



ALPINE SHIRE

ALPINE VALLEYS

Gourmet Weekend

A festival of feasting and frivolity in the foothills
of the Alpine High Country
MEDIA RELEASE

ALPINE GOURMET FESTIVAL Coming This Weekend

Awaken your senses with a showcase of delicious regional food and exciting cool climate wines from the spectacular Alpine Valleys, where local wine and food producers are preparing to serve up a treat this weekend.

The region's largest wine and food festival, Alpine Valleys Gourmet Weekend, will once again run this weekend 9 - 11 January 2009 in Bright and at surrounding wineries.

This year's program will feature some of the hot food and wine talent that has emerged in the region over the last few years.

The event kicks off on Friday evening, 9th January with a look Behind the Beer at Bright Brewery, then a traditional Italian BBQ at the Michelini Wines cellar door and once it gets dark, catch a Movie by Moonlight at Gapsted Wines.

Start Saturday with a stroll through the Farmers Market featuring fresh local produce from local alpine food producers at Centenary Park, Bright on Saturday 10th January from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Then move on to watch Regional chefs Patrizia Simone of Simones, Jan Waddington of Waddingtons and Michael Ryan of Provenance, presenting a cooking demonstration at the central "Taste the Valleys" event also at Centenary Park Bright. Regional food stalls, wine tastings and sales, live music and masterclasses will run from 11.30am to 10.00pm.

On Sunday 11th January the "Explore the Valleys" program will see the cellar doors in the region hosting a range of activities & events. Enjoy a day of Wine and Roses at Annapurna Estate or live music at Gapsted Wines. Sample a range of boutique beers at Boynton's Beerfest or settle into a lazy European-style Sunday lunch at Ceccanti Wines, Kancoona Valley Wines or Bogong Estate in the Kiewa Valley. Picturesque Ringer Reef Winery in Porepunkah will open their Cellar Door for brunch, Tawonga Vineyard will hook up with the High Country Smokehouse in Bright and the producers of Happy Valley will come together at Homestead Estate.

Collect a copy of the festival program at your local Visitor Information Centre or visit
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