

# Hunter Valley



# Itinerary



Day	Location	Experience	Time	Transport
<b>1</b>	Airport Transfer	Sydney/Newcastle Airport to Accommodation	TBC	P
	Thomas Wines	Flagship Vertical Tasting	4:00pm	P
	EXP	Dinner, 5 Course	7:00pm	P
	Spicers Vineyards Estate	King Spa Room		
<b>2</b>	The Valley	Hot Air Balloon	5:00am	P
	Margan Wines	Tasting Experience & Lunch, 3 Course	10:30am	P
	McLeish Estate	Wines of Distinction Private Tasting	2:00pm	P
	Gundog Estate	Wine Tasting	4:30pm	P
	Spicers Vineyards Estate	King Spa Room		
<b>3</b>	Keith Tulloch	Winemakers Table Tasting	11:00am	P
	Muse Kitchen	Lunch, Menu du Chef	12:30pm	P
	Brokenwood	Shiraz Masterclass and Tour	2:00pm	P
	Hunter Valley Cheese Company	Visit and Sample	4:30pm	P
	Spicers Vineyards Estate	King Spa Room		
<b>4</b>	Airport Transfer	Accommodation to Sydney/Newcastle Airport	TBC	P

Transport: P – Private Chauffeur, S – Shared Vehicle, C – Charter Flight, H - Helicopter

## Thomas Wines: Flagship Vertical Tasting

Andrew Thomas has twice won him the Winemaker of the Year title at the Hunter Valley Wine Awards and his signature single vineyard wines encapsulate his minimum-intervention winemaking approach.

At this private cellar door tasting, the in-house sommelier will take you take you through tastings of the winery's two flagship wines – the Braemore Semillon and the KISS Shiraz.

The 2016 benchmark Hunter Shiraz was awarded a gold medal on its first showing and represents Thomas' style to a tee – Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS).

**Key Varietals:** Semillon, Shiraz

**Star rating:** 5 Red Star

**Halliday Highlights:**

- 2019 Best of Best by Variety, Semillon
- 2019 Best Wineries of the Region



## Margan Family: Margan Tasting Experience

Twenty years ago, Lisa and Andrew Margan bought an empty paddock in the Broke Fordwich area of the Hunter Valley and created one of the most celebrated food and wine experiences in the region.

The Margan Tasting Experience includes a tour of the vineyard and winery, tastings of signature blends, and a tour of the one-acre 'kitchen garden', that includes an orchard, free-range chickens, bee hives and countless herbs and vegetables.

Having pioneered the 'agri-dining' concept in the Hunter Valley, you will finish your visit with a three-course lunch in the award-winning, one-hatted restaurant.

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**Key Varietals:** Semillon, Chardonnay, Shiraz

**Star rating:** 4.5 stars





## McLeish Estate: Wines of Distinction Private Tasting

Australia's most awarded boutique winery, McLeish Estate was established more than 30 years ago in Pokolbin by Robert and Maryanne McLeish. In 2016 McLeish Wines received the trophy for World's Best Semillon at the London International Wine Challenge and Australia's White Wine of the Year in 2014.

This tasting will give you access to these award-winning wines and guides you through the Hunter Valley's benchmark varieties.

The tasting format also provides vertical tastings showcasing the high pedigree of the McLeish single vineyard, and tasting notes and recipes are provided to take home.

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**Key Varietals:** Semillon, Verdelho, Chardonnay, Merlo  
**Star rating:** 5 Red Star  
**Halliday Highlights:**

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- 2019 Best of Best by Variety, Semillon



## Gundog Estate:

### Wine Tasting

Winner of the 2018 Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine Best Small Cellar Door, a tasting at this boutique winery takes place in the historic Pokolbin Schoolhouse.

Wine bottles and gourmet food products line the walls as you explore four styles of current vintage Hunter Semillon and two Hunter Shiraz, before enjoying six single-vineyard Semillon and Shiraz from 2014 (arguably the best ever Hunter vintage).

If you're lucky you will get to meet Karl Marx, the winery's resident cocker spaniel and failed gundog who inspired the estate's name and label.

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**Key Varietals:** Semillon, Chardonnay, Shiraz

**Star rating:** 5 Red Star

**Halliday Highlights:**

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## Keith Tulloch: Winemakers Table Tasting

This one-of-a-kind tasting is hosted in the barrel hall and winery of this famed estate.

A dedicated member of staff will take you through the most premium current releases and you can taste upcoming wines from the tank or barrel.

You will have the opportunity to meet with fourth-generation Chief Winemaker Keith Tulloch, or one of the winery team, to ask in-depth questions about how the wines are made and the Tulloch philosophy.

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**Key Varietals:** Shiraz, Semillon, Viognie

**Star rating:** 5 Red Star

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## Brokenwood: Tour and Shiraz Masterclass

James Halliday started his wine journey at Brokenwood in 1970 when he and two friends bought a 10-acre block that was destined to be a cricket ground and instead created a hobby wine farm that has turned into one of Australia's most reputable labels.

The afternoon begins with a guided tour of the winery production area and a walk through the iconic Graveyard Vineyard before tasting upcoming wines straight from the barrel in the Barrel Hall.

Then, at the home of the exceptional Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz, you will learn the secrets of the perfect pick, winemaking methods and cellaring potential of this well-loved variety in your Shiraz masterclass.

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**Key Varietals:** Shiraz, Semillon

**Star rating:** 5 Red Star

**Halliday Highlights:**

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# Accommodation

## Spicers Vineyards Estate

Luxury Hunter Valley retreat Spicers Vineyards Estate is the ultimate retreat where great food and wine make the perfect recipe for relaxation.

Just a two-hour drive from Sydney, you'll be greeted by rolling vineyards and natural bush. Spa Anise adds to rejuvenation and revitalisation on offer at this boutique hotel, which has won many awards for Australia's best romantic getaway.

The five-star retreat has just 12 luxury suites, each with its own fireplace, plus there is a separate four-bedroom house. Restaurant Botanica is renowned for its innovative, delicious cuisine and overlooks the private vineyard with more than 500 vines.

Enjoy watching the local family of kangaroos grazing among the vines each morning and afternoon, and you'll find the pool and Jacuzzi are the perfect places for the end of each day during the warmer months.

**Accommodation:** 3 nights for 2 adults, Day 1-4

**Includes:** Daily Breakfast



# Restaurants

## EXP

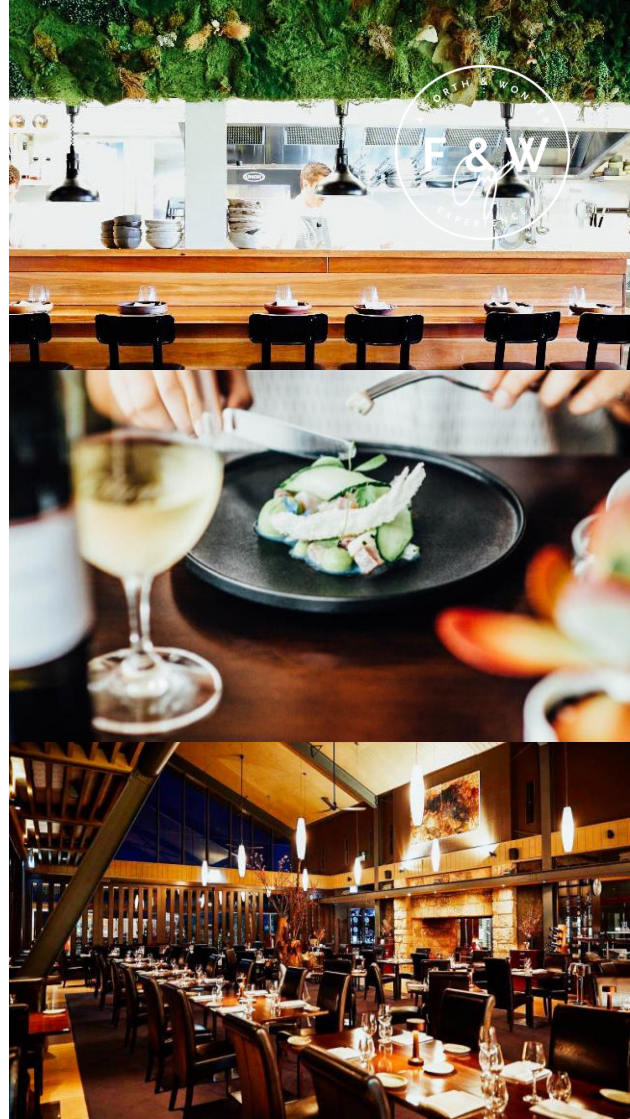
The team at EXP sources local produce as much as possible, with quality always the key. With these ingredients, the kitchen creates dishes that are a true EXP.ression of Australian cuisine.

## Margan Wines

Margan Restaurant is now in its 10th year and as the pioneers of agri-dining in the Hunter Valley, the venue is committed more than ever to their 'estate grown, estate made' ethos.

## Muse Kitchen

This regional European bistro-style restaurant is in the picturesque Keith Tulloch Wines courtyard. Chef Sean Townsend has a passion for local ingredients and his ever-evolving menu showcases the best produce of the season.



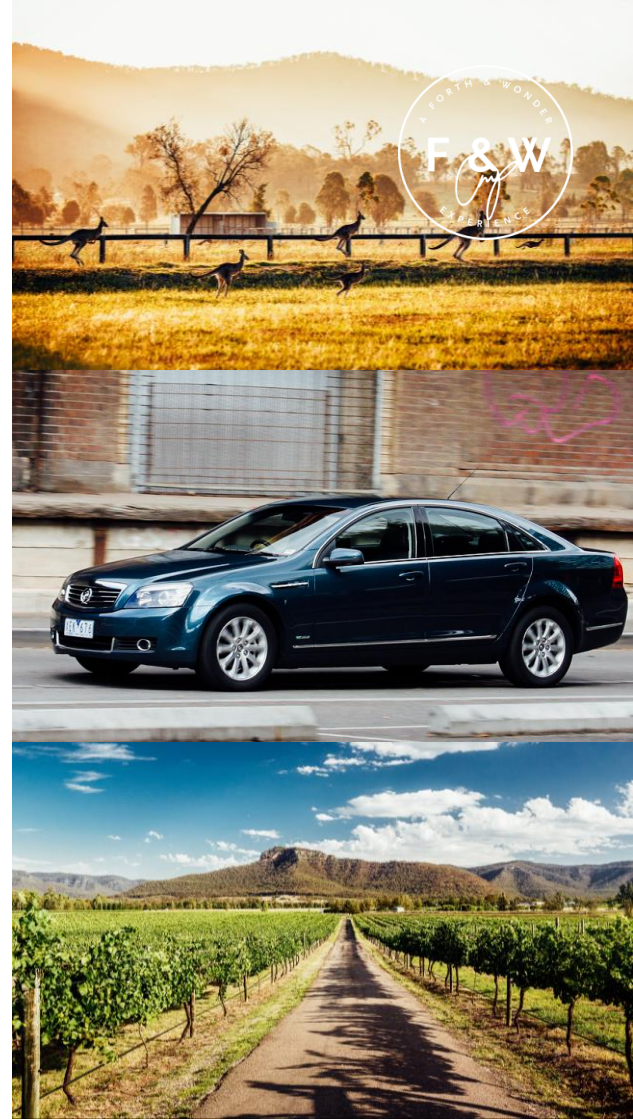


# Transportation

## Private Chauffeur

There is one option to truly appreciate the best of the Hunter Valley region, and that is for your very own driver in a prestige car to chauffeur you from one place to the next. No disputes on who will be the designated driver or who was responsible for the wrong turns.

Just relax and enjoy the delicious food and wines – and of course the stunning scenery! Forth & Wonder will arrange the inclusion of a private driver for the duration of your journey. There's nothing you need do except relax.



Thank You

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