

Celebrate The Sweet Life At Chrismont!

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WHEN 10am - 5pm, 15 & 16 November
WHAT **taste of terroir**, Chrismont's festival of sumptuous, succulent, savoury and superb food while raising a toast to spring with new release wines
WHERE Chrismont, 251 Upper King River Road, Cheshunt
At the upper end of the superlative King Valley, North East Victoria

Take two hats from the *Age Good Food Guide*, fold in regional produce, add a generous serve of entertainment, moisten well with award-winning wine and place in the midst of budding, springtime vineyards. Everything comes together in just a few minutes and lasts an entire weekend!

Raise a toast to *la primavera* at Chrismont on the weekend under a spacious marquee overlooking budding vineyards as Chrismont pairs its wines with a tantalizing array of sumptuous dishes from Matt Wilkinson of Melbourne's Circa, the Prince, recipient of two hats in *The Age Good Food Guide*.

Using fresh, local produce in masterful dishes, Matt heads the Chrismont culinary team in preparing a menu of gastronomic delights, including a selection of antipasti featuring Shaw River mozzarella, wagyu bresaola, capricollo, Mount Zero olives, Daniel's bread from Circa, pickled green asparagus, and eggplant chutney; marinated grilled squid, accompanied by an ancient grain salad with harissa and watercress; a grain-fed angus *bistecca* open sandwich served with rosemary potatoes, peperonata and rocket; globe artichoke and green olive gigli pasta with parmesan or gigli pasta with Sicilian *sugo alla bolognese*. Finish off your meal with a selection of Victorian farmhouse cheese: Tarago River Strzelecki Blue, Piano Hill Ironstone cheddar and Holy Goat Black Silk, served with lavosh and a dried grape compote; or a serve or two of tiramisu while sipping a caffè.

The complete range of the distinctive and ever-popular Chrismont and La Zona wines will be available. Highlights of the weekend are new 2008 vintage releases of **La Zona Arneis**, **Rosato Mezzanotte**, the much-awaited return of **Pinot Grigio** and the introduction of **Albariño** and **Prosecco** to the La Zona line up. Wine can be purchased by the glass, bottle or case.

Chrismont will have a number of great prizes to be won over the weekend, including a two-night stay for two couples at the luxurious Chrismont Guest House, including a personalised winery tour, barrel tastings and complementary Chrismont wine on arrival (value \$700).

Add to this spirited mix the unmistakable sounds of **Paris & Co** with their unique entertainment style...truly a celebration of the sweet life at Chrismont.

Enquiries on 03 5729 8220 or email info@chrismont.com.au. Bookings are not required; coaches are not accepted without prior approval; no outside food or beverage is allowed.

Part of the *Wines of the King Valley's La Dolce Vita* celebration.

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