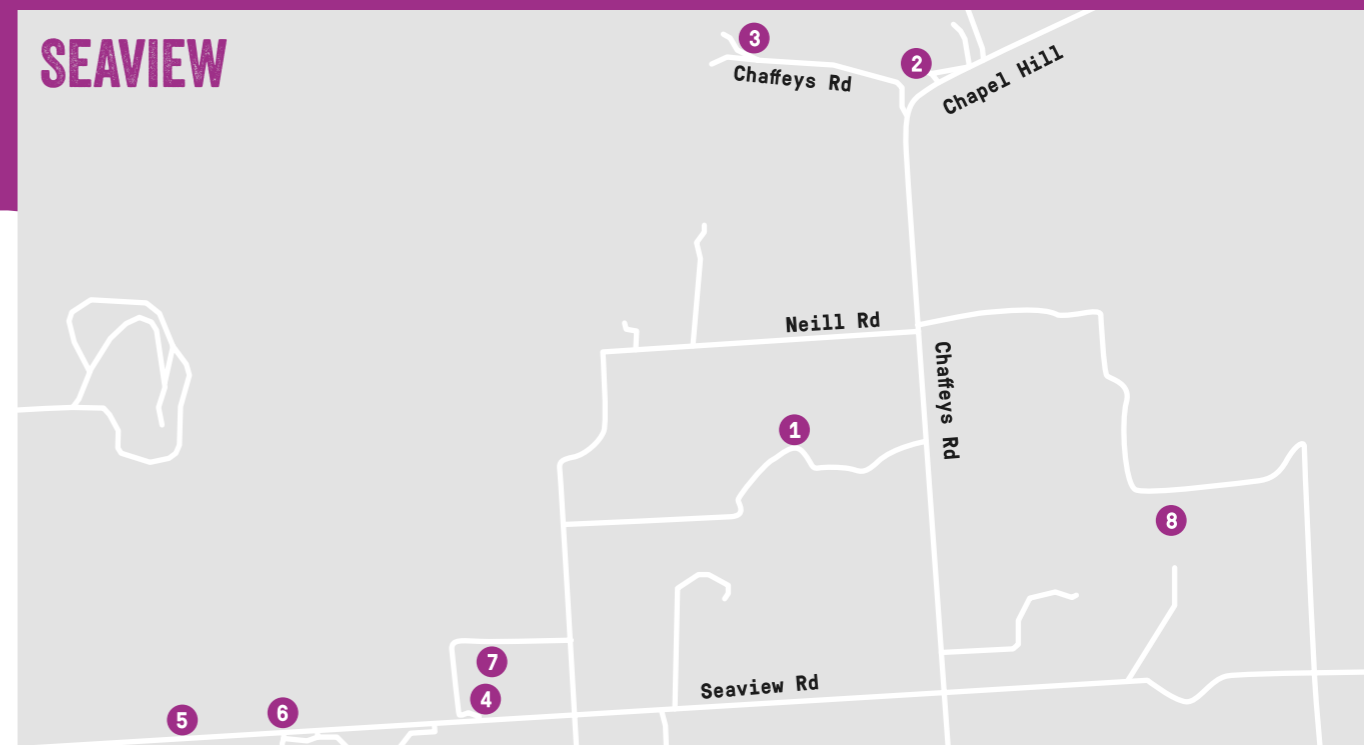
6) OLIVER'S TARANGA VINEYARDS

246 Seaview Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8498 · oliverstaranga.com



Family traditions linked to pioneer vine plantings from the 1860s are respected at Oliver's Taranga, with winemaker Corrina Wright, a sixth-generation descendant, capturing old vine intensity in mighty shiraz and cabernet – but also experimenting with fresh, clean styles of fiano, mencia and vermentino. A refurbished stone cottage overlooking Oliver's Taranga Vineyards serves as a tutored wine tasting venue and gallery space for paintings and artworks. New expansions to the building offers a large range of tasting options. Check for frequent porchetta or pizza parties that make best use of the cellar door's enclosed deck and large wood-fired oven.

SEAVIEW



Chapel Hill Wines

7) MOLLYDOOKER WINES

Coppermine Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 6500 · mollydookerwines.com



The big personality of Mollydooker winery is reflected in its blockbuster wines, and its range of visitor experiences. Book for one of four tutored tasting flights that extends to the Velvet Experience, paying homage to the brand's flagship Velvet Glove shiraz with a winery and vineyard tour before tasting wines with a regional food platter in the retro-themed Velvet Lounge. If you love the look and feel of this space, it can be hired for events.

8) KAY BROTHERS

57 Kays Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8211 · kaybrothersamerywines.com



The Amery vineyards and winery, established in 1890, is the oldest McLaren Vale winery still owned and operated by its founding family. The Kay family history becomes palpable in the cellar door that is part of the original stone winery complex; in addition to tasting wines produced in traditional open fermenters, visitors can read through Kay family diaries dating from 1891.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

The McLaren Vale region offers amazing lifestyle along with extraordinary produce. I am originally from Germany having lived in many places, and I absolutely love the way the wineries and eateries are focusing on local produce. Whether its Russell's Pizza in Willunga making authentic pizzas in a unique setting or heading to the Victory hotel at Sellicks to round up bottles from their jaw dropping wine cellar viewing the sun go down over Sellicks's beach – there is no doubt we are living in a special place.

MICHAEL WEHRS



Beach Road Wines



Coriole Vineyards

McLAREN VALE TO McLAREN FLAT



Goodieson Brewery

The spaces between towns throughout the Fleurieu hold all manner of secrets, so take the time to do some exploring between destinations and you'll find welcoming farm gate shops and cellar doors dotted amongst the vineyards.

1) OXENBERRY FARM WINES

26 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale
08 8323 0188 · oxenberry.com



The wine tasting room includes a busy casual cafe that uses many Fleurieu ingredients among its light meals and cakes – a perfect respite for walkers from the adjacent Shiraz Trail. Owned by the Scarpantoni family, whose main winery and cellar door tasting room is at McLaren Flat, Oxenberry Farm also offers accommodation in its restored Pedler Cottage B&B.

2) SERAFINO MCLAREN VALE

39 Kangarilla Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 0157 · serafinowines.com.au



The vast winery and hospitality site combines a resort with an a la carte restaurant, function venue and accommodation facilities adjacent to the winery. The cellar door offers four different tutored tasting flights presenting sturdy wines that are the legacy of Serafino's founder Steve Maglieri – including a food and wine matching option or a suite of fortified wines. You can order tasting plates of gourmet "bites" at the cellar door, or buy a bottle to enjoy as part of a picnic by the estate lake, with its abundant resident geese.

3) SETTLERS GIN

197 Foggo Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8323 8777 · settlersspirits.com.au



A big range available for tutored tasting features more than a dozen small-batch gins of different flavour profiles, or you can learn the craft by booking for a blend-your-own experience. Learn how to use gin in more adventurous ways, by tasting the cocktail of the month – or sample the gin chocolates. There are also other house-made spirits and liqueurs to try.

4) THE CONFSSIONAL

Cnr Kangarilla & Foggo Roads, McLaren Vale
1300 356 252 · theconfessional.com.au



With its long history of small batch wine experimentation, The Confessional is now home to Adam Hooper's La Curio brand and Andrew Pieri's eponymous Piere Wines. Tastings are augmented by light lunches on Saturdays and Sundays (think pizza, salumi boards and truffle-dusted parmesan fries), while paid group bookings get winemakers guiding them through the range and taking participants for barrel samples out in the winery.

5) HASTWELL & LIGHTFOOT

301 Foggo Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 0010 · hastwellandlightfoot.com.au



As long-time grape growers in this region, the Hastwell and Lightfoot families took the next step of building their own wine brand – which is now being steered by co-owner Mark Hastwell's winemaker son James, and nephew Kishan Sidhu. The family runs the cellar door tasting room on weekends, offering guided sit-down tastings through the range, which can be accompanied by regional produce platters.

6) PIZZATECA

319 Chalk Hill Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 9762 · pizza-teca.com



The Mitolo family host a rambunctious pizza party in their funky garden setting every weekend – enjoyed the traditional way, with cool music and rowdy conversation. Tony Mitolo and Tim Anderson take the care to prepare superior pizza bases, along with regional Italian treats of arrosticini (thin lamb skewers) and zucchini fritti, with V. Mitolo & Son wines available at the bar.

McLAREN VALE TO McLAREN FLAT



7) GOODIESON BREWERY

194 Sand Rd, McLaren Vale
0409 676 542 · goodiesonbrewery.com.au



A decade ago, Jeff Goodieson left a big brewing corporation to convert his McLaren Vale shed into an experimental brewhouse. Starting with a full-bodied, cloudy pale ale and a rich, malty pilsner, his range has grown into a thriving family of more than a dozen beers – including such specialties as barrel-aged Christmas ale. You can taste the range in the brewery taphouse and enjoy them seated at tables on the adjoining patio terrace.

8) MCCARTHY'S ORCHARD CELLAR DOOR

207 Sand Rd, McLaren Vale
0418 562 919 · mccarthysorchard.com.au



With a keen eye for converting a shed and scrap materials into homely farmyard chic, the McCarthy family has constructed a Cellar Door on their orchard and vineyard property with irresistible ramshackle charm. Expanding their coolroom sales of apples and pears into a tasting lounge for McCarthy's wines and apple cider, plus fruit ice creams made on the property, there's also a van preparing wood-fired pizza for lunch from Friday to Monday, best enjoyed on a large timber dining deck overlooking the orchard.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Once you get off the main roads, there's a lot of good things to discover – and just along Sand Road we've seen a lot of traffic pick up since we converted our shed into a cellar door tasting room, along with the attraction of Goodieson's brewery across the road. If people are prepared to explore all the nooks and crannies of this region, then we're delighted to make them feel welcome.

MARK MCCARTHY, MCCARTHY'S ORCHARD CELLAR DOOR



ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

FORK IN THE ROAD / OLD OVAL ESTATE

DENNIS WINES

FOGGO WINES

THE VINE SHED VENUE AND CELLAR DOOR

McLAREN FLAT

This tiny township in the region is enjoying a lease of new life, with hospitality venues emerging in repurposed old shops and several educative tasting experiences on offer at wineries tucked down side roads.



The General and Zonte's Footstep

1) THE GENERAL AND ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP

55a Main Rd, McLaren Flat
08 7286 3083 · thegeneralwinebar.com.au



The General – a smartly renovated former general store that is now a chic wine bar - hums as a popular hangout for locals, especially with its casual bar meals served from Fridays to Sundays, and occasional live acoustic music. The space also serves a dual purpose as cellar door tastings and sales outlet for Zonte's Footstep wines, notable for offering big value with open-hearted flavours.

2) SCARPANTONI ESTATE WINES

21 Scarpantoni Dr, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0186 · scarpantoniwines.com



The Scarpantoni family has been the central wine producer in McLaren Flat for more than 40 years, and while suburban housing now flanks the winery building, it continues to host limited numbers in its cellar door tasting bar while the facility buzzes as a busy wine production site. The tasting room offers sit-down tastings for a maximum of six people, so pre-book to ensure placement, and be sure to look out for cellar door special offers on selected wines.

3) HOME GRAIN BAKERY

57 Main Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8557 8231 · homegrainbakery.com.au



Toff and Cara West's revitalisation of Fleurieu bakeries has stretched far beyond their home base in Aldinga. Home Grain operates a satellite store in McLaren Flat with the same big range of fresh pies, baked goods, fresh breads and sweet treats that has nurtured a dedicated fan base during the past decade – especially items featured on the bakery's frequently rotating specials board.

4) THE CURRANT SHED RESTAURANT

104 Ingoldby Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0232 · currantshed.com.au



Don't be fooled by the modest setting. The former dried fruit packing shed has had a stylish mod internal makeover - opening to a glorious view of vineyards and lime orchard - and chef Wayne Leeson continues a winning streak of outstanding chefs to have graced the kitchen through the past decade. His a la carte card presents regional artistry on the plate, crowned by a six-course chef's selection that spans the peaks of his offerings.



Shottesbrooke Winery



McLAREN FLAT

5) SHOTTESBROOKE WINERY

101 Bagshaws Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0002 · shottesbrooke.com.au



There are no standard cellar door tastings, but pre-booked Explore Wine and Dine experiences offer a peek behind the tasting counter to divulge what really happens in a winery. Tours can take guests on tasting tours through the vineyards and winery, showing exactly where and how the wines are produced to better inform the wine tasting experience. You can also book a package to include a wine tasting with lunch at neighbouring restaurant The Currant Shed.

6) DOGRIDGE

195 Bagshaw Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0140 · dogridge.com.au



A modest galvo tasting shed presents the Wright family's dozen DogRidge wines in the company of fresh-baked sourdough and local olive oil. You can pre-order a generous cheese box, or bring a picnic to enjoy the vineyard views. Also on display are Jen Wright's unique canvases, coloured with oils, pastels, squid ink and red wine washes, along with works by other local artists.



DogRidge

“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I love how supportive every business is towards each other. Local customers and neighbours, such as the Geddes family, often drop off produce to our restaurant with no expectation of something in return. That's an act of a true community member – and the positive energy that translates from such great local spirit speaks volumes when you are a consumer.

WAYNE LEESON, HEAD CHEF
AT THE CURRANT SHED



ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

GRAHAM STEVENS WINES



The Currant Shed Restaurant



MCLAREN FLAT TO KANGARILLA AND KUITPO

You'll notice the landscape change as you drive east from McLaren Flat, with the slopes of the Mt Lofty Ranges beginning to rise and roll as towering gum trees flank the fields. Beyond its picturesque beauty, the topography clearly illustrates the scale of vineyard diversity in this globally-famed wine production region. Collectively, this gang likes to call themselves the McLaren Flat Mates – check their Facebook page for their latest attractions.

1) KANGARILLA ROAD AND SILENT NOISE WINES

44 Hamilton Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0533, kangarillaroad.com.au

Book in advance to have winemaker Kevin O'Brien guide your tasting party through the Kangarilla Road range in the comforts of a tasting room that sparkles after a mod refurbishment – with lots of cool chrome fixtures, sexy red bar stools and surrounded by striking contemporary art. The venue also sells Kevin's son Charlie's hot new label Silent Noise Wines.

2) HUGO WINES

246 Elliot Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0098 · hugowines.com.au

A handsome cellar door tasting room and patio beside the winery offers guided 50-minute tastings of the Hugo family's full wine range. Linger a while longer to enjoy bountiful platters loaded with local cheeses, meats, condiments and bread that can be pre-ordered. The cellar door also presents a gallery of works by local artists – and is the home of estate-grown premium olive oil.

3) GEMTREE

167 Elliot Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0802 · gemtreewines.com

Learn about biodynamic viticulture principals at Gemtree's sustainable cellar door. An eco-friendly tasting pavilion offers personalised wine tasting flights, best enjoyed on the expansive deck overlooking Gemtree's biodynamic vineyards. Take a walk to the biodynamic information hut, order a picnic hamper to enjoy while walking the property's 1km ecotrail – or book for the Tirkandi: Culture, Connection & Country tour to learn more about the Indigenous people's connection to this land. The tasting room features displays of original artworks to complement its sweeping vineyard vistas, and parents will appreciate a children's playground area.

4) YANGARRA ESTATE VINEYARD

809 McLaren Flat Rd, Kangarilla
08 8383 7459 · yangarra.com

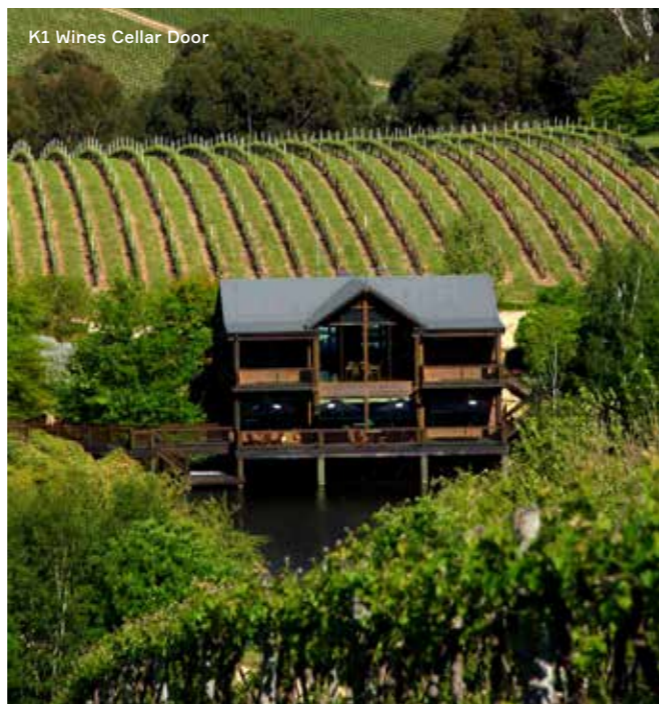
Specialising in the Rhone grape varieties of grenache, shiraz, mourvedre, roussanne and viognier, Yangarra has a detailed story to tell about its organic viticulture, and minimal-intervention winemaking, so they want tasters to sit, relax and learn through a paid tutored tasting of wines that drill into specifics – including a single estate range and single site wines. Better still, you can book during warmer seasons for experiences that take you on vineyard tours as you taste, including the famed High Sands vineyard that produces elite Yangarra single site wines.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

It's lovely and quiet out here, right at the base of the Mount Lofty Ranges, and there's such beautiful vegetation. You need to get out and do some exploring – go for a walk along our Gemtree ecotrail, or along the rustic dirt roads. That's why we're looking a getting some e-bikes that people can hire from the Gemtree cellar door, so people can enjoy an easy ride between all the wineries in this area, and appreciate the great variety between us all.

MELISSA BUTTERY, GEMTREE



K1 Wines Cellar Door



MCLAREN FLAT TO KANGARILLA AND KUITPO

5) PRUNERS HUT

46 Trotts Rd, McLaren Flat
0409 670 922 · prunershut.com

What was initially a simple tin hut where workers slept during the cold pruning season is now a revitalised drop-in centre for coffee, art, food, wine and design. The handsome stone and galv pavilion has a deck overlooking a pretty vineyard, with table settings to enjoy platters, pizza and house-made sweet treats, in the company of the owner's Pruners Hut wines. Inside serves as an art gallery, featuring a new array of artists each month.

6) TOP NOTE

558 Peters Creek Rd, Kuitpo
0406 291 136 · topnote.com.au

Coming from successful careers in opera and IT, Kate and Nick Foskett are intensely focused on cool-climate viticulture, with their elevated Kuitpo vineyard producing exemplary fruit for their boutique Top Note label, including its celebrated High C sparkling pinot chardonnay and noble red semillon dessert wine. Book in advance to visit the cellar door tasting room on their property during weekends.

7) LAZY BALLERINA

1152 Brookman Rd, Dingabledinga
08 8556 7085 · lazyballerina.com

A tranquil garden setting forms an idyllic location to stop and enjoy a slow paid tasting of Lazy Ballerina's wine range. Book for long lunches on Saturdays and Sundays, when a generous Feed Me menu features pizza and platters with local produce.

8) K1 WINES CELLAR DOOR

159 Tynan Rd, Kuitpo
08 8388 3700 · winesbygeoffhardy.com.au

Winemaker Geoff Hardy is among the most enthusiastic growers of alternative grape varieties, and his K1 cellar door in the elevated Kuitpo area serves as an ideal place for visitors to experiment and try unfamiliar wines, especially through the Hand Crafted By Geoff Hardy range – from teroldego to primitive to aglianico. This is one of the most stunning locations in Australia.



Hugo Wines



Lazy Ballerina

BLEWITT SPRINGS



Long renowned as one of the region's unique premium grape-growing sites – famed for its deep sand soils that encourage especially bright and intense flavours – Blewitt Springs now has a suite of cellar doors that can give visitors a more intimate glimpse of the area.

1) BERESFORD WINES TASTING PAVILION AND VALE ALE



252 Blewitt Springs Rd
08 8383 0362 • beresfordwines.com.au

The big arrival in this neighbourhood has been Beresford, introducing a sleek and chic pavilion that presents all the Bickford company's associated drinks for structured tasting flights – Beresford Wines, Vale Ale and Fox Hat beers, 23rd Street Distilling spirits, and Bickford's cordials and soft drinks. Experiment with a novel shiraz and chocolate tasting or pairing wines to snacks provided by neighbouring restaurant The Currant Shed. Get ready for an adjacent ridgetop 150-seat restaurant and Vale Ale brewing shed, scheduled to open during 2022.

2) GEDDES WINES



283 Blewitt Springs Rd, Blewitt Springs
0407 217 798 • geddeswines.com.au

Tim and Amanda Geddes don't want to make a fuss at the weekend cellar door located beside their house on the vineyard property, but they will guide interested tasters through their elegant boutique range of wines, with grenache being a specialty. Go slow, ask questions and enjoy the bushland setting; it's child-friendly, with an array of toys and lawns to run around.

3) WOODSTOCK WINE ESTATE



215 Douglas Gully Rd, McLaren Flat
08 8383 0156 • woodstockwine.com.au

A handsome tasting pavilion offering tutored tastings was one of the first distinctive rammed earth buildings in the Fleurieu, and is appropriately nuzzled in a pretty bush setting beside the vines. The Stocks tasting room offers paid, seated wine flights, and the adjacent dining room serves casual lunches of pizza and platters from Friday to Sunday. A garden picnic area has playground equipment and a wildlife sanctuary, where children can bottle-feed grey kangaroos and wallabies under supervision at 11.30am each day.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

This is such a pretty little corner of the region and we've had it all to ourselves for a long time. I think that's the beauty of Blewitt Springs; it's like a treasure hidden in plain view. Because we're away from the main roads, we mainly get people who purposely seek us out – and that's great, because they take the time to really understand something about the wine, how it's made and where it comes from. This is why we provide untutored tastings – we'll start a conversation, and if you start asking questions, then we'll take you where you want to go.

TIM GEDDES, GEDDES WINES



TRAVELLING BETWEEN McLAREN VALE AND WILLUNGA

If your eyes don't divert from the straight road heading south from McLaren Vale, you'd swear it offered only a dense vista of pristine grape vines. Look closer. There are numerous side roads with welcoming cellar door experiences to explore before you reach Willunga – and don't forget the seductive slower route south, travelling along the Shiraz Trail either by bicycle or by foot for an invigorating excursion beside the vines.

1) PENNY'S HILL WINES
281 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8557 0800 · pennyhill.com.au



Farmyard heritage meets 21st century wine region spectacle. The big tin shed tasting room that presents Penny's Hill wines also boasts the Red Dot gallery, showing a changing exhibition of original works – but outside in a stone hut, there's Flights Gin Bar pouring MadMen Gin and mixing cocktails. Then you can book to take to the air with a 15-minute Helivista helicopter joyflight, for a thrilling ariel view of the district.

2) LECONFIELD WINES
439 Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8830 · leconfieldwines.com



A range of grazing platters is offered in the cellar door wine tasting room. Linger at the patio tables with regional produce and prestige cheeses to accompany the Leconfield, Syn Sparkling and Richard Hamilton wines, sourced from the company's McLaren Vale and Coonawarra vineyards.

3) BEC HARDY WINES AND PERTARINGA
327 Hunt Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8383 2700 · bechardy.com.au



Regional stalwart Geoff Hardy started Pertaringa Wines, but his daughter Bec has launched her own label, which is why this cellar door serves as a tasting centre for both Bec Hardy Wines and the Pertaringa range. The tasting space offers three guided tastings that can be enjoyed in the company of cheese platters, but there are plans to add a commercial kitchen that will soon allow functions in the winery barrel shed. Pre-booked experiences even include a hosted dining party at Topsy Hill, the nearby home of Bec Hardy.

4) PIRRAMIMMA WINERY
Johnston Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8205 · pirramimma.com.au



Estate vineyards and the historic Pirramimma Homestead, built in 1901 by founder AC Johnston, is now in the hands of third generation winemaker Geoff Johnston and his family. The second oldest winery in McLaren Vale is proud of its history, and the cellar door located within the rustic original winery building offers guided tastings of generous, full bodied wines – with extremely rare and old fortified wines providing an important part of the Pirramimma story. Guests can also enjoy exhibitions of local art, including the works of Louise Johnson, while tasting wines at the cellar door.

5) BATTLE OF BOSWORTH WINES
92 Gaffney Rd, Willunga
08 8556 2441 · bosworthwines.com.au



Viticulturist and winemaker Joch Bosworth has made a point of highlighting his organic vineyard practices by adopting the sour-sob as his winery emblem, while his wine range includes an impressive sulphur-free shiraz. The property's 1850s stone chaff shed that is now a cellar door tasting room also sells Joch sprightly pale ale.

6) FOX CREEK WINES
140 Malpas Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8557 0000 · foxcreekwines.com



In a 19th century stone cellar door cottage, visitors are guided through seated wine tasting flights and can taste Laurie Bilby's range of Two Accents gins. It's also a handsome art gallery space, with Fox Creek Wines having proudly been a long-time participant in the Fleurieu Peninsula Art Trail.

7) DOWIE DOOLE CELLAR DOOR
695 California Rd, McLaren Vale
0459 101 372 · dowiedoole.com



In an isolated spot at the centre of Dowie Doole's vineyard, a cool tasting pavilion has been fashioned from three shipping containers, elegantly appointed to provide comfy nooks for savouring paid wine tasting flights and platters you can choose to construct from regional goodies. You can even buy take-away tasting kits, with six 100ml bottles, glasses and tasting notes – a highly popular gift purchase.

8) INKWEIL WINES
377 California Rd, Tatachilla
0468 883 776 · inkwellwines.com

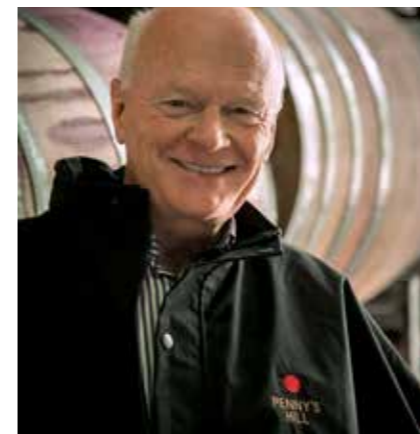


The splendid isolation of this discrete site on the western flank of the McLaren Vale district gives idyllic views from the clever shipping container stack that has been fashioned into Inkwell's personalised wine tasting bar and boutique luxe-hotel. Vignerons Irina Santiago-Brown and Dudley Brown guide visitors through their drinks range – and for overnight guests, big beds and deep baths overlook the vines where kangaroos are prone to roam.

9) EKHDNA WINES
67 Branson Rd, McLaren Vale
0499 002 633 · ekhidnawines.com.au



Winemaker Matt Rechner puts hospitality first in a friendly bar and bistro environment within his Ekhidna cellar door. Food selections are flexible, from casual tapas to a la carte regional dishes, which goes smartly in partnership with the large range of Ekhidna wines and Ekhidna beers, cider and ginger beer that are brewed on premise.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

We've been blessed with so many natural assets – the ocean, the hills, the natural vegetation, the soil complexity that makes our crops thrive and adds so much richness to our story. You can keep on adding layers – our history, the pristine beaches, and our outstanding restaurants fit into this picture perfectly, like Star of Greece on the cliffs at Port Willunga. We have so many outstanding restaurants – Salopian Inn, The Currant Shed - and what they deliver only reinforces the quality of our wines.

TONY PARKINSON



10) DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
233 Binney Rd, McLaren Vale
0448 764 956 · downtherabbitolewines.com.au



A pastel-shaded double decker bus parked beside the vineyard provides one of the most popularly photographed cellar door venues in McLaren Vale – but Down the Rabbit Hole proprietors Elise Cook and Domenic Palumbo embellish this lovely location with an impressive range of wines. No bookings are needed for wine tastings, which can be accompanied by platters on outdoor picnic rugs or at a few inside nooks. A recently expanded kitchen offers a la carte lunch offerings, with plans for more catered special events and dinners. There are also breezy al fresco live music performances at sunset on Fridays during summer.



11) VIGNA BOTTIN CELLAR DOOR AND OSTERIA
192 Main Rd, Willunga
0484 254 994 · vignabottin.com.au



You're embraced into the soul of the Bottin family's Italian origins as they explain the story behind their long history as grape growers in the region, and their more recent decision to release their own wines, largely focused on Italian grape varieties. A sit-down tutored tasting in their pavilion or garden patio is always accompanied by a modest food plate – but you'd be smarter to book for the full family-style osteria feast offered for weekend lunches, or dinner.



ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

WHITE FEATHER RED



HEARD IT ON THE GRAPEVINE



SMIDGE WINES



McMURTRIE ROAD

In presenting one of the most concentrated clusters of tourism experiences in the region, this eclectic group of businesses realised the strength of its combined assets years ago, creating the McMurtie Mile experience as a complete day trip. You can design your own way to navigate a dense day of wine, food and art experiences along this inspiring avenue.

1) RED POLES

190 McMurtie Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8994 · redpoles.com.au



Championing the artistic flavour of the region, Red Poles owner Ros Miller presents exhibitions across many art media. While the main gallery in the lofty converted barn is devoted to Indigenous artists, the remainder of the venue presents works from many South Australian artists across all arts mediums. Art also works its way onto the plate, with a picturesque casual dining setting in the café and gardens offering a la carte lunches, wine and cocktails – and frequent live music.

2) MITOLO WINES AND LITTLE WOLF OSTERIA

141 McMurtie Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 9304 · mitolowines.com.au



Cleverly constructed from repurposed shipping containers, this stylish and elegantly appointed tasting room for Mitolo wines offers three different curated tasting flights, each accompanied by a series of antipasto bites from the kitchen. The space opens into a large dining room, where chef Vincenzo La Montagna brings great Italian generosity to the table. The Little Wolf Osteria's Da Noi menu option equates to a selection of the chef's favourite dishes, while the grand La Panarda option unfurls a fulsome Abruzzo-inspired feast.

3) SAMSON TALL WINES

219 Strout Rd, McLaren Vale
0488 214 680 · samsontall.com.au



A quaint former Wesleyan chapel, erected in 1854, has become home to Paul Wilson and Heather Budich's wine brand. Take your time to taste through the range at relaxed table settings, and embrace the history detailed in interpretive signs that explain the adjacent pioneer cemetery.

4) HUGH HAMILTON WINES

94 McMurtie Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8689 · hughhamiltonwines.com.au



A striking octagonal glass-walled pavilion, designed by architect Max Pritchard to take in panoramic views of the surrounding vineyards, provides the ideal location for leisurely wine tasting. Expect surprises within a suite of structured paid wine flights – such as a range of unique blends, a luxurious shiraz and chocolate tasting, and taste the distinctive robust Georgian grape variety saperavi.

5) PRIMO ESTATE WINERY

50 McMurtie Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 6800 · primoestate.com.au



Book for a luxurious tasting experience in the winery's chic cellar door lounge. Sample a flight of Primo Estate's Italian-inspired Joseph wines in the company of Joseph extra virgin olive oil, grand padano cheese and local artisan bread.

6) THE SALOPIAN INN

Cnr McMurtie Rd and Main Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8769 · salopian.com.au



Chef Karena Armstrong has brought freshness and vitality to the historic Salopian Inn, with her striking regional menu capturing dazzling Asian and Middle Eastern flavours. The diversity is so tempting that it's best to order the Feed Me menu for \$85 a person, for a procession of the chef's favourite dishes. Be sure to explore the cellar for great regional wines, or the extensive gin bar stocked with more than 230 different gins from around the world.



7) LINO RAMBLE, SHERRAH WINES, BONDAR WINES

148 McMurtie Rd, McLaren Vale
linoramble.com.au · sherrahwines.com.au
· bondarwines.com.au



A restored farmhouse, owned by the Noon family, has become home to three separate micro wine brands, each having their own rooms to present their distinctive small-batch wines, yet sharing similar sustainability philosophies. Lino Ramble (0409 553 448) boldly embraces little-known Mediterranean grape varieties. Sherrah (0429 123 383) turns down the volume on discrete modern shiraz, fiano and more. Bondar (0419 888 303) looks at many familiar grape varieties through a different prism. Take the time to book tutored tastings and become familiar with all three intriguing brands.

8) WIRRA WIRRA VINEYARDS

255 Strout Rd, McLaren Vale
08 8323 8414 · wirrawirra.com



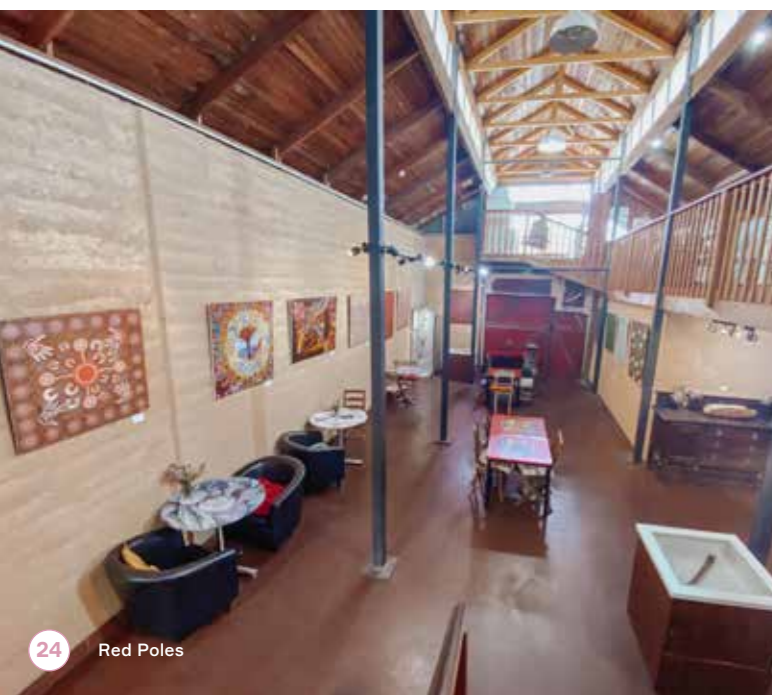
Wine tasting in the handsome ironstone cellar at Wirra Wirra now involves choices of paid wine flights, with each tutored session taking about 45 minutes. Expanded kitchen facilities and seating means the adjacent Harry's Deli can accommodate even more dine-in guests for its popular casual dining, served until 4pm. Food offerings also expand to platters served in a lush garden setting teeming with quirky sculptures and artworks.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

There's a great sense of community in the way my neighbours enthusiastically share our customers, because together we realise our diversity is our strength. I love the fact there are so many choices for visitors along McMurtie Road – and I say the more, the merrier. I'm confident people will keep coming back to try them all, because all the business operators here speak with one voice, that we want our visitors to have a fabulous experience.

ROS MILLER, RED POLES



WILLUNGA

A town that arose in the 1840s in support of the nearby slate quarry now boasts a main street teeming with food, art and tasting experiences of discerning quality, becoming a gourmet's destination of distinction. The numbers of visitors swell considerably each Saturday morning, with the erection of pop-up stalls for the famous Willunga Farmers Market, underlining the significance and stature of farmers and artisan producers in this town.

1) OUR PLACE @ WILLUNGA HILL

1980 Brookman Rd, Willunga Hill
0417 879 551 · willungahill.com



Renowned baker and chef Andy Clappis adds a generous pinch of Italian hospitality and flavour into Sunday long lunches at his Willunga Hill home. Andy's superb bread is a staple offering at many local wineries and shops, but his big commercial kitchen also prepares a grand weekly Italian-style, multi-course feast. On a vast dining patio, guests need an appetite to eat through big serves of antipasto, fresh pasta, then roasted meats from the Clappis property. Save space for the perfect final note of Sicilian cannolo filled with fresh ricotta, and an espresso. This is Slow Food in all its comforting glory, but bookings are essential.

2) HITHER AND YON WINES

17 High St, Willunga
08 8556 2082 · hitherandyon.com.au



A slate-floored 1860s butcher shop is now an intimate tasting space for the Leask family's minimal intervention wines. As longtime grape growers and viticultural experts, the Leasks have been at the forefront of propagating alternative grape varieties that are ideally suited to our environment, and their Hither & Yon label showcases a diverse array of fresh styles and blends. Book for a tutored tasting in the quaint historical cottage, which also exhibits an eclectic range of local artworks, or in the rear courtyard. Tasting plates can also be ordered from DeRose kitchen next door.

3) SOUTH COAST BREWING CO

Unit 1/11 Jay Drive, Willunga
0448 012 669 · southcoastbrewingco.com



After a period located in the main street of Willunga, South Coast Brewing Co has moved its taphouse back to its brewery production site, serving its range of nine beers and stout to the public on afternoons from Friday to Sunday. Food trucks are on site during the weekend, and live music is a Sunday drawcard. The brewery's funky tasting lounge, embracing surf shack style, is also hired out as a popular function space.

4) SHIFTY LIZARD BREWING CO

33 High St, Willunga
08 7079 2471 · shiftylizard.com



Quirky brew names (try Gila Monsters IPA and Stouty McStoutface for starters) and eye-catching artwork define the craft beer output of Danny Strapps and Lee Stone. The taproom – which serves hot session snacks including hot dogs and loaded fries – also pours gin from small-batch producer Soul Bird Distilling.

5) RUSSELL'S PIZZA

13 High St, Willunga
08 8556 2571 · russellspizza.com



This historic slate-floored settler's cottage has been the home of excellent artisan pizza since chef Russell Jeavons opened its doors in 1992, and current owners Emma Baxter and Gerard Liddle are still cranking out big numbers from the huge wood-fired oven each weekend. Mediterranean and Middle Eastern influences inform rustic pizza topped with prime local ingredients.

6) FOUR WINDS CHOCOLATES & PATISSERIE

30 High St, Willunga
0438 562 622 · fourwindschocolate.com



Wendy Ashwin is a fastidious, professionally trained chocolatier – although she prefers to call herself a melter and creator – and she makes more than 20 types of hand-made chocolates, along with a range of fresh-baked patisserie products in her Willunga kitchen. These are presented at many wineries and cafés throughout the region – although customers can mostly buy them online, or from her cute little shop, located beside the Golden Fleece Cafe, which is only open on Saturdays, from 9am to 3pm.

7) WILLUNGA GENERAL STORE

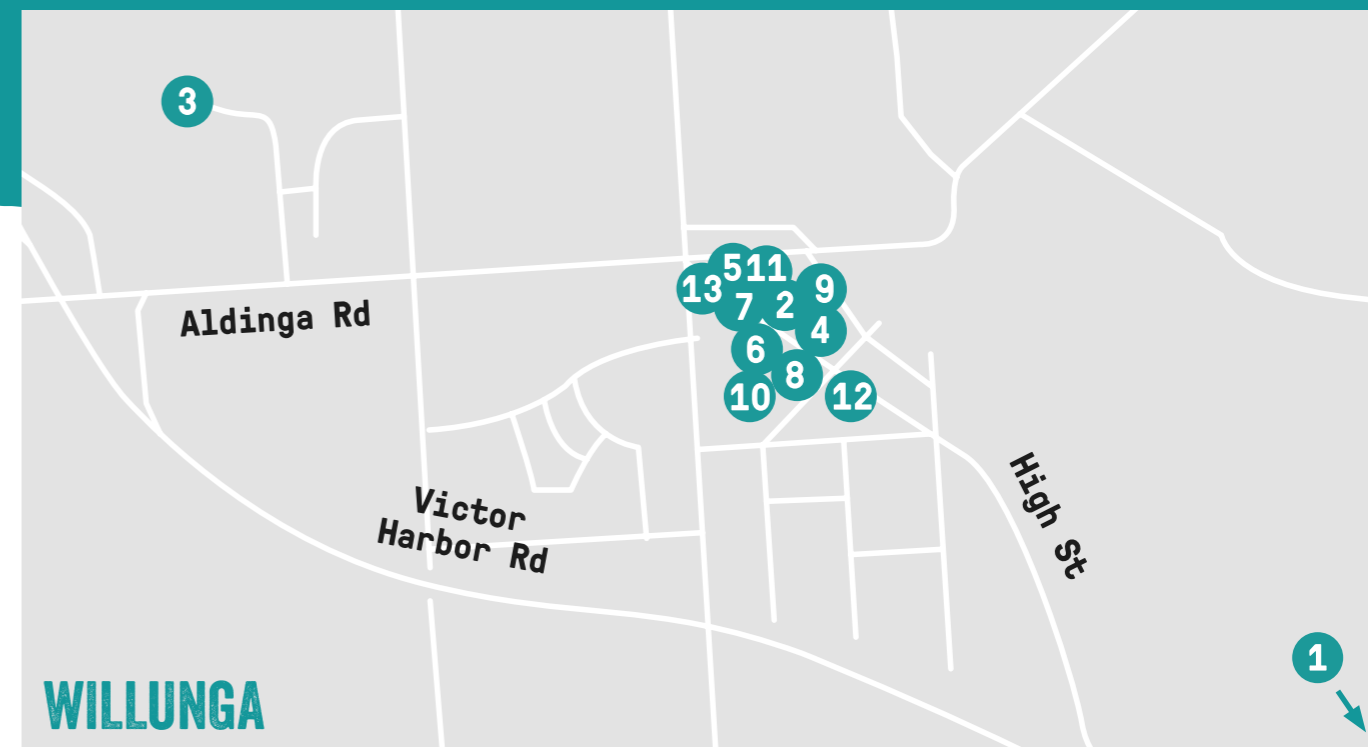
10 High St, Willunga
08 8556 2041 · willungageneral.com.au



Owned and managed by Lara Brett and open 7 days a week the store is located next to the bakery in the heart of the town and is the perfect place to pick up a good range of locally produced goodies. Look for bread from Andy Clappis and Small World Bakery, Terrines and Pates from Little Acre Foods, take home meals and much more. And to eat in the coffee, egg and bacon rolls and toasties come highly recommended.



Willunga Gallery



WILLUNGA

“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I remain a huge advocate for the outstanding Willunga Farmers Market on Saturday mornings, for so many reasons – because you buy direct from the farmers and producers, because there's fantastic variety and quality, but also because it's where I get my sense of community and catch up with so many friends. Outside of market times, I'll go to the Willunga General Store to pick up fabulous local produce – such as Andy Clappis's bread – then go for a walk up the main street and stop in somewhere interesting for a drink, like the Shifty Lizard brewery. Otherwise, the Flights gin bar at Penny's Hill is a fun place to be on a Saturday afternoon, and I love the genuine Italian hospitality you'll find at Vigna Bottin, along with its delicious food and wine.

PIP FORRESTER, CHAIR,
WILLUNGA FARMERS MARKET



Willunga Farmers Market



Hither and Yon Wines



Willunga Gallery

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

- TERRE CAFÉ LESLIE REDGATE ART
- THE GREEN ROOM ORGANIC CAFÉ
- THE SINGING CRICKET CO-OP ORGANIC WHOLEFOODS
- APHELION WINE CO

WILLUNGA (CONT.)

8) WILLUNGA GLASS STUDIO AND OFF THE SLATE GALLERY

36 High St, Willunga
08 8556 2363 · facebook.com/willungaglasstudio

This large gallery is also the studio of local glass artists Glenn Howlett, who can often be seen at work on his blown and kiln-fired glass pieces and leadlights. The space also presents work by a co-operative of more than a dozen local artists who specialise in many mediums – mosaics, wood, pottery, textiles and forged metals.

9) WILLUNGA GALLERY

29 High St, Willunga
0433 033 455 · willungagallery.com.au

Inside this quaint whitewashed cottage, local ceramic artist Irene Dougan presents her artwork in the company of exhibitions by an eclectic mix of local and interstate artists, designers and craftspeople. A gift shop within the gallery has a curious array of artistic treats, from homewares and jewellery to prints and arresting artistic gift cards.

10) GOLDEN FLEECE CAFÉ

30 High St, Willunga
08 8556 2113 · facebook.com/thegoldenfleececafe

Embracing the bright retro look and flavour of the former Golden Fleece garage, Shelly Adams and her daughter Stacy Giles lead a busy kitchen team cooking breakfasts and lunch, blending juices and baking fresh cakes, desserts and impressive batches of scones – that are especially popular with cyclists and hikers.



11) DE ROSE KITCHEN

17a High St, Willunga
08 8556 4443 · derosekitchen.com

Since taking over this cosy slate-floored cottage in the centre of town, Mandy and Mark de Rose have established their cafe as a popular meeting place for coffee, cakes and big brunch plates, such as sriracha scrambled eggs or roasted beet, fennel and haloumi. Indulge in extravagant grilled sandwiches, from Croque Monsieur to pesto chicken panini. There are also some local pantry foods available.

12) THE OLD BUSH INN

51 Hugh St, Willunga
08 8557 1000 · oldbushinn.com

Established in 1839, this old country-style pub speaks of heritage, from its broad bull-nosed verandahs to roaring open fireplaces. Unpretentious pub food focuses on sturdy favourites – porterhouse steaks, plump schnitzels and seasonal pies – while the wine list is dedicated to local producers. Popular for brunch on Sundays.

13) MUNI RESTAURANT

2/3 High St, Willunga
08 7516 5958 · munirestaurant.com

A small dining spot in Willunga with an Asian inspired menu and a wine list with a focus on boutique, small batch natural wines. Open Thursday to Sunday for lunch and Thursday to Saturday for dinner. Check their website to find their 'Tasting Menu'



Find the produce brands that define this region at Willunga Farmers Market and other shops throughout the Fleurieu.

Artisan producers of the Fleurieu Peninsula have won renown for the quality and intense flavours of their foods - a reputation established and enhanced through collectively presenting their wares at the exceptional Willunga **Farmers Market** since 2002. With a pop-up city of stalls taking over Willunga - the market boasts up to 80 local producers selling goods, many picked fresh that morning, or prepared especially for market shoppers. Meet the producers, hear their stories and learn their food tips. This is where the true taste of the Fleurieu comes alive on your taste-buds.

Outside of market hours, you'll find many of these products stocked in local food retail outlets, including: Harvest the Fleurieu, Peninsula Providore, The Pickle Pot Strathalbyn, Jetty Food Store, Romeos Supermarket at McLaren Vale, Ellis Butchers, Delamere General Store, McLaren Vale Visitor Centre, McLaren Vale Health Food Shop, The Singing Cricket @ Willunga, The Almond Train, Hugo Wines, Kay Brothers Winery, Gemtree Winery, Alexandrina Cheese and Willunga General Store.

ROMLEY ESTATE OLIVE OIL AND OLIVE PRODUCTS

PORT WILLUNGA FINE FOODS

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SMALL WORLD BAKERY BREADS

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TWO HILLS AND A CREEK OLIVE PRODUCTS

TARONGA ALMONDS

LITTLE ACRE FOODS

WILLUNGA PASTA

NOMAD FARMS CHICKEN

81 ACRES ETHICAL PORK

BUFF LOVE BUFFALO

PENINSULA PROVIDORE

DO BEE HONEY



De Rose Kitchen



Shifty Lizard Brewing Co

TRAVELLING FROM WILLUNGA TO ALDINGA

Heading west towards the coast from Willunga township, turn off the main roads to find a fresh array of small family-owned farm and winery businesses bringing ingenious ideas to regional hospitality.

1) SLO WHEY SCHOOL OF CHEESE

409 Colville Rd, Hope Forest
0409 063 399 · slowhey.com



With a goal to educate people in the simplicity of sustainable cheesemaking and enjoying the slow way to prepare wholesome foods, Caleigh Hunt hosts group classes in her big shed on a property outside Willunga. Hands-on participants are instructed how to make a range of cheeses from scratch – haloumi, ricotta, mozzarella, camembert, fresh farmhouse cheeses and cultured butter. Leisurely four-hour classes include extravagant morning teas, tastes of Year Wines that Caleigh makes with her partner Luke Growden – and you take home the cheeses you make.

2) THE FARM WILLUNGA

11 Martin Rd, Whites Valley
0434 125 172 · thefarmwillunga.com.au



A cafe and shop located at the mixed-produce farm features estate-grown olive oil, wine and a range of condiments and seasonal food items prepared on-site in the big café kitchen, along with regional delicacies. Stay for coffee and cakes, breakfast, lunch, or book luxury apartment accommodation on the property.

3) FLOWER CELLAR DOOR

300 Little Rd, White Valley
0408 219 699 · flower-cellar-door.business.site



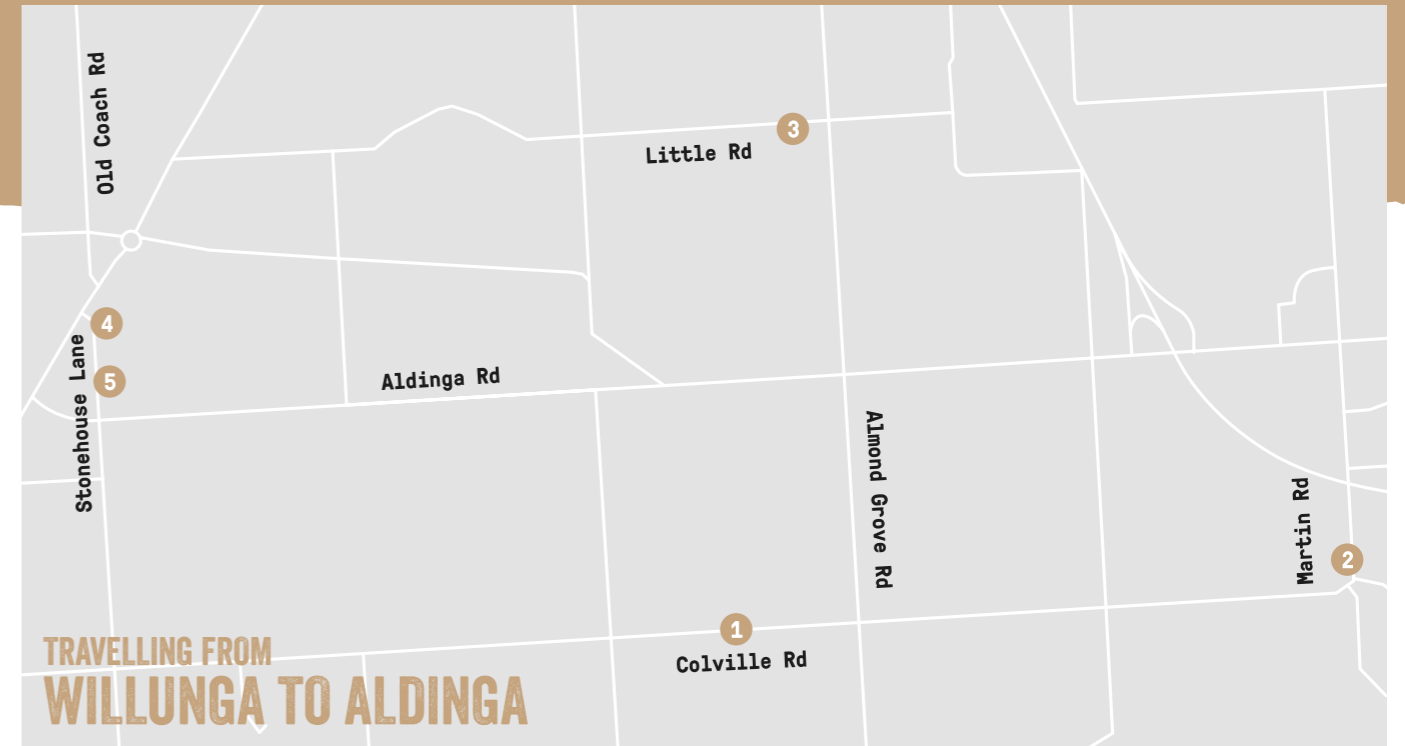
A cute café within a greenhouse on the family-run Little Road Flower Farm, complete with hanging basket chairs and long lazy lounges, provides a pretty haven hidden away from the main roads. Select from a big range of cakes and sweet treats decorated with flowers, savoury brunch dishes, toasted sandwiches and drinks from coffee to wine and cocktails. Don't forget to buy bunches of fresh flowers as well.

4) BIG EASY RADIO

11 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga
0437 159 858 · bigeasyradio.com



Frisky and fresh, the rotating family of small-batch wines made by Big Easy Radio's Matt Head and Adam Te Kiri are best enjoyed in the funky tasting shed, either for a casual tutored tasting or in the garden setting. Check out original live music performances inside the big shed on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, with the presence of food vans also enhancing a laid-back party vibe.



TRAVELLING FROM WILLUNGA TO ALDINGA

5) AGOSTINO WINES

Lot 40 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga
0439 679 004 · agostinowines.com



An Italian family affair, led by Joe Agostino, with food being an integral part of the wine tasting experience at the cellar door homestead. Enjoy pasta and pizza from the wood-fired oven to accompany a range of wines in a warm social atmosphere from Friday to Sunday. There are also Agostino olive oils and jars of cured olives to purchase.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

We've tried to reflect the essential feel of this place, which I think is classic Australian coastal – fun, easy-going, casual but never forgetting quality. That's why we've kept it simple – basic sheds and a garden setting, food trucks coming in to add their personality to the place too, live music from some of the best original musicians around town. It feels good to be here – like you've dropped in at a very welcoming party.

MATT HEAD, BIG EASY RADIO



THE BEACHFRONT CHRISTIES BEACH TO ALDINGA BEACH

A glorious stretch of pristine white sand beaches that define the western edge of the Fleurieu's Mid Coast has long been a haven for lovers of water sports – from surfing to snorkelling or sailing. Now, there's a growing cluster of chic hospitality ventures at prime coastal locations, from funky coffee shops and casual cafes, to grand dining experiences with breath-taking coastal views.

1) PEARL

Aldinga Beach Boat Ramp,
Lower Esplanade, Aldinga Beach
08 7477 7177 · pearlaldingabeach.com.au



A shining new star of coastal dining puts a sophisticated flourish to fresh seafood dishes, their casual elegance perfectly in tune with the airy dining shack built beside Aldinga Beach. Simple, austere furnishings inside the high-ceiling room allow the majestic southern views outside a big sweep of windows to be the star attraction. A cleverly curated list of artisan drinks producers rounds out an ideal place to enjoy a lazy lunch in style.

2) STAR OF GREECE

1 Esplanade, Port Willunga
08 8557 7420 · starofgreece.com.au



This iconic cliff-top eatery, named after an 1888 shipwreck off the coast, has enjoyed longstanding kudos as a casual restaurant of distinction. Smart seafood dishes and a superb wine list perfectly complement breathtaking beach and ocean views, enjoyed from expansive windows or a sweep of balcony tables. There's also kiosk service for breakfast and snacks on a spacious outdoor plaza.

3) CHEFFY CHELBY'S

24a Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga
08 7082 4777 · cheffychelbys.com.au



Cheffy Chelby's is the project of chef Michelle Lowe, who has transferred operations of her former food truck into a modest bricks'n'mortar café. The menu is big on breakfast rolls – many being original concoctions that carry cute names, from The Gobble Doc (turkey and sweet potato) to the Drippy Benny (eggs Benedict in a bun). Squeezed in between a host of other casual eateries, this may appear unassuming, but frequent queues show that something interesting's going on.

4) THE FLOUR STORE

21 Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga
08 7288 3699 · theflourstore.com



This new breed of coffee and brunch bar captures the clean, chic décor of a city laneway café within striking range of the beach. In a neighbourhood now teeming with coffee options, this spacious room has become a popular dine-in destination from Thursday to Monday



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

My partner Bec Seidel and I grew up in this region, and we've returned to the Fleurieu to build our own seafood restaurant right on the shore of Aldinga beach. For our family and many others down here, the beach is our backyard. When we're not cooking fish at Pearl, there's nothing better than picking up supplies from the Willunga Farmers Market, grabbing a bottle or two of local booze, sitting in the sand and soaking up the sunshine. The Peninsula and its people offer an incredibly diverse experience. It's the food, the vines and the beach that all co-exist so seamlessly together which makes this place a gem.

JULES RYDON, CHEF AT PEARL



5) PORT NOARLUNGA ARTS CENTRE

22 Gawler St, Port Noarlunga
8 8326 5577 · onkapingacity.com



Three galleries within this versatile centre show exhibitions by a changing roster of community art groups, professional and emerging artists, while the Red Rover Gallery exhibits historical photographs. The Art Shop features works by local artists for sale, and keep an eye on the centre's performance spaces for regular theatrical, dance and music shows.

6) SAUERBIER HOUSE

21 Wearing St, Port Noarlunga
8 8326 5577 · onkapingacity.com



This busy contemporary visual arts site, housed within a restored colonial villa, provides both studio space and exhibition areas for local artists. It also supports an artist-in-residence program, along with presenting talks from artists and art workshops.

7) AMPIKA'S KITCHEN

1 Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga
8 8186 1288 · ampikaskitchen.com.au



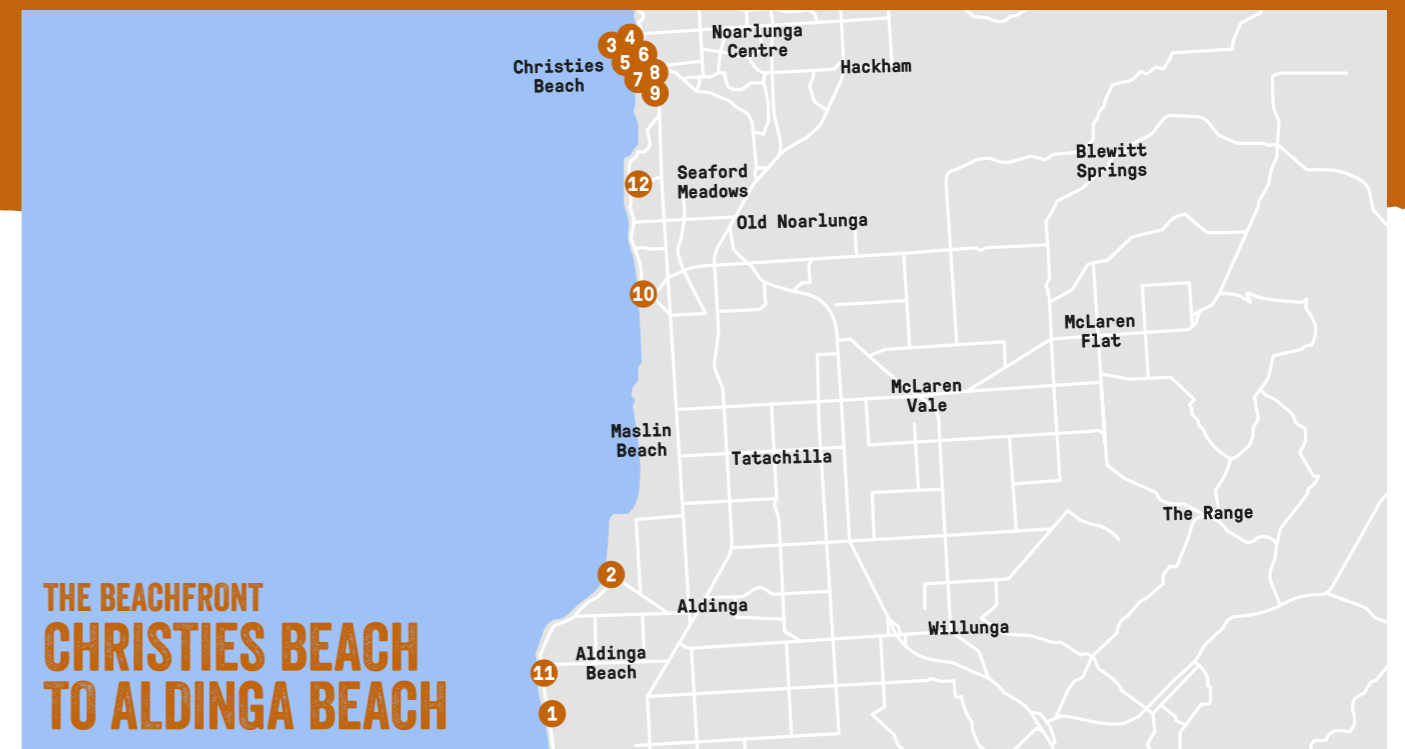
Directly opposite the Port Noarlunga jetty, the refitted 1880s seafront mansion McLeod House now fulfils multiple hospitality roles. It's a Thai restaurant by night, presenting a selection of local craft beers produced at the nearby Keg & Barrel brewhouse, and during summer it also serves daytime café meals and ice creams.

8) HORTAS

2 Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga
08 8326 1777 · hortas.com.au



The big seafront dining space, contained within the smart Port Noarlunga Surf Lifesaving Club redevelopment, appropriately puts focus on seafood dishes. The owners' Portuguese heritage is evident through a menu bursting with robust seafood dishes and petiscos (tapas-style snack plates to share), but also extends to meats and vegan offerings.



THE BEACHFRONT CHRISTIES BEACH TO ALDINGA BEACH

9) PORT BURGER

19 Saltfleet St, Port Noarlunga
08 7288 3699 · facebook.com/portburgersa



A cluster of six shipping containers has been cleverly configured into an appealing pop-up burger bar, cloaked in black metal to capture a cool industrial vibe, complete with its own courtyard lawns and outdoor bar. A long list of creative burger options is joined by loaded fries, chicken wings and wild loaded shakes (try the salted caramel and popcorn pretzel flavour!).

10) DEEP BLUE CAFE

324 Esplanade, Moana
08 8327 4044 · deepbluecafe.com.au



A vibrant burst of colour on the foreshore announces a versatile dining shack loaded with personality, serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and take-away options. Its vividly-painted exterior sets the tone for a sunny casual meal, with fish'n'chips, curries, pizza and salads being most popular.

11) BREEZE CAFÉ AND BAR

163 Esplanade, Aldinga Beach
08 8556 5000 · facebook.com/breezecafeandbar



Wood-fired pizza is the main attraction in a bustling licensed café. The big space offers big vistas of the southern coast from its enclosed deck and outdoor dining patio. Serious coffee early in the day tends to be supplanted by cocktails and local wines as the preferred choice for sunset drinks.

12) BOY AND BLOOM SOUTH

48 Cliff Ave, Port Noarlunga
0435 786 307 · facebook.com/boyandbloomsouth



A sleek, minimal interior defines a coffee house that mirrors the sophisticated city demeanour of its sibling business – Boy and Bloom in Flinders St, Adelaide – and introduced it to a sleepy strip of shops just off the esplanade between Port Noarlunga and Moana. The coffee is serious, and options for breakfast and lunch are plentiful – soup, sandwiches, bagels, burgers and more. It's so accepting of canine visitors at the outside tables, there's even a menu of dog snacks.

13) AGATHA'S

1 Gawler St, Port Noarlunga
08 8384 4393 · agathascafe.com.au



This heaving coffee shop and cafe has grown through 20 years to keep accommodating a league of loyal customers, with rugged raw beams and galvo roof providing a raffish beachside charm. Big breakfast plates focus on eggs but extend to waffles and berry panna cotta, with lunch options of burgers, bowls, wraps and pasta supported by an all-SA wine list.

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

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| CANTINA 61 | BECK'S BAKEHOUSE |
| SOURC'D WINE & COFFEE BAR | COFFEE FACTORY CAFÉ |
| CABANA CLUB | THE FLEURIEU PANTRY |
| STATE OF MIND COFFEE | SICILY MARE PIZZERIA |
| FLAVA FOOD AND COFFEE | TEQUILA 'N' TACOS |
| JIMMY'S PIZZA | KEG AND BARREL STEAK HOUSE |
| BOONY'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA | |



ALDINGA



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD ”

It has been almost 10 years since Cara and I opened Home Grain Bakery in Aldinga and I'm so proud of how much the town has grown in that time. Aldinga today is a thriving hub of activity, with an abundance of awesome experiences for people from all walks of life to connect, support and grow. For me, I absolutely love kicking back with friends and family on a Friday arvo at Aldinga's newest attraction, Kick Back Brewing - but my favourite will always be a warm pie and coffee from Home Grain Bakery after an early morning beach swim.

TOFF WEST, HOME GRAIN BAKERY ”

The heart of Aldinga village beats strong thanks to its smart local community operating a tight cluster of boutique businesses that specialise in providing produce and experiences of bespoke quality.

1) KICK BACK BREWING

11a Old Coach Rd, Aldinga
0474 253 340 · kickbackbrewing.com.au



Craft brewer Brenton Schoemaker has a big vision. He's taken over a big former grocery shed, installed a 10-hectolitre brewery and created a large casual tasting lounge to sample 16 brews on tap, and there are big windows so patrons can see what's happening in the brewhouse. In the kitchen, Tom Proud is cooking mod bar food, from cheeseburgers and tostadas to curries. There's also a beer garden out the back with ample space to kick back, relax and enjoy a brew.

2) HOME GRAIN BAKERY

13 Old Coach Rd, Aldinga
08 8557 8231 · homegrainbakery.com.au



Toff and Cara West bought the old Aldinga bakery in 2011, rebranded it and introduced an array of such alluring exotic pie and pasty fillings that the Home Grain concept soon began to expand – with additional bakeries now in McLaren Flat and Middleton. Toff's journey to Italy in 2014 for an artisan bakery course has resulted in a more expansive range of loaves – and keep an eye out for treats on each bakery's frequently rotating specials board.

3) MAXWELL'S GROCERY

206 Port Rd, Aldinga
facebook.com/maxwellsgrocery



Moving location into the Aldinga village compound has expanded the dine-in and take away capabilities of Maxwell's mod organic grocery store. Beyond its focus of sourcing local produce for cold-pressed juices, mighty burgers, raw desserts and superb organic coffee, there are also fridges and shelves stocked with fresh organic and local produce.

4) THE LITTLE RICKSHAW

24 Old Coach Rd, Aldinga
0403 784 568 · thelittlerickshaw.com.au



A fresh modern take on polyglot Vietnamese and Thai dishes, made with care and precision – from dumplings through to pork and seafood specials. Cited by a host of this region's winemakers as their favourite casual dining venue, it's necessary to always book ahead, as this intimate shed only seats 25 people, although dining tables in an adjacent shady garden space is an option.

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

FALL FROM GRACE CAFÉ CREMA

THE SHACK PIZZA LOT 8



5) GOODNESS COFFEE CO

24 Old Coach Rd, Aldinga
goodnesscoffeeco.com.au



One of several small gourmet-focused businesses located within the Blacksmith Hub, an 1850s cluster of small sheds and huts, this dedicated coffee roaster that sells its beans direct to visitors also pulls espressos for walk-in or take-away customers between 8am and 1pm daily.

6) THE VILLAGE GROOVE CAFÉ

Lot 10a/173 Port Rd, Aldinga
0426 021 331 · facebook.com/thevillagegroovecafe



Located at the entrance of the Aldinga Eco Village, this vegan café has a large selection of hot drinks and smoothies, along with a sweep of simple breakfast plates, wraps, rye sourdough sandwiches, salads and bowls.

7) IVYBROOK FARM

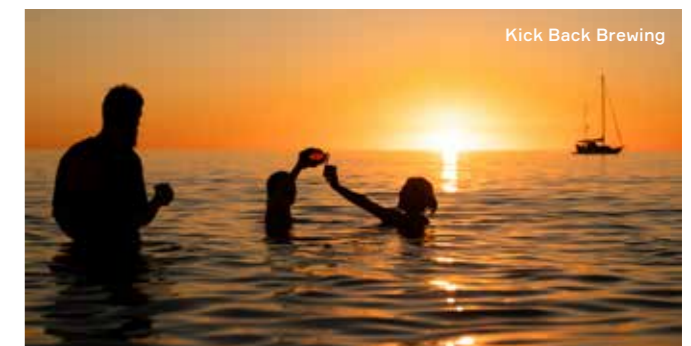
34 Thomas Rd, Maslin Beach
0416 137 859 · ivybrook.com.au



This biodynamic farm and vineyard property is developing a suite of wines that stretches into alternative Spanish varieties, with an 1898 stone barn providing a rustic setting for seated cellar door tastings.



Kick Back Brewing



Kick Back Brewing



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SELICKS

The vantage point where the Mount Lofty Ranges meets the sea at Sellicks Beach provides two great attractions – an expansive and sheltered white sand beach, and also an elevated perch that gives a stunning view of the whole McLaren Vale district, taking in the stretch from the vines and olive groves to the ocean.

1) BERG HERRING WINES

Lot 21 Sellicks Beach Rd, Sellicks Beach
bergherringwines.com.au

The transformation of an 1860s sandstone Methodist chapel into a wine tasting room has been a worthwhile labour of love for Sam Dunlevy and Chloe Fitzgerald. It forms a stylish setting for seated paid tastings of a suite of wines – all small batch productions that change frequently through seasons. It remains open later than most cellar doors, with a 6pm closing making its outdoor lounges and stools the ideal place to close the day with sunset drinks overlooking the coast.

2) VICTORY HOTEL

Main South Rd, Sellicks Hill
08 8556 3083 · victoryhotel.com.au

From a prominent perch atop Sellicks Hill, this smartly renovated pub brings the sum of this bountiful food and wine district into clear perspective, presenting the best local wines beside fresh local ingredients, with a gorgeous view over the district to the sea. The large cellar boasts an extraordinary collection of mature wines from the local neighbourhood and around the world – and the cellar's grand timber table provides an idyllic place to book a special party for dining.

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

ALDINGA BAY WINERY

3) SELICKS HILL WINES

3737 Main South Rd, Sellicks Hill
08 8556 3000 · sellickshillwines.com

What used to be Paul Petanga's lunch room on the vineyard estate is now a cellar door tasting space, welcoming visitors from Friday to Sunday. The addition of a wood-fired oven gives the option of pizza or Italian-influenced dishes for lunch, and tours of the wine-making shed can be booked with Paul providing tastes of wines straight from the barrel.

4) ASHLEY HILLS ESTATE

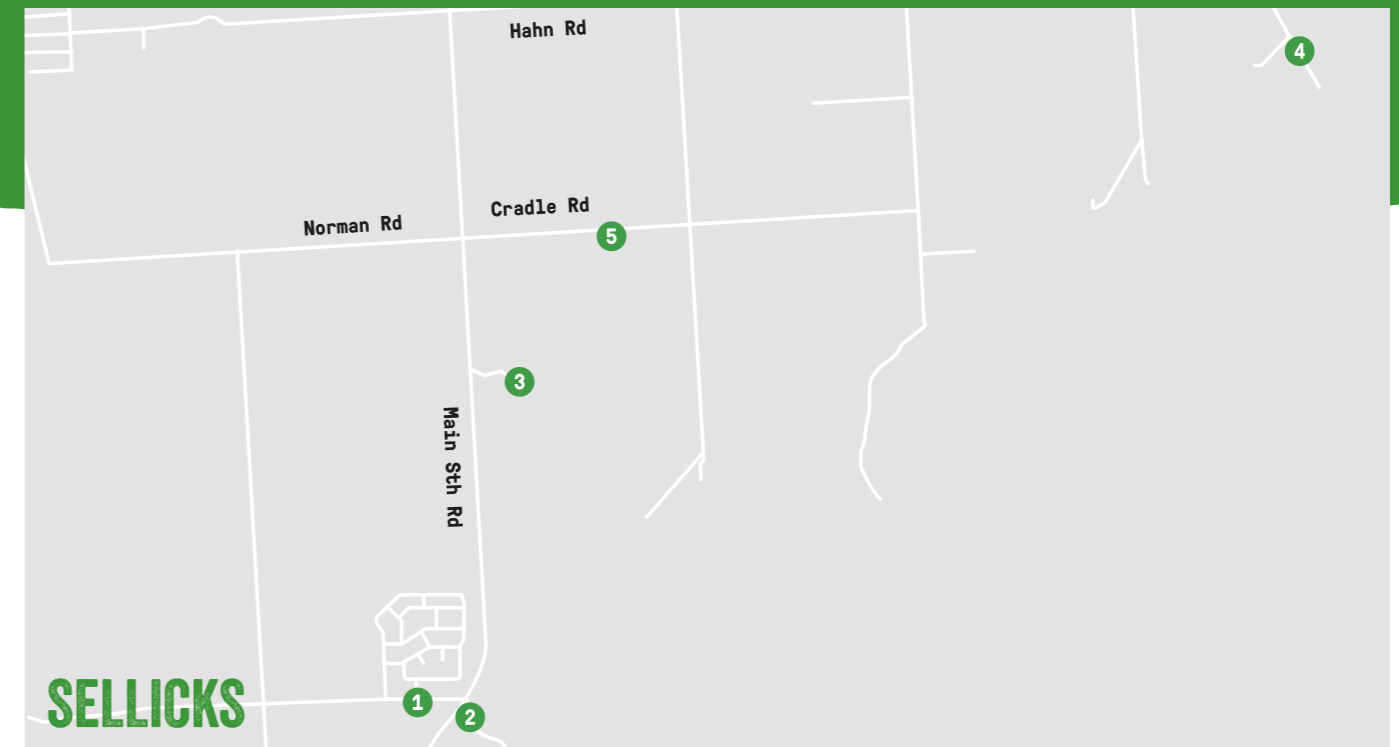
Louds Rd, Willunga South
0412 203 530 · facebook.com/ashleyhillsestate

Paul and Wei Giles have a cellar door connected to their farm's working shearing shed, providing a unique weekend tasting space for their estate-grown shiraz and cabernet sauvignon wines – plus a trio of beers made especially for Ashley Hills by a McLaren Vale brewery. Be sure to also order servings of Wei's outstanding dumplings.

5) CRADLE OF HILLS WINES

76 Rogers Rd, Sellicks Hill
0438 564 281 · cradle-of-hills.com.au

This wine tasting room is only open by appointment, but visitors who make the effort to book for a private wine tasting are in for a treat. Hosts Paul and Tracy Smith offer platters stocked with produce from the region and their farm to accompany their wines in a relaxed but informative setting.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Sellicks Beach is one of the most stunning, unspoiled beaches in Australia, measuring 4km in length – half of which you can drive on. The other half is for walking, and make sure you explore the canyons at the southern end, which also has a waterfall in winter. In summer, the whole beach is kid-friendly, with very gentle waves.

DOUG GOVAN, VICTORY HOTEL



MT COMPASS & MYPONGA AND SURROUNDS



Smiling Samoyed Brewery

As the pivot point in the middle of the peninsula, Mount Compass is surrounded by rich soil, making it a prime location for dairy cattle, fruit and vegetable crops. This has given rise to a community of outstanding farms, but also eateries and cafes that take advantage of such pristine foods. It's a bountiful area that inspires everyone from visual artists to artisanal brewers.

1) HARVEST THE FLEURIEU

2256 Victor Harbor Rd, Mount Compass
0448 598 198 · harvestthefleurieu.com.au



Beyond picking your own strawberries from the adjacent paddocks in season, the big roadside shop stocks fresh berries and local produce, including berry ice creams, sauces, preserves and plump pies baked on premise. It also presents a vast range of boutique Fleurieu producers without their own farm gate sales outlets.

2) THE BLUEBERRY PATCH

Nangkita Rd, Mount Compass
08 8556 9100 · blueberrypatch.com.au



A popular destination for several decades, this small farm allows visitors to pick their own tubs of fresh blueberries from December to February, or buy punnets of fresh and frozen fruits from the small farm shop while stocks last.

3) CAFÉ CLYDE AND CO

18 Victor Harbor Rd, Mount Compass
0424 284 479 · facebook.com/cafeclydeandco



Breakfast and brunch dishes take on a stylish twist in this cool little café – think of a smoked salmon and avocado stack, or cheese and herb cornbread with scrambled eggs. Check the daily specials for inventive combinations, offered in the company of superior coffee.

4) JOHN LACEY STUDIO AND GREEN TANK GALLERY

41 Woodcone Rd, Mount Compass
08 8556 8388 · johnlacey.com.au



Prolific painter John Lacey's purpose-built studio and art teaching space includes a gallery of his works, with visitors able to see many of his abstracted landscapes that dramatically capture Fleurieu settings.

5) PENINSULA PROVIDORE

2250 Bull Creek Rd, Tooperang
0402 225 314 · peninsulaprovidore.net.au



Melanie Hollick and Brook Wyatt have expanded Peninsula Providore beyond its original Langhorne Creek olive grove by purchasing the renowned Nangkita olive grove at Tooperang in 2019 – a perennial award winner for its benchmark olive oil and table olives. Monthly popup sales on the Tooperang property will eventually be superseded by a permanent farm shop, or you can buy Peninsula Providore oils from Harvest the Fleurieu at Mount Compass. Also check online for details about the farm's catered feasts and annual open days.

6) MYPONGA MARKET

46 Main South Rd, Myponga
08 8558 6121 · mypongamarket.com



The ramshackle series of rooms through the former dairy features an eclectic collection of works by local artists, jewellers and woodworkers, dotted amongst bric-a-brac, books, records and painted mannequin artworks



7) VALLEY OF YORE COFFEE SHOP

46 Main South Rd, Myponga
valleyofyore.com



Look carefully at the northern end of the old Myponga cheese factory and you'll find Holly and Nigel Wyatt's clever transformation of the former industrial site into a big, airy cafe space that has been artfully decorated. Word-of-mouth has drawn crowds for brunch, fresh-baked treats and vegetarian lunches. Open Thursday to Monday, the cafe makes a point of sourcing local produce – from vegetables and breads to Port Elliott's De Groot coffee.

8) SMILING SAMOYED BREWERY

Hansen St, Myponga
08 8558 6166 · smilingsamoyed.com.au



The big brewery shed that turns out almost a dozen different craft beers also serves as a rustic tasting shed, augmented by snacks to share and wood oven pizza - and yes, the big white dogs are beloved mascots in the shed. With occasional live music, and a spacious courtyard and enclosed verandah with seating, this has become a popular weekend hangout, especially for walkers after completing a trek along the adjacent Myponga Reservoir Trail.



Valley of Yore



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I find it so ideal living here. If you stop and smell the fresh air, it's unique. It's so far removed from city life, yet it's still so close. It's beautiful. I can sit here and paint the scenes from my studio window, but it also pays to get out and go walking in the places where it's really quiet – especially along the coast. It's worth taking the time to stop and really see these places up close.

JOHN LACEY, PAINTER



YANKALILLA TO SECOND VALLEY

Rolling hills through the lower regions of the Fleurieu show off the region's fabulous farming credentials, which translates to fantastic fresh food in many of the local eateries.

1) ONE LITTLE SISTER

4/48 Main Rd, Normanville
08 8558 3759 · onelittlesister.com.au



A smart coastal dining option boasting a cool city pedigree. Owners Ben Johnston and Dominika Yindi previously created Bistro Dom in Adelaide, and bring the same savvy style to a clever casual menu with gourmet touches, such as pork meatballs in lemongrass and coconut – although many customers can't look beyond pizza from the big domed oven at the heart of the dining room.

2) SOUTHBOUND DINER

10/89 Main Rd, Normanville
0424 284 479 · facebook.com/tjsouthbounddiner



The black and white checkerboard floor tiles add a touch of retro style to this modest café, although the menu reaches beyond the expected diner fare of burgers and hotdogs to also embrace salads, soups and fish specials on Fridays.

3) NORMANVILLE KIOSK AND CAFÉ

10/89 Main Rd, Normanville
0424 284 479 · facebook.com/normanvillekioskandcafe



Renovations are underway for this popular beachside dining shack and its tacked-on kiosk crafted from a shipping container, to more adequately cater for crowds that queue here. They're hungry for local seafood – from pipis in spaghetti, to mixed seafood platters, but especially for fried fish'n'chips.

4) FORKTREE BREWING

935 Forktree Rd, Carrickalinga
0423 697 566 · forktree.com.au



A renovated shearing shed perched high on the hills above Carrickalinga is now a large dining and drinking space offering spectacular coastal views. A range of four Forktree beers on tap (and available to take away in six-packs or cartons) is augmented by local wines and ciders, with an eclectic casual menu stretching from burgers to laksa and sticky glazed pork ribs.

5) ARRANGING MATTERS

102 Main South Rd, Yankalilla
08 7120 7345 · instagram.com/arrangingmatters



For this eclectic new business, Sonara and Brett Krix bring together their sustainability ideas into a combined flower shop, coffee lounge, gelato bar and casual café. An easy, friendly ambiance ensures a steady stream of chatters and readers linger along the row of window seats, enjoying generous light lunches with a delicious fresh accent. Try the salmon and caper bagels, or pressed juice combinations, along with espresso from Aldgate roaster Two Fish Coffee.

6) YANKALILLA BAKERY

104 Main South Rd, Yankalilla
08 8558 3413 · facebook.com/yankalillabakery



This big store welcomes a steady procession of locals and travellers, who come to load up on an expansive range of bread, pies, baked goods and biscuits – with sweet treats ranging from on-trend vegan maple slice, through to nostalgic choc-dipped wagon wheels.

YANKALILLA TO SECOND VALLEY



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

The South Western side of the Fleurieu Peninsula is all about nature, which is fantastic for us and our two kids. We go hiking through Second Valley Forest, searching for mushrooms in winter and packing a picnic in warmer months. As another picnic option, the Heysen Trail starts at Cape Jervis and offers stunning views all-year round. On six long weekends during the year, the Second Valley Markets in the Second Valley Hall are filled with local produce, handmade clothes, food, cards, earrings and other trinkets.

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7) GALLERY 88

88 Main St, Yankalilla
gallery88-art-gallery.business.site



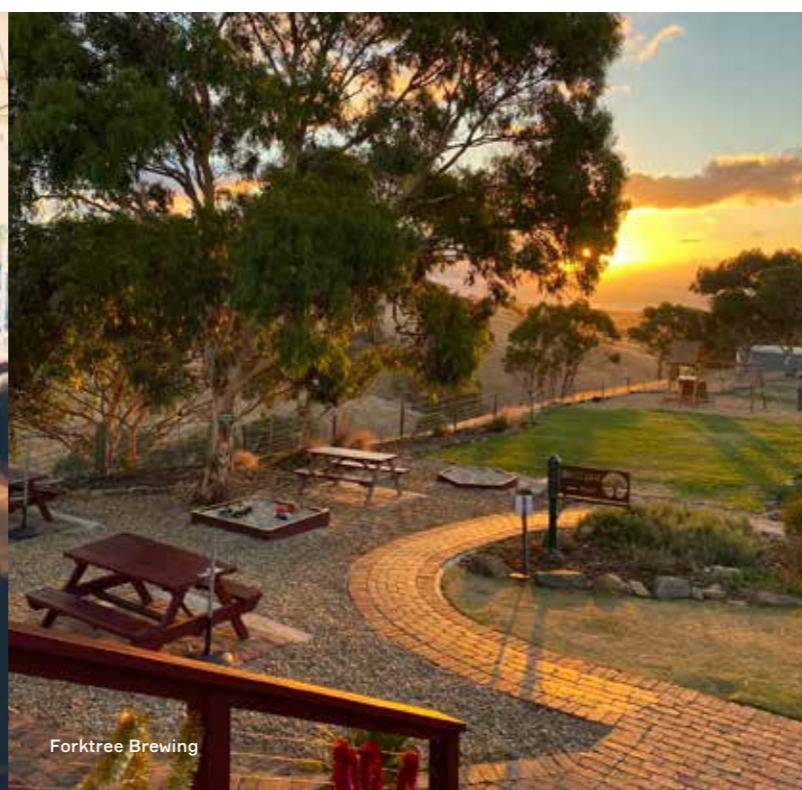
Since 2002, an artists' cooperative has run this combined gallery space, featuring the works of more than a dozen local artists, from painters and sculptors to wood and textile workers and jewellers. Open for viewing and sales from Wednesday to Sunday.

8) KAREN HAMMAT STUDIO

Lot 4 Glebe Ave, Yankalilla
0411 518 645 · karenhammat.com.au



The striking home studio of eclectic artist Karen Hammat, with its distinctive etched mud brick walls, presents her diverse array of works, from abstracts and portraits to mixed media fibre arts.



GOOLWA (RIVERSIDE TO BEACHSIDE)

At the mouth of the Murray River, Goolwa has historically been an important port and trading town – and it continues to serve as a key service hub in the Southern Fleurieu. Noted for obtaining international Cittaslow status, linked to the Slow Food philosophy of respecting local cultural identity, Goolwa is also embracing contemporary appeal in its art galleries and expanding café culture.

1) MOTHERDUCK

1/13 Cadell St, Goolwa
08 8555 1462 · motherduckcafe.com.au



Mel Howard offers an eclectic, homespun menu in this busy main street eatery, from confit duck to vegan and paleo offerings. Especially popular for breakfast, the cafe also has light lunches, with Friday and Saturday dinners served during summer.

2) ART @ GOOLWA

13 Porter St, Goolwa
08 8555 0095 · artatgoolwa.com



Original art from an eclectic mixture of about 20 local artists - ranging from landscapes, pastels, oils, watercolours and abstracts to wood turning, jewellery and ceramic art – is presented in a pair of restored 1850s timber cottages.

3) ARTWORX GALLERY

12 Hays St, Goolwa
08 8555 0949 · artworxgallery.com.au



Many SA artists are represented across a diverse mix of contemporary art forms, with a frequently changing array of jewellery, sculpture, paintings and gifts presented by Belinda Seymour and Steve Allen.

4) BOMBORA ON THE RIVER

94 Barrage Rd, Goolwa
08 8555 1235 · bomboragoolwa.com



The move from the beachfront to the riverside during 2019 (into the former Aquacaf site) has been a smart expansion for the Bombora team. Beyond being a popular coffee stop, the indoor/outdoor café now has an expansive menu with clever kitchen flourishes, from the Beached Benedict plate, featuring smoked salmon and wakame, to the Goolwa Superbowl, a hefty Bouillabaise-style soup heaving with local seafood.

5) FLEURIEU DISTILLERY

Goolwa Wharf Precinct, Goolwa
0408 845 801 · fleurieudistillery.com.au



Gareth and Angela Andrews have devoted most of their busy shed space on the wharf to serious single malt whisky production, which is now sold globally. Visitors can't book for tours, but can drop in to the distillery bar between 11.30am and 4.30pm from Wednesday to Sunday for a drink of whisky, or the house-made gin and Steam Exchange beers.

6) THAI DAYS

B10 Cadell St, Goolwa
08 8505 7107 · thaidays.com.au



A new arrival in the main street of Goolwa, this smartly decorated modern Thai eatery has a large array of seafood (including local crab and cockles), salads, stir-fry, rice and noodle dishes, for lunch and dinner. It also offers the option of take-away meals.

7) HECTOR'S ON THE WHARF

1 Cutting Rd, Goolwa
08 8555 5885 · facebook.com/hectorsonthewharf



Cute boatshed decor with abundant nautical paraphernalia fits perfectly in this wharf-side cafe, serving big breakfasts, then focusing on fish and seafood for lunch, and serving dinner on Fridays and Saturdays in summer.

8) SIGNAL POINT GALLERY

Signal Point, Goolwa
08 8555 7000 · alexandrina.sa.gov.au



The regional council operates this large function and gallery facility overlooking Goolwa wharf, hosting a rotating calendar of touring exhibitions and presenting works by leading local artists.

9) SOUTH COAST REGIONAL ART CENTRE

Goolwa Tce, Goolwa
08 8555 7289



Emerging and professional Southern Fleurieu artists have their works presented in the historic Old Goolwa Police Station. The centre boasts a lively mix of paintings, printmaking, photography, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics - and even performance art.



Kuti Shack



10) KUTI SHACK

2 Beach Rd, Goolwa Beach
0418 965 163 · kutishack.com



The refurbished beachside shack (once the home of Bombora Café) offers an inventive array of south coast seafood specialties, especially featuring local cockles, also known as pipis or kuti in local Indigenous language – which is appropriate, as this is the showpiece eatery of the Goolwa Pipi Co. Embracing local Indigenous ingredients is also a feature throughout the seafood-biased menu, sitting beside local wines and craft beers.

11) FINNISS GENERAL STORE

3 Railway Tce, Finnis
08 8536 0116 · finnisgeneralstore.com.au



The Old Post Office has been given a new lease of life with its mixed function as a lively licensed café and a general store, with a selection of local foods for sale. It's a popular destination for hearty brunch plates on weekends, burgers, pizza and fish'n'chips for lunch – and is also attracting attention for schnitzels on Friday nights and burgers on Saturday nights.

12) SHAW FAMILY VINTNERS

369 Myrtle Grove Rd, Currency Creek
08 8555 4215 · shawfamilyvintners.com



The Shaw Family has worked its large vineyard at Currency Creek for 35 years to produce a huge collection of wines – including the Ballast Stone and Steeple Jack labels. Taste the range in the cabin beside the vineyard on weekdays only.

13) ONE PADDOCK CURRENCY CREEK WINERY

291 Winery Rd, Currency Creek
08 8555 4069 · onepaddockcurrencycreekwinery.com.au



Serious refurbishment of the Currency Creek Winery has resulted in a busy and versatile function centre (especially popular for weddings), plus an eatery (serving weekend lunches) and a wine tasting room. The One Paddock vineyard's range of Purging Ostrich brand wines are complemented by other regional wines offered in the cellar door bar.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD ”

Goolwa is such a picturesque riverside town – and being so close to the Great Southern Ocean, we certainly gain the benefits of both riverside and beachside living and activities. A favourite way to begin the day is breakfast at either Bombora, with its beautiful river views, or the cosy dining in Motherduck.

GARETH ANDREWS, FLEURIEU DISTILLERY

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

FINNISS RIVER VINEYARD	.....	RIVERVIEW DELI	.....
CORIO HOTEL	.....	GOOLWA HOTEL	.....
COORONG CAFÉ	.....	WHARF BARREL SHED	.....
ORIGINAL PRINTS GALLERY	.....	CAROL COVENTRY STUDIO GALLERY	.....
TWIN PINES STUDIO GALLERY	.....	BRENDA HOLDEN STUDIO GALLERY	.....

PORT ELLIOT & MIDDLETON



Gallery 45

These new boom towns of Fleurieu's southern coastline have not only become hotspots for holiday makers, but also a hub of exciting new hospitality businesses, from cafés and cool retail outlets to inspiring art galleries – along with a host of crafty artisan producers forming an impressive creative cluster in the Factory 9 facility.

1) THUNDERBIRD

41 The Strand, Port Elliot
08 8554 2491 · thunderbirdpe.com



Proprietor Campbell Haig brings together many elements in a hospitality venue of substance, style and comfort, led by a diverse menu that offers bar food, tapas-style share plates and sophisticated main courses in the company of diverse regional wine choices. It's also popular as a casual drop-in spot for coffee, or for cocktails.

2) THE STRAND GALLERY

41 The Strand, Port Elliot
0419 501 648 · strandgallery.com.au



The former Post Office has been turned into a large, multi-room gallery that serves as an important platform for several leading artists from the region, including painters Tom O'Callaghan, John Lacey and photographer Ron Langman - who co-owns the gallery with wife Sonya Hender.

3) FLYING FISH RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ

1 The Foreshore, Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot
08 8554 3504 · flyingfishcafe.com.au



Playing to its advantage of having an absolute seafront location, the Flying Fish appropriately remains a modest seafood restaurant, while its adjacent café deck is a hit for beachgoers wanting fish'n'chips, ice creams or a famous flathead burger. A side-window also serves take-away.

4) PORT ELLIOT BAKERY

41 North Tce, Port Elliot
08 8554 2475 · portelliobakery.com



Long queues trailing out the door underline the enduring reputation of this iconic bakery – but slick staff are adept at serving customers swiftly, and the big kitchen steadily turns out vast numbers of pies and baked good (the cheese pasty is a favourite), along with bread and cakes.

5) JETTY FOOD STORE

42 North Tce, Port Elliot
0413 377 611 · facebook.com/jettyfoodstore



New owners Jarrod and Veena Bilbe have continued Jetty Food Store's focus on being a regional providore, with fresh fruits and vegetables from local plots, baked goods, condiments and delicious pantry items. There are also take-home meals available, made from fresh local ingredients.

6) NO. 58 CELLAR DOOR & GALLERY

58 Waterport Rd, Port Elliot
08 8554 3149 · 58cdg.com



Nestled beside vines on historic Waverley Estate, the eclectic cellar door serves many functions, from providing tastings of Thunderbird Wines, to serving light lunches, presenting local art and stocking a delicious array of quality pantry supplies.

7) GALLERY 45

45 Port Elliot Rd, Port Elliot
0456 767 327 · gallery45.com.au



The transformed shop now serves as an eclectic gallery showing the works of a dozen South Australian artists across many mediums – painting, sculpture, photography, pottery, glass, fabric and crafted timber. It also serves as the studio space for owner/artist Paul Whitehead.

8) BEACHES CAFÉ

55 North Tce, Port Elliot
facebook.com/beaches.ptelliot



An elegant new two-level building of sleek timber and galvanised iron has become a magnet for the cool crowd to hang at either the funky indoor tables or the outside deck. They're coming for coffee and brunch with a healthy edge – salads, juices, shakes, bowls and wraps, with many vegan choices.

9) PIPI AT MIDDLETON

25 Goolwa Rd, Middleton
08 8554 3921 · facebook.com/pipiatmiddleton



A garden setting in the front of a house provides a leafy haven for a leisurely café meal or quality coffee. Choose from an all-day brunch menu with touch of a elegance – omelettes and robust soups, buttermilk and ricotta hotcakes or gutsy steak sandwiches. There's a full card of vegan options, or the signature dish of local pipis and steamed scallops in fragrant broth.

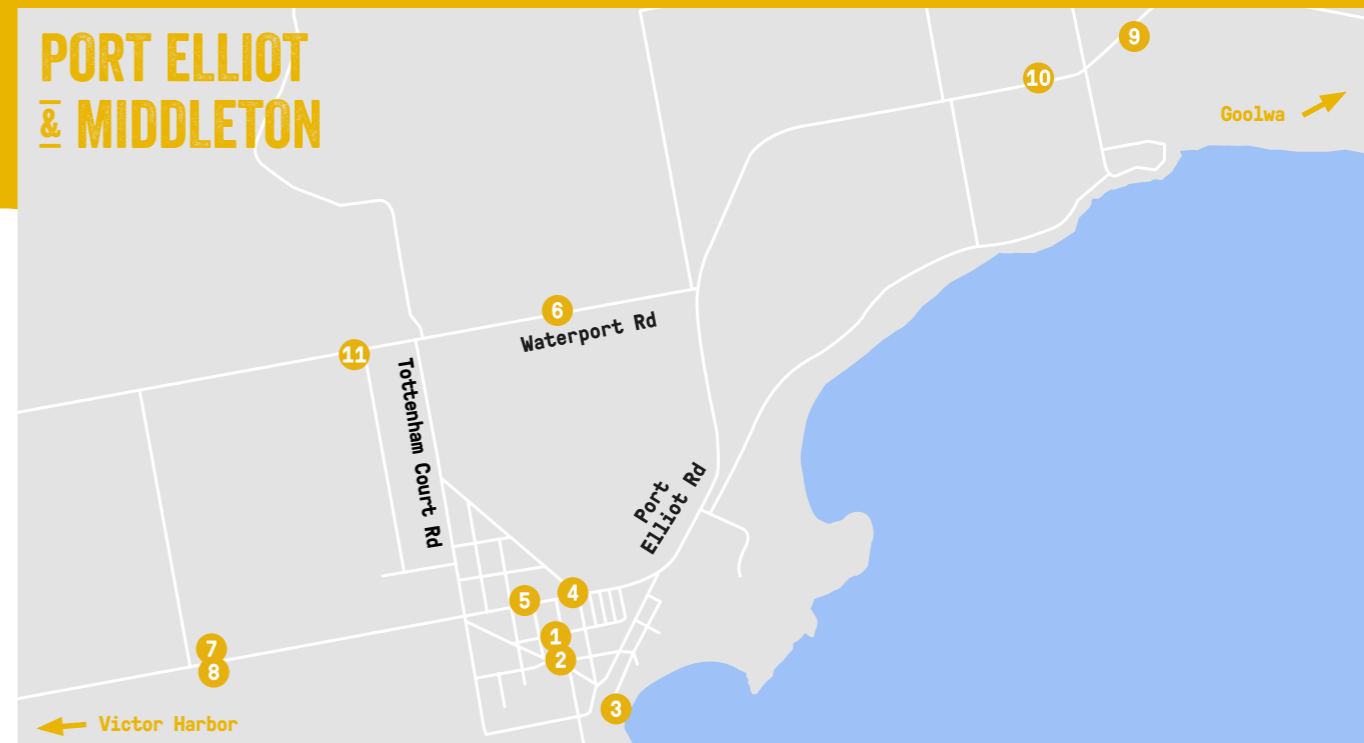
10) BLUE TEMPER IRONWORKS GALLERY

Lot 3 Goolwa Rd, Middleton
0407 390 877 · bluetemper.com.au



Using traditional blacksmithing techniques, Chris Murphy forges wrought iron furniture, sculptures and creative artworks at his ironworks and gallery. Book ahead for an appointment to see his pieces that are for sale – you may also see the artist at work.

PORT ELLIOT & MIDDLETON



11) FACTORY 9

Cnr Hill St and Waterport Rd, Port Elliot

This busy industrial site has become a hive for creatives of many different persuasions, from artists to winemakers and coffee roasters, with the cluster of 11 sheds presenting a mix of permanent shops and pop-ups, including:

DE GROOT COFFEE CO

Shed 5 · 0404 442 722 · degrootcoffeeco.com.au

Artisanal coffee roasters Trevor De Groot and Bernadette Stack's main focus is single origin coffee, sourced from small growers around the world that they have built lasting relationships with. Buy the beans direct from the factory, and stay for a cup from the espresso machine.

CHARLOTTE DALTON WINES AND COOKE BROS WINES

The Joinery, 0466 541 361, thejoineryatfactory9.com

Having moved from Basket Range in the Adelaide Hills, award winning winemaker Charlotte Hardy presents her Charlotte Dalton wines, and her partner Ben Cooke presents his Cooke Bros Wines in their hand-built tasting room.

RICHARD JOHN STUDIO

Shed 9a, 0400 727 196

This space serves as the workshop for local painter Richard John, coupled with a gallery crowded with his canvases.

ART GLASS DESIGN

0400 296 043, artglassdesign.com.au

Check out unique glass artworks and stained glass installations by Lindy Sando and Vaughan Taylor.

HARBORGANICS WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Shed 9, 0413 556 947, facebook.com/harborganics

Neapolitan-style pizza from hand-stretched dough and carefully selected organic produce, teamed with small-batch organic wines and beers.



IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I love our little hub at Factory 9 - all the vendors and business owners make up quite a diverse and eclectic bunch, but there's quite a lot of collaboration between businesses and great support for each other. We absolutely love Kuti Shack on the beach, and Bombora on the River - excellent food, coffee and world-class locations. Pippi in Middleton offers delicious food for a lunch stop and spice nights on Fridays, and we love the family-friendly vibe of where we live. There are dozens of playgrounds, carnival rides at the Victor Harbor causeway, mini golf and plenty of walks. There's also the beaches and the mighty Murray, so we take the boat out a lot and it's fun.

CHARLOTTE HARDY, WINEMAKER,
CHARLOTTE DALTON WINES



Jetty Food Store

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

- OYSTER GEORGE
- THE RETRO VIBE
- BLUES RESTAURANT
- COCKLES CAFÉ
- YEO HAUS
- HOME GRAIN BAKERY
- INDULGENT MEATS
- HOTEL ELLIOT
- TAROOKI STUDIO

VICTOR HARBOR

The grand matriarch of the southern coast, dotted with old sandstone mansions and big seaside bungalows, is now being peppered with modern apartment blocks and grand modern luxury homes. The tourism offerings are changing too, with more sophisticated dining choices, artisan coffee roasters, and major makeovers in motion for the causeway and South Australian Whale Centre.

1) VICTOR HARBOR FARMERS MARKET

20/22 Torrens St, Victor Harbor
0438 858 667 · victorharborfarmersmarket.com.au



Each Saturday morning, the small triangular-shaped park in Grosvenor Gardens is transformed into a pop-up village of produce vendors from 8am to noon, with up to 20 stalls offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, chocolates and cakes, through to fresh eggs and locally-caught seafood.

2) ANCHORAGE HOTEL

21 Flinders Pde, Victor Harbor
08 8552 5970 · anchoragehotel.com.au



The big old foreshore homestead that has been converted into a hospitality venue offers generous servings of pub food in a big airy café-style ambiance. Diners can also be seated in a suite of more traditional hotel dining rooms, or on verandah benches overlooking the esplanade - which is an especially popular respite spot for morning walkers wanting to replenish with coffee and cake.

3) QAHWA COFFEE ROASTERS AND ESPRESSO BAR

Beachfront, Bridge Tce, Victor Harbor
08 8552 2538 · qahwacoffee.com.au



This small-batch roasting house has expanded into a clever café housed in a unique dwelling - the foreshore's 1930s red brick tennis clubhouse. Beyond the Qahwa blend of coffee, the café kitchen serves breakfasts and lunches with an emphasis on fresh, vegan and vegetarian offerings. Enjoy them at patio table settings or under umbrellas beside the adjacent beach volleyball court, which doubles as an ideal enclosed play area for young children.

4) WOOD RUSTIC ROASTERY

37-41 Ocean St, Victor Harbor
0434 695 069 · facebook.com/woodcoffeeroastersvictor



The artisan roasting house on Victor Harbor's main street is tiny, but the emphasis is on coffee done seriously - from bags of beans and espresso through to cold brew coffee in bottles to take away. If you stay for a cup, try the cookies and macarons, or indulge in brunch plates, from granola to grilled sandwiches or salads.

5) OCEAN STREET BAKEHOUSE

3/1 Ocean St, Victor Harbor
08 8552 6066 · ocean-street-bakehouse.business.site



Famed for its quirky decorated Whale donuts (made in honour of the Southern Right Whales that frequent the local ocean each winter) that are filled with different flavours each month, this traditional bakery boasts a big range of pies, pasties, cakes and pastries.

6) NINO'S CAFE

17 Albert Pl, Victor Harbor
08 8552 3501 · ninoscafe.com.au



A longstanding staple of Victor Harbor's hospitality hub, this Italian-focused family restaurant is known for its generous serves of pasta and pizza. Founded by Nino Solari in 1974 but now operated by Simon and Kirsten Pitman, it serves breakfast, lunch and dinner - and also packages convenient meal-and-movie deals with the nearby Victor Cinema.

7) LOCO MEXICAN

17/21 Ocean St, Victor Harbor
08 8552 9883 · locomexican.com



Head upstairs in the small arcade to find a lively and colourful Mexican dining room, serving a generous selection of snacks and meals, with a special Little Amigos menu offering children's portions. Beyond the expected tacos and burritos, try pollo asado (lime and coriander chicken), jalapeno poppers or donuts teamed with a wicked chipotle caramel sauce.

8) CORAL STREET ART SPACE

10 Coral St, Victor Harbor
08 8551 0781 · coralstreetartspace.com



The former Victor Harbor Institute building (constructed in 1878) is enjoying new life as a multi-purpose space that embraces many art forms and has a rotating roster of exhibitions, often combined with workshops. It has a particular focus on Ngarrindjeri/Ramindjeri cultural practices. An information desk staffed by local volunteers also provides helpful tourism and local activity advice.

9) BELICIOUS

1 Mount Alma Rd, Inman Valley
0476 231 627 · facebook.com/beliciouswaffle



Located beside the Glacial Rock at Inman Valley, this vibrantly decorated cafe has been transformed by Inge Dellaert and her team, who embrace Belgian waffles and crepes as sweet treats, augmented by savoury grilled sandwiches and more. All orders are made fresh in the kitchen, so patience is necessary on crowded weekends.

10) SWAGMAN CHARGRILL @ SOFTFOOT FARM

594 Sawpit Rd, Hindmarsh Valley
0400 983 922 · theswagman.rest



This alpaca farm transformed a former shearing shed during 2020 into a versatile hospitality venue. The dining room promotes Slow Food in dishes including smoked beef cheeks, with set prices for one, two or three courses. There's a special menu for children - who will also love the adjoining alpaca farm and marsupial enclosures. A pottery museum and gallery feature artworks by venue owner Sandy Retallick along with her daughter Clancy's raku-fired pots.



VICTOR HARBOR



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I love being at the Victor Harbor Farmers Market every Saturday morning, at Grosvenor Gardens. I've been selling my freshly caught local fish here for years, because I like the atmosphere, the people who run the stalls and all the local produce available.

NEIL HOSKINGS, VICTOR FISH AT VICTOR HARBOR FARMER'S MARKET



Nino's Cafe



Coral Street Art Centre

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

DELICIA ACAI & PROTEIN BAR



BRUNCH ON ALBERT



JOOGEEZZ PATISSERIE



INMAN VALLEY GENERAL STORE



STRATHALBYN

Strathalbyn's inviting village feel, with its pretty central rotunda beside the Soldiers Memorial Gardens and meandering river that bisects the centre of town, provides a central destination for many Fleurieu travellers. Beyond a range of specialist food shops and cafes, there's also a huge array of galleries and antique shops to browse through.

1) THE PICKLE POT

33 Commercial Rd, Strathalbyn
0409 677 859 · thepicklepotstrathalbyn.com



Providore proprietor Carolyn Woods has a keen eye for food quality, so the bountiful pantry she stocks at The Pickle Pot embraces the best artisanal produce of the region – from Small World Bakery breads and Little Acre pates to Falkai Farm Pasture Raised eggs. Locals insist that the Portuguese custard tarts are a must.

2) APPLESEED CAFÉ

30 High St, Strathalbyn
08 8536 8195 · appleseedcafe.com.au



Originally a bootmaker's store in the early 1900s, this quaint location is a popular breakfast and lunch café, open daily, with a menu placing emphasis on local produce in elegant plates and in a range of regional wines. Table service in the Seedlings Room is augmented by shaded table settings in front and rear courtyards.

3) STATIONMASTERS ART GALLERY

20 South Tce, Strathalbyn
08 8536 4263 · facebook.com/StationmastersArtGallery



The town's former railway station now presents diverse artworks across many mediums by local, regional and invited artists. This community gallery also holds up to six exhibitions a year featuring artwork by its members and invited artists. Located beside the gallery is the Red Hen Studio, a renovated train carriage used as an art teaching space.

4) HAMMER 'N' TONGS

39 Commercial Rd, Strathalbyn
08 8536 3369 · hntongs.com.au



Bountiful weekend breakfasts at Hammer'n'Tongs hold great appeal for visiting groups. The rugged interior décor is a talking point, with the ceiling featuring recycled timbers sourced from the previous Commonwealth Bank. Diners are even more interested in what comes out of the wood oven that has been shipped from Italy, and the selection of in-house smoked meats.

5) NAJOBE@STRATH

4 Donald St, Strathalbyn
08 8536 2322 · najobe.com.au



As one of the district's renowned meat producers, NAJOBE specialises in grass-fed, free range beef, plus free-range Rascal Jack pork and Zara Grace lamb, and has its own retail outlet in the centre of town presenting the full range of cuts, along with smallgoods and local eggs.

5) HELEN STACEY STUDIO GALLERY

17 Harriet St, Strathalbyn
08 8536 3069 · helenstacey.com.au



The expressive and symbolic paintings of Helen Stacey can be viewed in her home studio, including works from across more than 30 years of her artistic endeavour.

STRATHALBYN

6) BRAMBLE POTTERY

2 Donald St, Strathalbyn
0417 803 016 · facebook.com/bramblepottery



Janet Lathean's pottery specialises bespoke wares including Juicers, dining sets, quirky platters and vases. She supplies local businesses and restaurants and can be found in her rustic studio by appointment or most weekends.

7) GAYNOR HARTVIGSEN STONEMILL STUDIO

Lot 173 Willyaroo Rd, Strathalbyn
08 8536 3907 · facebook.com/Gaynor-Hartvigsens-StoneMill-Studio



Unique array of mixed media paintings and sculptures presented in a heritage flour mill. Beyond showing her own work, Gaynor also hosts art workshops, community art projects and lots of creative happenings, including exhibitions of new work, and art instruction for adults and children.

8) THE GREENMAN INN

1351 Bull Creek Rd, Ashbourne
08 8536 6363 · thegreenmaninn.com.au



This country pub has soul and community at its core - no pokies, but good conversation and good food in a pretty setting. Renovations in 2018 have maintained a gentle country charm, and the menu makes a fist of preparing high-quality, locally-sourced ingredients. Dine inside or in the large rear dining garden, where dogs are welcome in the company of their owners.

9) ARTISANS AT HEART

Shop 7/8, 10 Daranda Tce, Milang
0412 036 900 · artisansatheart.com.au



An eclectic shop, Artisans at Heart embraces many interesting things, from art displays in the gallery space, to Ngarrindjeri weaving workshops – and food. Of special note is the rotating selection of Friday night specials, for pre-booked dining or as take-home meals.



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

From a cook's perspective, Strathalbyn offers so much outstanding produce, with two great butchers in town – the third-generation butchers Maidments, and Najobe which also supplies award-winning restaurants and wineries – plus a great local fishmonger in Strath Seafoods. Local grower Maggie's Farm uses organic and biodynamic methods, and there's a Grow Free base at Glen Barr homestead, where Andrew Barker provides free access to seasonal produce and plants.

CAROLYN WOODS, THE PICKLE POT ”

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

MAIDMENTS BUTCHER SHOP		STRATH SEAFOODS	
VICTORIA HOTEL		ROBIN HOOD HOTEL	
THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL		CAFE RUFFINO	
MILANG BAKERY		JUNCTION GALLERY	



Artisans At Heart

LANGHORNE CREEK



Bleasdale Wines



Lake Breeze Wines

For too long an unsung hero of the Australian wine industry, Langhorne Creek is winning due recognition for the outstanding quality of its bountiful fruit – and a fresh collection of premium cellar door locales are showing off the region’s best wines in the company of smart new tasting experiences.

1) KIMBOLTON WINES

29 Burleigh St, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3002 · kimboltonwines.com.au



Repurposed shipping containers and recycled timbers have been used to create a funky wine tasting lounge, nuzzled within a tight grove of trees beside the Case family’s vineyards. Informative tutored tastings guide seated guests through Kimbolton’s bold new-wave wines, from sparkling montepulciano to carignan. Also check out regular Beats and Eats events, featuring guest food trucks and music.

2) LAKE BREEZE WINES

319 Step Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3017 · lakebreeze.com.au



Steady growth has seen clever expansion and diversification of visitor offerings at the Follett family’s winery. The result is a modern two-level dining space beside the original stone-walled cellar door tasting cottage, while the recent addition of a \$1.8 million function centre has made this location a beacon for weddings and large-scale celebrations. The estate is also home to the lively annual Handpicked music festival.

3) BREMERTON WINES

14 Kent Town Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3093 · bremerton.com.au



A new, spacious million-dollar interactive wine tasting pavilion sits alongside Bremerton’s historic 1866 barn, which now serves platters and pizza as casual lunch options. Keep an open for David Dridan Wine Barrel Collection. Established by the Willson family over 35 years ago, Bremerton is now run by winemaker Rebecca Willson and marketer Lucy Willson, making this the first sister-run winery in Australia.

4) ANGAS PLAINS WINES

Lot 52 Angas Plains Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3159 · angasplainswines.com.au



Platters of many different persuasions, from cheeses with regional bites to Mediterranean-inspired tapas, are perfect for grazing while tasting Angas Plains wines. A casual lunch menu stretches from soup and salads to lasagna and homemade steak pies.

5) NEWMAN’S HORSERADISH & RUSTICANA WINES

Lake Plains Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3086 · newmanshorseradish.com.au



As the home of the Meakins family’s food and wine operations, this dual-business cellar door presents the full range of Newman’s horseradish products – and its Rusticana Wines, although customer tastings have been postponed as a consequence of COVID-19 restrictions.

6) VINEYARD ROAD CELLAR DOOR AND FLEURIEU CHOCOLATES

697 Langhorne Creek Rd, Belvidere
08 8536 8334 · vineyardroad.com.au



As part of the Fabal Wine Group, the Belvidere Estate vineyard produces the Vineyard Road collection of wines as part of its huge multi-region range, which is available for tasting. Visitors can also taste and purchase from a vast range of hand-crafted chocolates made by the Fleurieu Chocolate Company, another business owned by Fabal, along with the Vasse Virgin soap and skincare products. For something special, book for a paired chocolate and wine tasting experience.



LANGHORNE CREEK



“ IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

We have lots of hidden gems in our neighbourhood to complement our fabulous Langhorne Creek wines. Small World Bakery’s handcrafted sourdough bread, using Chris and Emily’s own freshly milled flour, is devoured in our house every Wednesday and Saturday. We often have this with Talinga Grove olive oil, olives and dukkah from just up the road, and Clemco almonds that are grown in Langhorne Creek on the banks of the Bremer River. We sell these at our Lake Breeze cellar door, and serve them on our regional platter. In Strathalbyn, Caroline at The Pickle Pot bakes the most delightful Portuguese tarts.

ROBYN FOLLETT,
LAKE BREEZE WINES



7) TALINGA GROVE

Talinga Rd, Strathalbyn
0427 834 062 · talinga.com.au



The Jenke family’s farm produces a wide range of olive products. In addition to kalamata olives sold at the farm shop, there are also extra virgin and flavour-infused olive oils, and luxurious olive-based skin care products.

8) THE WINEHOUSE

1509 Langhorne Creek Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 3441 · thewinehouse.com.au



Here’s a collaborative showpiece of Langhorne Creek’s impressive small drinks brands. Sample the wares of five local wineries and locally-produced Meechi craft beer in the company of casual lunches or grazing platters in the Winehouse’s big dining room, or at outdoor table settings in summer.

9) BLEASDALE WINES

1640 Langhorne Creek Rd, Langhorne Creek
08 8537 4000 · bleasdale.com.au



Run by a fifth generation of the Potts family, Bleasdale is renowned for its powerful red wines, from shiraz (including a vibrant sparkling shiraz) to cabernet sauvignon and malbec. Within its old winery building, a historic giant redgum wine press built by regional pioneer Frank Potts highlights the 160-year-old winemaking traditions of this region.



Kimbolton Wines

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

BRIDGE HOTEL OASIS GARDENS FUNCTION CENTRE

