

# McLAREN VALE & FLEURIEU COAST

VISITOR GUIDE



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Port  
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Aldinga

Willunga

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## PLAN YOUR TRIP

McLaren Vale – Aldinga	15 mins
Willunga – Aldinga	10 mins
Clarendon - McLaren Vale	20 mins
McLaren Vale – Willunga	6 mins
McLaren Vale – Port Noarlunga	14 mins
McLaren Vale – Christies Beach	15 mins
McLaren Vale – Port Willunga	12 mins
Christies Beach – Aldinga	20 mins

*Map and times indicative only*

For a detailed map of the region visit the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre  
or download from [www.mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au/plan](http://www.mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au/plan)

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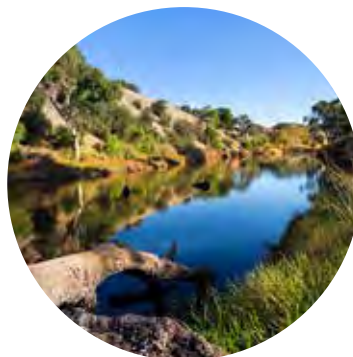
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Front cover: Main and Cherry Cellar Door deck overlooking the vineyards with magnificent sea views in the distance.  
A stunning winery in McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast.

# Visitor Information



## GETTING HERE

### By car

An easy 40 minute drive from Adelaide along the Southern Expressway or take the scenic route through Old Reynella, Clarendon and Kangarilla.

### Hire car

Available in Adelaide, including the Adelaide Airport.

### Train

Metro rail services operate between Adelaide and Seaford. Phone **1300 311 108** or visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au)

### Bus

Regular bus services run between Adelaide and townships in the area. Phone **1300 311 108** or visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au)

### Tours

Tour options include specialty wine and food tours and a hop-on hop-off winery bus.

### Charter Flights

Adelaide Biplanes offer charter flights for business and pleasure.

### Uber

Uber service for McLaren Vale.



## TOP TIPS TO EXPLORE

### Book before you go

Make sure you have a seat at the table. Book your food and wine tasting experiences in advance.

### Wi-Fi hotspots

Hotspots are available across the region – Aldinga, Moana, Port Noarlunga, McLaren Vale and Willunga. Share your experience on social media [#ValeandCoast](https://www.instagram.com/ValeandCoast) [#Route31CoastalDrive](https://www.instagram.com/Route31CoastalDrive)

### Electric car recharge

The region offers a range of recharging stations including Aldinga Hotel, Maxwell Wines, Fox Creek Wines, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre and McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments.



## VISITOR CENTRE & MAPS

### McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

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Plan your itinerary via McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Coast tourism region's official website [mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au/plan](http://mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au/plan)



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Sellicks Beach

# Welcome

**There's something magical about a wine region framed by the sea and kissed by salty air, especially when it can be found just a 45-minute drive from Adelaide. The region is criss-crossed with vineyards and cellar doors, restaurants, and spectacular nature. Each season brings a special kind of wonder.**

## Drink

The patchwork of vineyards hints at what's on offer in the glass at more than 80 cellar doors. Each one delivering unique tasting experiences showcasing globally renowned varieties such as Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and an exciting array of alternative varieties suited to the Mediterranean climate. It's not all about wine. McLaren Vale and the Fleurieu Coast is also home to an increasing number of wonderful distilleries, breweries and coffee producers, too.

## Eat

World class restaurants are nestled amongst the vineyards, while others look out over quaint village streetscapes or spectacular ocean views. Beautiful brunches, leisurely long lunches, and memorable dinner destinations are some of the best dining experiences South Australia has to offer, with the accolades to prove it. Cellar door offerings range

from produce platters to indulgent degustation experiences. Stocking up on local goodies at Willunga Farmers Market producers, and small-town grocers is a great way to prepare for a picnic or a quick dinner at your accommodation.

## Nature

Adventurous types are spoilt for choice, with 31 kilometres of pristine coastline, filled with aquatic and beach activities. Ride the Shiraz Trail or hike the Onkaparinga River National Park providing spectacular scenery and a beautiful backdrop when exploring the region.

## Explore

Set time aside to explore the lovely villages where farmers sell produce, and creatives showcase their handmade creations at a bounty of boutique stores. A colourful collection of art galleries and live music venues add to the cultural landscape.

## Stay

Plan ahead and make a weekend (or week) of it. Rest your head in one of many accommodation options; from glamping to winery hotels, villas, bed and breakfasts, wholesome tiny houses, and farm stays.

As you flick through these pages, add McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast experiences to your to-do list. Friendly and knowledgeable staff at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre are there to help you make the most of your trip. Don't forget to share your experiences using **#ValeandCoast** and **#Route31CoastalDrive**.

Spend a day, settle in for the weekend, or stay a while. One thing is certain, you'll be back for more and the region will welcome you with open arms when you do.

# WHAT'S NEW

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is bursting with exciting new experiences, just waiting to be shared. From stunning cellar doors and memorable places to stay, to riding trails and taking a tour, there's something for everyone. Did we mention the amazing food?



Divine Domes

## DIVINE DOMES

### McLaren Vale

Leave the world behind and indulge in a dome experience. A unique luxurious escape with sweeping views across the vineyard valley, complete with king bed, ensuite and fireplace. Enjoy an outdoor clawfoot bath and soak the stress away on the dome's private deck at sunrise, sunset or under the stars.

## YANGARRA

### Kangarilla

This spectacular architectural cellar door offers a special location to try Yangarra's collection of estate wines. Featuring floor to ceiling windows, with a balcony to take in the extensive vineyard views, it's the perfect spot to sip through the guided wine tastings which can also be enjoyed with a selection of small plates including charcuterie, cheese and olives.



Hickinbotham Tasting Room

## HICKINBOTHAM TASTING ROOM

### Kangarilla

The dedicated tasting room is located next door to the Hickinbotham Winery and hosted at the new Yangarra Cellar Door. The Hickinbotham premium seated tasting explores current release wines crafted by Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser, sourced from the prestigious Clarendon Vineyard. The intimate tasting experience is one to savour and bookings are essential.

## FOGGO FOOTSTEPS

### McLaren Vale

Sharing a passion for great wine, gin and food with a dash of collaborative spirit, a collective of amazing small wineries, distillery and restaurant along

Foggo Road have created a delightful trail to add to your visit. Located just steps from each, it's a great experience with Kangarilla Road best crossed by car to continue Foggo foot-stepping.

## GELATECA

### McLaren Vale

What's Gelateca you ask? It's the wonderfully delicious gelato shop located right alongside Pizzateca - see the connection now? It's the region in a scoop - dairy from the Fleurieu Milk Company is infused with seasonal fruit from the regions producers, making the best artisan gelato. The olive oil gelato is a must try, and so is the Oztalia chilli honey gelato and don't forget pistachio - so many delicious flavours to choose from. Gelateca is open from Spring to Autumn.

## ENCORE WINTER

### Various locations

Be inspired in winter and discover McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast's Encore Winter Villages and After Dark Series. Scattered across main streets and iconic tourism locations, snuggle up fireside, indulge in amazing food and wine, but best of all, try something new. Surprises await.

## VALE 194

### McLaren Vale

Step behind a gorgeous entrance and be transported into an alpine feel village retreat. A small cluster of bluestone-fronted and beautifully appointed self-contained homes all offering three bedrooms in the heart of McLaren Vale's main street, where shops, cafes and trails are just a couple of steps away.



**ENCORE SUMMER**

**Various locations**

From pop-up bars and dining experiences to twilight markets and live entertainment, the Encore Summer Series delivers 90 Days of Summer Vibes. Showcasing an array of local food, wine and artisans in some of the most remarkable locations across the vale and coast.

**MAMMA CARMELA**

**Port Noarlunga**

When relaxed coastal dining vibes are calling, Mamma Carmela is on the list. Located on the Port Noarlunga foreshore adjacent the Port Noarlunga jetty, this bustling café pizzeria offers extensive menu options. From traditional and gourmet pizzas to wholesome starters, breads, pasta and risotto, seafood, chicken, steak, salads and dessert. Something for all tastebuds here.

**PORTAL 58**

**Christies Beach**

Taking inspiration from sports bars around the world, enjoy the luxury of an intimate lounge watching your favourite sport, whilst choosing which wood oven pizza to start with first, accompanied by a selection of tasty small bites. The bar offers a range of local and international beer and wine, and also features a seasonal cocktail menu. And the sea views are superb, especially at sunset from the alfresco dining area.

**LANDBAR**


**Christies Beach**

Can't choose just one winery or brewery to visit? Head to The LandBAR in Christies Beach and taste some of the Fleurieu's best drops just metres from the beach. Featuring options from over 20 wineries, breweries and distilleries, there is something for everyone including non-alcoholic options and fine foods.

**McLAREN VALE MOTORCYCLE TOURS**

**McLaren Vale**

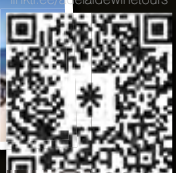
When seeking to do things a little differently, taking in the wine region and spectacular coastline on a Harley Davidson has to be on the list. The team at McLaren Vale Motorcycle Tours share their passion for riding (and their love for Harley Davidsons) through their pre-planned tours that meander across the vale and coast. But if you want to 'let it ride', then a custom-tailored tour is a great way to take in all the spectacular sights and tastes of the region. Bookings are essential.



**Adelaide Wine Tours**


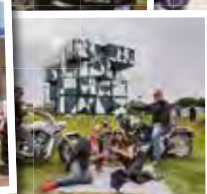
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# WHAT'S HOT

Want to know where the locals go and what they do? Well, here's some of their favourite things to see and do, and not so secret haunts anymore. Great experiences await, but plan wisely, a couple of days may not be enough – food, wine, beer, gin, coast, nature, shopping and arts – enough said!

## Things to do

### ROUTE 31 COASTAL DRIVE

Meander along 31 kilometers of pristine coastline, it's dotted with welcoming coastal villages and spectacular sandy beaches. Around every corner is another memorable moment to capture - crystal blue water, white sandy beach and breathtaking ochre-coloured cliffs. A fantastic way to experience the coast.

### BIPLANE FLIGHTS

#### Aldinga

Take to the skies and enjoy one of the most remarkable views of McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast from the open cockpits, truly uplifting! Whether it's the nostalgic, elegant and sophisticated double seated Waco biplane or the thrill-seeking aerobatic flight aboard the Great Lakes biplane, adventure awaits. There's also a great little café overlooking the runway to take in all the action too.

### SUP DOWN SOUTH

#### Port Willunga

One of the best ways to capture some of the most spectacular coastline the region has to offer is on a stand-up paddle board. SUP Down South has you covered with paddle board hire and lessons. For those a little more experienced, try SUP Yoga or a local water tour. The SUP team also offer photos to capture your experience, with the stunning Port Willunga beach as the backdrop.





Adelaide BiPlanes. Photo: Chris Middleton

## WANDER HISTORIC VILLAGES

The region is home to some gorgeous historic villages, brimming with character and leafy streets, making them the perfect place to wander. A couple of local favourites include Clarendon and Willunga. Discover shopping gems, great food (including amazing bakeries) and award-winning wine, while falling in love with the charm of yesteryear.

## FAIRWAYS AND GREENS CALLING

The Willunga Public Golf Course is set in a picturesque location amongst historic gum trees and a meandering creek with superb views of the vineyards and ranges. It's the perfect way to spend a morning or afternoon completing the 18 holes with its lush tree lined fairways and expansive grassed greens.



Willunga

## Foodie delights

### TASTE THE SEASONS

In a region where sensational local produce is abundant, it's no surprise that a range of restaurants like Coriole, Salopian Inn and The Current Shed (to name a few) have created their own kitchen gardens. Seasonal flavours and daily pickings inspire their menus, delivering an amazing dining experience every time. Booked yet?

Salopian Inn veggie patch  
Photo: John Kruger

### PIZZATECA

#### McLaren Vale

This has quickly become a pizza institution in the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast region, with a cult following. Using techniques passed down from generations, dressed with sugo made with the family's hands and topped with South Australian produce, it's a must do! Book early, as this is always a sell out! Make sure you leave room for dessert – tiramisu, cannoli, gelato and don't forget to try the Limoncello, made with lemons from Nonna Anna's backyard – a crowd favourite! Take a little piece of the family with you and grab a bottle of their famous sugo and Limoncello Liquore to go.



Pizzateca



Vale Restaurant and Bar

## VALE RESTAURANT AND BAR

### McLaren Vale

Home to Vale Brewing, this amazing tap house commands one of the best views in the region. There is plenty of beer on tap to choose from, with beer flights the best way to sample the range, but there's also wine, gin, and whisky too. The restaurant is inspired by seasonal produce which is designed to be shared, and best enjoyed with one of their award-winning beers – of course. Hot tip – they also do weekend breakfast, a spectacular way to start the day.



Willunga Farmers Market

## WILLUNGA FARMERS MARKET

### Willunga

When it comes to farmers markets, this is one of the best, as well as South Australia's first. Meet the grower and taste the region every Saturday showcasing over 70 local producers, but be early, as this is also a local favourite. To start, grab a delicious breakfast snack from one of the stallholders and wander the market, just as the locals do. Tip - don't forget to bring your reusable bags.



Dandelion Vineyards Wonder Room

## Great wine experiences

## DANDELION VINEYARDS WONDER ROOM

### McLaren Vale

Spectacularly positioned atop the ancient ridge of Firehawk Farm, it provides amazing views of the vineyard valley, sea and ranges. The cellar door celebrates its former life as a tractor shed through architectural design, creating a beautiful space to relax and unwind whilst soaking up the view and deciding which tasting experience to enjoy. Wines are accompanied by a showcase of seasonal estate grown produce, curated by chef Chris Bone. An experience not to be missed.

## ANGOVE FAMILY WINEMAKERS

### McLaren Vale

Relax and unwind sitting on the deck overlooking vineyards with the sun streaming, making a decision between a wine or spirit flight – it's a tough life, but someone has to do it. Settle in and enjoy a grazing plate or two early in the week, or indulge in the seasonal vineyard menu complementing the wine and spirit collection to perfection later in the week. Weekends are busy, so book ahead.

## MITOLO

### McLaren Vale

Whether it's a wine tasting, sensational dining experience or kick your feet up and let your hair down feast, Mitolo has it all. From the cellar door to Little Woolf Osteria and Frankie Italo Dining and Disco Lounge, choose the experience that suits you. With a focus on house made, house grown and locally sourced produce, dining is a must. For something more casual, indulge in curated snacks with drinks from Frankie's.



Mitolo

## CHALK HILL COLLECTIVE

### McLaren Vale

When a wine maker, distiller and pizzeria come together, great things happen. Offering stunning views across the valley, The Collective features Chalk Hill Wines, Never Never Distilling Co and Cucina di Strata and it's the place to indulge in amazing wines, gin and Italian style street food. Whether outside on the long sweeping deck or inside enjoying a tasting experience, it's a great way to spend an afternoon and best to book.



## BERESFORD ESTATE

### McLaren Flat

The Beresford Tasting Pavilion features a stunning architecturally designed tasting room overlooking the estate, offering a range of guided wine tasting experiences. From classic to premium tastings (as well as fortified tasting too), a favourite is the Shiraz and Chocolate tasting experience – but best to book as this one is popular. There's also gin, beer and spirit tastings too, so a great all-rounder.

## HUGH HAMILTON WINES

### McLaren Vale

Indulge in a personalised and intimate wine tasting experience with a spectacular 270-degree view looking across the vineyard to the Mount Lofty Ranges. Choose from the owner's Mary's Seasonal Pick, A Taste of Premium or The Pure Black Experience. Each experience is an invitation to savour the day, enrich your palate, and discover the stories that have inspired each bottle.

## GEMTREE WINES

### McLaren Vale

When entering the cellar door, the view unfolds from the vineyards to the sea. Relax on the deck, taking in the view and enjoy a personalised guided tasting experience. Try the Gemtree Wine and Native Tasting Experience, which explores unique flavours featuring a native food plate while tasting a flight of their famous biodynamic wines. With more than 50,000 native plants at Gemtree, there's no better pairing to get a sense of place.

## Take a ride on the wine side

**McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast offers a range of tours to make the most of your time in the region. Whether it's a tailored tour or choose your own adventure, there's an experience that has your name on it. Here's a few to get you started.**

## TARANGA TERROIR TOUR

### McLaren Vale

Tour the vineyard in 'Ollie' the golf buggy and explore one of Australia's oldest family run vineyards, glass in hand of course, discovering the generational stories, heritage sites and sustainable viticulture practices whilst having some serious fun.

## SA E-BIKES HIRE

### Willunga

Explore the region at your own pace. There's a range of electric bike styles available for hire on a casual basis from an afternoon to a full day. Staying locally? Order a 'home delivery and collection' service, but book early, these are snapped up quickly.

## ADELAIDE WINE TOURS

### McLaren Vale

For a seamless gourmet adventure, look no further than Adelaide Wine Tours. Offering fully customised tours the team will ensure a memorable journey through the region's finest food and wine spots. For those wanting to experience the thrill of feeling the wind in your hair, ask about the Harley Davidson motorcycle tours. Let the experts curate your perfect day so you can sit back and take it all in.

## A little creative inspiration

**Dotted across McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast are artisan studios and galleries showcasing talents from across the region and South Australia. Discover the beautiful exhibitions, engage in a workshop or art class and browse the gift shops finding that perfect piece to take home. Here's a few local favourites:**

## WILLUNGA GLASS STUDIO AND OFF THE SLATE GALLERY

### Willunga

Stunning blown, kiln-fired and leadlight glass artworks together with a shared gallery space complemented by artwork and gifts from a collective of over twenty local and regional artists.

## FLEURIEU ART HOUSE

### McLaren Vale

A large arts space in McLaren Vale showcasing local art, accessories, homewares and gifts featuring a gallery, artist's studios, design store, café and bookstore.



Fleurieu Art House

## STUMP HILL GALLERY

### McLaren Vale

Situated in the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre the frequently changing exhibitions showcase local and Fleurieu artists spanning the range of visual arts, there's also a café onsite too.

## Finding treasures of joy

### GORGEOUS SOLES

#### McLaren Vale

A collection of chic, individual pieces that tell a story, with inspiration from around the world in the heart of McLaren Vale. Footwear is also a speciality. Keep an eye on their new arrivals.

### EMRADES VINTAGE AND DESIGN

#### Clarendon

A beautiful light-filled store in Clarendon showcasing a range of antique, art and vintage décor featuring quality design and craftsmanship. When seeking that special piece that never dates, a visit is a must.

### ALDINGA SHOPPING CENTRE

#### Aldinga

A treasure trove of food, fashion, gifts, homewares as well as health and beauty offering a relaxed shopping experience near the beach. There's also great pop-up stores too.



Gorgeous Soles

### COCO AND RAJ

#### Willunga

A Willunga sensation featuring designer remnant fabrics, quilts, cushions, bespoke artisan homewares, jewellery, as well as East Meets West clothing.

### KOOKERY

#### Willunga

A haven of Fun Food Puns and seriously Good Goods celebrates the great things in life featuring quirky, bespoke gifts and homewares in the heart of Willunga.



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### FOGGO FOOTSTEPS

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**FOGGO WINES - NEAT SPIRITS**

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After your tasting, why not grab a local produce picnic pack and a bottle of wine and take a stroll through the Gemtree Eco Trail. Here you can explore the restored native landscape and relax amongst nature.

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# FUN FACTS ON THE REGION

Think McLaren Vale is just about wine? Think again!

This South Australian gem also boasts 31 kilometres of pristine coastline, stunning walking and cycling trails, four golf courses and enough craft breweries (80+ beers on tap!) to find your favourite local brew.

Wander the amazing galleries showcasing local artisans or explore historic villages like Willunga, Clarendon or Old Reynella.

Oh, did we mention wine, with 87 cellar doors and counting. It's a wine-lover's paradise, matched with one of the best South Australian food scenes too.

Get ready to tick off some truly unique experiences in McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast!



## EIGHTY SEVEN

CELLAR DOORS AND MORE COMING SOON

## THREE

PUBS IN WILLUNGA - TOP, MIDDLE AND BOTTOM



## FOUR

GOLF COURSES OFFERING 18 HOLES AND STUNNING SCENERY



## TEN

GALLERIES UNLOCKING THE CREATIVITY OF THE REGION



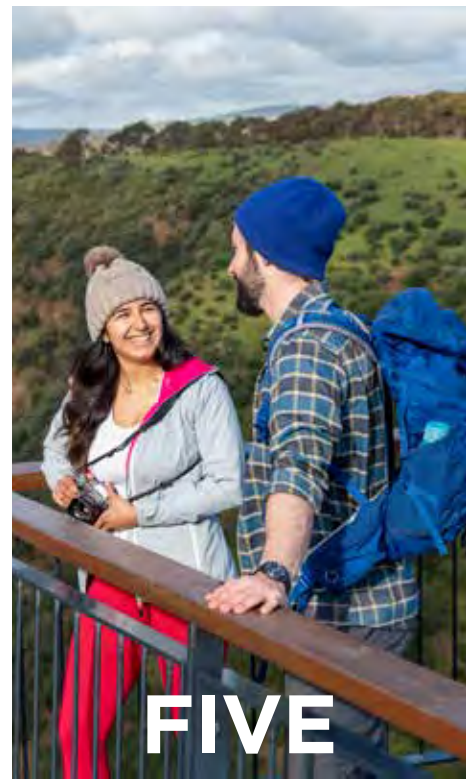
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**GREAT TRAILS TO CYCLE OR WALK (FLAT TO VALE, WILLUNGA BASIN, COAST TO VINES TO NAME A FEW)**

**SIX**



**DISTILLERIES AND COUNTING**



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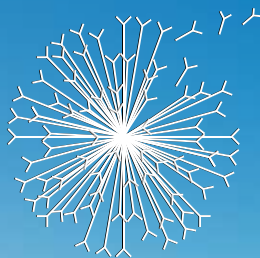
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# RELAX YOUR OWN WAY

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is a place to unwind, recharge and reconnect. Whether its beautiful beach walks, a cheeky cocktail, mainstreet meandering or relaxing with a great book, it's all here.

## Beach daze

Imagine this. You're on a quiet beach, melting back into your towel, white sand at your feet and a subtle salty breeze brushing your face. All you can hear is the sound of gentle waves crashing on the shore ahead. Paradise! Spectacular spots include Silver Sands, Port Willunga, Maslin and Moana.

In need of a long beach walk to cleanse the mind and soul, head to Aldinga, Port Noarlunga, Christies Beach and O'Sullivan Beach. Stunning at sunrise and sunset too.

For water lovers, the best underwater views are snorkeling or diving the Port Noarlunga reef or the Star of Greece shipwreck at Aldinga. And to gain the most amazing views of the coastline, paddleboarding with SUP Down South is a must at Port Willunga.

Or just grab your favourite book and relax on the balcony that takes in the incredible sea views.

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and Apartments



## Coastal sips

Got the taste for relaxing by the coast? Introduce yourself to Christies Beach where you'll find plenty of local brews and music at LandBAR and Portal 58 located on Beach Road.

If the idea of a cocktail by the beach is too good to resist, head to Mamma Carmela at Port Noarlunga and sip on a cheeky Pina Colada or a Margherita, and tuck into a pizza whilst enjoying panoramic seaside views. Bliss!

Wanting other great coastal cocktail hot spots to try? A few of the local gems include Flava Café as well as District B 5165 at Christies Beach, and there's Breeze Cafe and Bar in Aldinga too.

## Finding the groove

Heading into the weekend, experience the regions relaxed vibes and great local tunes in some remarkable locations.

Kick things off with Friday Twilight sessions at McLaren Vale's Chalk Hill Collective. Enjoy live tunes from local musicians while appreciating Chalk Hill's award-winning wines, gin (and cocktails) from Never Never Distilling and Italian bites from Cucina di Strada. Also check out Never Never's Sunday Sessions.

Friday night knockoffs at Merrill's (Geoff Merrill Wines) is a stella way to celebrate the weekend featuring fabulous food trucks and great music. Offered on the second and fourth Fridays of each month,

be sure to book. There's also Sunday sessions at Merrill's too.

Keep your eye out for Paxton Summer Concert Series on Sunday afternoons featuring timeless rock amongst the vines. Experience live performances celebrating the greatest hits from legendary artists. Love grooving, then Day Dance is a must as you dance between stages at Paxton Wines and Simon Hackett Winery!

## Lunch & lawn

When continuing to relax and unwind, what better than a tasting plate or pizza which highlights the regions rich bounty of fresh produce accompanied by an award-winning wine, gin or beer.

Pull up a rug or blanket on weekends at J&J Wines who offer delicious cheese and meat platters as well as wood oven pizzas. The expansive lawn area provides great vineyard views, as well as a giant chess board and play equipment for the kids.

Ivybook Farm is also another great location. Enjoy the picturesque grounds, with outdoor seating or bring along a picnic rug. They're famous for their platter Saturdays and pizza Sundays with a very loyal following. Best to book.

Embrace the nature and fun at Fox Creek Wines with their beautiful gardens, sprawling lawns and picturesque vineyard views. Enjoy a casual dining menu from Friday to Sunday, or fabulous regional produce platters and small bites anytime.

When spectacular views are in order, Main and Cherry Wines Cellar Door delivers. Enjoy great wine, local beer, shared platters and tapas style food on the large undercover deck or spacious lawns, all while soaking in the view.



## Top pub eats

When looking for great pub eats, there are some notable watering holes celebrating classic pub fare.

There's good reason why the Willunga Hotel attracts a local crowd - the modern seasonal menu and pub classics. Featuring a restaurant as well as the beer garden, the dining room is the gem, showcasing original stonework and wooden fixtures. Enjoy live music on Friday nights too.

Mick O'Shea's in Hackham is a great pub with a contemporary twist. Another local favourite where old school hospitality meets a cracking seasonal menu, and an extensive tap selection. Keep an eye out for the ever-changing Chef's specials board featuring exciting new food! There's also live music on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Festivals & events

The region is bursting with seasonal events attracting attention from across the globe.

A few highlights include the Santos Tour Down Under in January which loops its way from the vineyards to the coast featuring top international cyclist.

Car and motorcycle enthusiasts are covered too with McLaren Vale's Vintage and Classic (April) as well as the unique Sellick Beach Historic Motorcycle Race (February) which runs every couple of years.

For music and film lovers the Fleurieu Folk Festival (October) and Fleurieu Film Festival (February) are musts to put on the calendar.

And of course, there's food and wine events scattered throughout the year. The Fleurieu Food Festival extends through August, with other calendar highlights being Grenache and Gourmet on the long weekend in October and Summer Vines Festival in January. Local restaurants and wineries also run amazing events. Keep an eye on Paxton Wines and a look out for Olivers Taranga's legendary parties. If you haven't been to a Porchetta Party, you haven't lived!

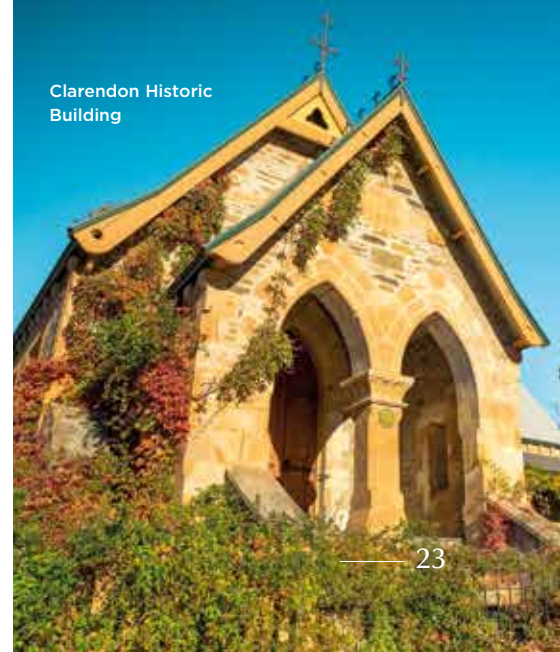
## Step back in time

**Take the scenic route when embarking on your McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast adventure. Home to some of South Australia's oldest towns, it's an amazing region to experience yesteryear and unearth historic treasures.**

One of the best ways is to explore the Heritage Trail. Venture through the gorgeous countryside and delight in beautiful buildings which have been hand crafted to last for centuries and lovingly restored. It's best to park the car and wander the historic streets of Clarendon, Reynella and Willunga uncovering their beauty, distinctive character, and quaint village charm.

Discover buildings like an 1860's jam and pickle factory, which is now home to Emprades Vintage and Design in Clarendon, as well as the Willunga Courthouse and Slate Museum which tells the story of the miners who worked in the quarries. There's also many buildings dotted around Willunga showcasing the slate mined from the local quarry. What glimpses of the past and treasures will you find?

Clarendon Historic Building





**BRACEGIRDLES**

**McLaren Vale**

Renowned for its award-winning chocolates (you'll want to take some home for later), there is so much to savour at this cosy café set back on McLaren Vale's main strip. Breakfast covers all bases, from a hearty vintage breakfast to waffles with liquid Belgian chocolate, while midday meals range from the house classic – Shepherds Hill Pie to Goodieson Beer Battered Fish and Chips.

**TERRE CAFÉ**

**Willunga**

Open the rustic wooden doors to the heritage listed building on Willunga's High Street and be greeted with a charming, homely setting. If you're lucky enough to get an outside table, it's a great place to watch the world go by. Breakfast runs all day, and there's also heartier options come lunchtime – think chicken club sandwiches, fish and chips and lasagne. There's also a separate gluten-free menu and a kids menu.

# BRILLIANT BRUNCH AND LEISURELY LUNCH

One of the best ways to relax into the weekend or indulge a little more in the holiday vibes, is a brilliant brunch or leisurely lunch. Enjoy beautiful cafes dotted around the region, serving some of the best local fare that hits the spot.

**McLAREN VALE AND FLEURIEU COAST VISITOR CENTRE**

**McLaren Vale**

The region's Visitor Information Centre is the ultimate surprise package, with plenty of local goods on offer, cellar door tastings and a sprawling deck and grass area, complete with a playground. The café offers crowd-pleasing bites, think slow cooked beef and brisket pies and pork and fennel sausage rolls and a delicious assortment of cakes and sweets. Coffee is also locally sourced.



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**TIN SHED**

**McLaren Vale**

A stalwart of McLaren Vale’s café scene, Tin Shed satisfies locals and visitors alike across seven days. There’s something for everyone, from gluten-free muesli, eggs and breakfast burritos, to salt ‘n’ pepper squid and schnitzels at lunch. Pizza lovers can get their fix, too. The casual eatery boasts plenty of seating inside and out.



**TEALICIOUS**

**Willunga**

Adorned with crystal chandeliers and provincial accents, this high tea destination will whisk you to a world away. Think pretty cupcakes, fresh scones and, of course, artisan teas. Drop in for a treat or book their signature high tea, complete with ribbon sandwiches and pastries.

**ADELAIDE BIPLANES**

**Aldinga**

If you haven’t yet taken the kids to the Aldinga Airfield, now’s the time. Enjoy toasted sandwiches and chocolate

thickshakes – there’s also coffee for mum and dad – while admiring the classic 1940s biplanes setting off into the sky. There’s also a flight simulator and board games to round out your morning.

**KICCO**

**McLaren Vale**

It’s no surprise that the coffee at Kicco (of Kicco Coffee Roasters) is great. The bustling space serves up excellent brunch options too. There’s everything from delicious eggs to brekky burgers and crowd favourite, smashed avo. Too busy? There’s also a decadent range of grab-and-go items, tempting treats and scoop ice cream.

**MANNA**

**McLaren Vale**

Wholesome and delicious – that’s the mantra at Manna, a gorgeous café on McLaren Vale’s main street. It’s perfect for that weekend brunch with friends, but also family-friendly with a kid approved menu. Food-wise, think creamy spiced oats, chilli crab scramble and French toast, plus heartier lunch fare. You’ll also find a selection of locally-made goods to buy.

**THE FARM WILLUNGA**

**Willunga**

Set on a 15-acre organic olive grove and vineyard, The Farm Willunga is the perfect place to unplug. Everything is made in-house or sourced locally, from the compotes and jams to the scones and breads. Breakfast is served all day with options such as Shakshuka Eggs, Tunisian Hash Browns or the Hearty Farm

Breakfast. There’s plenty of lunch options and the Farm Platter for two is ideal for a summer afternoon. The best perch is alfresco, where you can take in the view looking out to the sea.

**HARRY’S DELI**

**McLaren Vale**

Get cosy beside the crackling fireplace with a glass of wine on cooler days, or soak up the summer sun outdoors. Harry’s Deli at Wirra Wirra cellar door is charming at any time of year, with a considered menu that spans from share plates and platters to crispy pork belly and the famed Son of Trott pie. Harry’s Deli is a local favourite, and you’ll be sure to leave with a satisfied belly.



**Best brews**

- Dawn Patrol Coffee, McLaren Vale
- Goodness Coffee Co, Aldinga
- Golden Fleece, Willunga
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# THE PROVIDORE'S PANTRY

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast has long embraced a paddock to plate ethos, where growers share the passion for their produce which is celebrated through the seasonal driven menus at restaurants and cafes across the region, as well as pickled, preserved and ready to take home.

Willunga Farmers Market

## WILLUNGA FARMERS MARKET

### Willunga

Every Saturday at the open-air market, meet the grower and taste the region. Over 70 small producers from across the region showcase their range of fresh fruit & vegetables; dairy, meat, seafood, poultry; bakery, condiments, small goods; wine, cider, gin and plants. Grab a coffee with breakfast and find a table where you'll likely get chatting to a local. A great way to spend a morning, sharing in the region's passion for produce.

## OUR PLACE 'ANDY CLAPPIS BREAD'

### Willunga

Andy is somewhat of a bread legend in the region, and you have not lived until you've shared a loaf of Andy's finest, handcrafted from a cross-culture of yeast and his own 30-year-old 'mother'. His bread, pizza bases and pita's feature at many magnificent wineries and restaurants around the region. So, where can you get your hands on Andy's bread? It's delivered hot out of the oven to the local Ampol service station in Willunga and the Willunga General Store on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, as well as the occasional pop-up stall at the Willunga Farmers Market. It doesn't last long – be quick!

## THE ORGANIC STORE

### McLaren Vale

A beautiful store embodying organic produce, sustainability, lifestyle, health and living with a happy heart. Specialising in organic fruit and vegetables, bulk foods as well as gluten free and vegan foods. Their peanut butter is ground fresh in store and have laid claim to the world's best organic tahini. There's also a naturopath in store who blends personalised herbal tonic on the spot.



The Organic Store

## McLAREN VALE AND FLEURIEU COAST VISITOR CENTRE

### McLaren Vale

A range of local gourmet supplies all in one spot. From dried fruit and nuts to sauces, chutneys, with dressings, balsamic, olive oil and honey being specialties. All picnic and pantry supplies are sorted. With local names like Matchetts Big Sissy Foods, Port Willunga Fine Foods and Thistle Be Good, every choice is a winner.



Our Place 'Andy Clappis Bread'



Coriole

## Harvests from kitchen gardens

Inspired by the variety of produce grown across the region, restaurants have also harnessed this energy and created their own kitchen gardens with Salopian Inn and Coriole leading the way.

### CORIOLE

From Coriole's estate gardens and farm they are growing diverse, rare and heirloom organic vegetable varieties, found on their restaurant's menu throughout the seasons. Food miles are important to Coriole, as is producing their own compost and commitment to sustainability.

### SALOPIAN INN

Not far from the restaurant, their market garden spans an acre and inspires Salopian Inn's menu. In the height of summer, the garden can provide up to 70% of the restaurant's produce. Mustard greens and coriander are some of the best growers, with other herbs, edible flowers, chillies and perennials like artichokes growing well too. Their secret? Making their own compost, aided by the chickens as well as the restaurants food scraps.

### OZTALIA

#### McLaren Vale

Home grown and hands on, celebrating their Italian ancestors pioneering spirit. A few local pantry staples found here, especially the thick handmade Sugo and extra virgin olive oil to dress and finish dishes or best enjoyed with crusty bread and a pinch of sea salt. But be quick these don't last long. The chilli oil and shiraz vinegar are also great pantry additions, as well as the preserved eggplant or green tomatoes in olive oil (of course). Chilli honey is a favourite along with the limoncello liqueur which starts with lemons from Nonna Anna's backyard. Browse the range at Pizzateca or Cucina di Strada in McLaren Vale.

### CORIOLE

#### McLaren Vale

Whilst famous for their wine and restaurant, Coriole's olive oil and olives are a specialty. Featuring early harvest table oil and quality extra virgin oil to bring out the best in cooking and salads. The aged sweet vinegar spends a minimum of five years in old oak which is amazing in salad dressings and adds flavour, depth and sweetness to dishes. For something a little lighter, their verjuice is a great option too.

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## LONG LUNCH



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# LONG LUNCH AND DINNER DELIGHTS

There's no better way to spend a few hours than feasting on regional cuisine. McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is home to some of the most innovative examples of fine and casual dining in Australia. Loosen your belt a few notches and let the long lunch and leisurely dinners begin.

## ANGOVE'S VINEYARD KITCHEN



### McLaren Vale

From Thursday to Sunday, this delightful cellar door and restaurant creates a Seasonal Vineyard Lunch menu that is the talk of the town. The a la carte menu champions McLaren Vale produce and is best shared. Naturally, Angove's award-winning wine and spirit collection sits alongside the spread. From Monday to Wednesday a selection of grazing plates is offered.

## BEACH ROAD WINES



### McLaren Vale

This family-friendly cellar door looks out over half-a-hectare of Pedro Ximénez vines that change hue with the seasons. Sip your way through winemaker Briony Hoare's wines with platters or pizza or the full Beach Road Experience which includes a tasting flight and two-course meal that puts South Australian produce in the spotlight.

## CORIOLE



### McLaren Vale

Welcome to long lunch heaven with rolling vineyard and blooming garden views. Fresh, seasonal produce from the kitchen garden and farm is crafted into delightful dishes, best shared. Nestle in and be wowed by the 'Feed Me' tasting menus or opt for a la carte on weekdays.



Coriole

Ekhidna  
Kitchen and  
Wines

## EKHIDNA KITCHEN AND WINES

**LUNCH** **McLaren Vale**  
The Ekhidna Wines Restaurant is a picturesque spot to indulge in head chef Kane Livingston's two-course or six-course Chef's Degustation feast with an optional wine pairing. The focus is on local produce and there's a great 'Puggles' kids menu, too.

## CUCUNA DI STRADA - CHALK HILL COLLECTIVE

**LUNCH/DINNER** **McLaren Vale**  
This Italian canteen is run by the pizza gurus at local pizza hotspot Pizzateca and is located at The Chalk Hill Collective hilltop venue. The team is famed for their 'Pinsa' which is pizza that is soft on the inside, with a crispy exterior. Expect casual vibes against a buzzy gin and wine tasting.

## FRANKIE'S ITALO DINING AND DISCO LOUNGE - MITOLO

**LUNCH** **McLaren Vale**  
This disco-fuelled destination's menu draws inspiration from the Italian sagra, a festival dedicated to a region's food and produce. Shared options range from the Sedere ("Sit Down") menu focussed on pizza and cucina povera plates, to the Stai Zitto e Mangia ("Be Quiet and Eat") feast. The large arbor-style space makes this perfect for groups. Make sure you leave room for the gelato cart finale.

## HARRY'S DELI

**LUNCH** **McLaren Vale**  
There's something for everyone at Wirra Wirra's onsite eatery. From the famous Son of Trott Pie (made with lamb and Shiraz), to sensational salads, small bites, and belly-filling large plates. For the full spread, opt for the multi-course What Harry Would Have experience, where chef Tom Boden serves the best of his contemporary Australian menu featuring fresh local produce.

## LITTLE WOLF OSTERIA

**LUNCH** **McLaren Vale**  
Clear your diary and prepare for a healthy dose of generous Italian hospitality. This restaurant, adjacent to Mitolo Wines' cellar door has remarkable head chef Vincenzo La Montagna at the helm. The food is all handmade and cooked over fire, with wines paired by a knowledgeable sommelier. Order a la carte or embark on one of the set, shared menus. Children are welcome.

## VALE RESTAURANT AND BAR

**LUNCH/DINNER** **Blewitt Springs**  
It goes without saying, there's plenty of beer to be found at this hilltop brewery, but the extensive food menu is great, too. Order snacks and larger plates as you go, or let the chef feed you during a shared long lunch experience. The brews feature in some dishes, like the Vale IPA country loaf with smoked bone marrow butter. Yum.

Vale  
Restaurant  
and Bar

Frankie's Italo Dining and Disco Lounge - Mitolo

**MAMMA CARMELA**



**Port Noarlunga**

A much-loved Italian restaurant located on the Esplanade next to the Port Noarlunga Jetty. Homemade pizzas sit alongside pasta, larger protein dishes, salad, and desserts. The kitchen is open all day and there's a menu just for kiddies, too. Adults, meanwhile, will enjoy the cocktails during summer.

**OUR PLACE AT WILLUNGA HILL**



**Willunga**

This is the kind of long Sunday lunch you roll out of with your heart full. Hospitality legend Andy Clappis delivers joyous energy at his hilltop restaurant. Settle in for an afternoon of generosity and laughs. The authentic homemade delights include slow-roasted beef and fluffy gnocchi, a recipe Andy's father Enzo spent decades perfecting. Bookings essential.

**PIZZATECA (INCLUDES GELATECA)**



**McLaren Vale**

There's an audible buzz at this family run restaurant with deep Italian (Abruzzo) roots. As the name suggests, it's all about pizza here. Vito and Anthony Mitolo, and Timothy Anderson serve their own Oztalia wine (in addition to wine made by local producers) alongside their Italian bites and are happy to offer tastings. The smallgoods, sugo, pizza dough, and Gelateca gelato are all made onsite from SA produce. The tiramisu and limoncello are particularly popular.

**SERAFINO RESTAURANT**



**McLaren Vale**

Serafino Wine's on-site Chef Hat awarded restaurant features a menu celebrating local and seasonal ingredients. Views overlook the property's lake and grounds, and there's two and three course dining options, a group shared menu, and the delightfully indulgent six-course Serafino Degustation Menu. Children are well looked after, too.

**SALOPIAN INN**



**McLaren Vale**

A local dining institution for all the right reasons. A beautifully restored old homestead is home to this eclectic art-packed space. Opt for the tasting menu and relish in produce picked from the organic kitchen garden, locally caught seafood, and farm-grown meat. Genuinely friendly, welcoming staff and an extensive wine cellar, spirits, and creative non-alcoholic offering rounds off the charming experience. Make sure you try chef and co-owner Karena Armstrong's dumplings.



Salopian Inn



Serafino Restaurant





## THE CURRANT SHED



### McLaren Flat

Long lunch heaven does exist. Experience it at this restaurant nestled between a lime grove and vineyards. As the name suggests, the early 1900s structure was originally a shed in which to dry currants. Choose from two-course, three-course, or the amazing degustation menu with optional wine pairings.



## VIGNA BOTTIN



### Willunga

A popular long lunch destination boasting gorgeous Italian fare and tables that are reserved all day, so diners can relax. Guests can enjoy a full tasting experience in the cellar door as well as pre-drinks in the garden before settling in for their long lunch experience, all located in an 'Italian shed' with a fireplace and stunning views of the vines and garden. Chef Angelo, is renowned for making outstanding tiramisu. Open for dinner on Friday nights, too.

## Savour life's sweetest moments

Desserts are the ultimate indulgence, a sweet retreat from the everyday. Whether it's a delicate handmade chocolate that melts in your mouth, a soul-warming pastry, or artisanal ice cream, you'll find something to satisfy every craving.

### BRACEGIRDLE'S HOUSE OF FINE CHOCOLATE

#### McLaren Vale

Looking for chocolatey goodness? Look no further than Bracegirdle's House of Fine Chocolate in McLaren Vale. No trip to McLaren Vale is complete without a Bracegirdle's hot chocolate, made from real chocolate, and a plate of waffles drizzled with liquid Belgian chocolate. Make sure you pick up a handmade chocolate or three, choose from the usual favourites, caramel, café latte and vanilla bean or the more exotic flavours, cardamom and honey, mandarin and black velvet.

### THE CURRANT SHED

#### McLaren Flat

If seasonal desserts with flavours such as coconut, ginger, lime and sesame or chocolate, hazelnut, strawberry and dark chocolate is your thing, check out the Currant Shed. Their desserts are the perfect way to round off a degustation.

### ANGOVE FAMILY WINEMAKERS

#### McLaren Vale

With indulgent desserts such as caramelised fig and almond frangipane tart with double cream, rhubarb and strawberry sorbet and the classic Affogato with Angove's vanilla custard ice cream and Bartenders Cut brandy, there's something to appease even the fussiest of sweet teeth.

### GELATECA

#### McLaren Vale

Opened in 2023, right next door to Pizzateca, Gelateca already has a huge following, drawing crowds from far and wide to taste a scoop of creamy gelato. There's a range of flavours, including traditional hazelnut and pistachio, or if you are feeling adventurous enjoy a surprising kick of chilli honey.



The Currant Shed. Photo: Hey Jents



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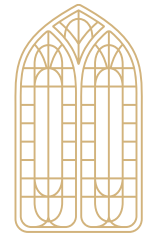
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From structured tastings to relaxed dining on sweeping lawns and expansive balconies, McLaren Vale offers an incredible array of wines to savour, no matter the season. Discover classic McLaren Vale varietals alongside exciting new wines crafted with sustainability in mind. Embrace the spirit of exploration and remember, there are no rules.



Beresford  
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## ANGOVE FAMILY WINEMAKERS

### McLaren Vale

The future is bright and certified organic at family-run business with more than 130 years of history behind it. From the delightfully affordable Angove Organic bubbles, Rosé, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and reds, to globally renowned St Agnes XO spirits, there's something for every whim. The cellar door has sweeping vineyard views for outdoor sipping. Inside, there's plenty of space in which to enjoy McLaren Vale Wine Flight Experiences and a relaxed meal at the onsite restaurant.

- ◆ **Summer:** Angove Family Crest Pinot Grigio.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Angove Family's Family Crest Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** Angove Family's Family Crest Tempranillo.
- ◆ **Spring:** Angove 2024 Wild Olive Fiano

## BATTLE OF BOSWORTH

### McLaren Vale

Joch and Louise Bosworth pour their certified organic wines in a character-packed 1850s chaff shed. The daily offering is intimate, genuine and proudly organic. In addition to barrel fermented Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, and Cabernet Sauvignon, be sure to taste the Outliers range, made using alternative varieties or in slightly unorthodox or left-field ways.

- ◆ **Summer:** Battle of Bosworth Sauvignon Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Battle of Bosworth Pinot Noir.
- ◆ **Winter:** Battle of Bosworth 'Heretic' Touriga/ Mataro/Graciano red blend.
- ◆ **Spring:** Battle of Bosworth 'Dissident' (a natural, 'skinsy' white field blend comprising Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and a lick of Muscat à Petit Grains).



Battle of Bosworth



Beach Road Wines

## BEACH ROAD WINES

### McLaren Vale

This family-friendly cellar door looks out over half-a-hectare of Pedro Ximénez vines that change hue with the seasons. Winemaker Briony Hoare has a thing for Barolo, Italian varieties, and wine tastings with a view. She also has a thing for alternate varietals. Sip your way through her creations during seated tastings with platters or pizza or the full Beach Road Experience which includes a tasting flight and two-course meal.

- ◆ **Summer:** Beach Road Fiano.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Cockle-warming Cabernet Sauvignon.
- ◆ **Winter:** Powerful yet elegant Aglianico.
- ◆ **Spring:** Vibrant Beach Road Greco.

## BERG HERRING

### Sellicks Hill

Forward-thinking winemaker Sam Dunlevy and his partner Chloe Fitzgerald are renowned for their small batch wines made with emerging climate appropriate varieties, perfect for their outdoor events. None more so than the McLaren Vale Sparkling Pecorino and the Grenache/Carignan Rosé. They have been inundated with visitors since opening their award-winning cellar door, set in a beautifully restored 1862 church. Reclaimed and upcycled items and materials also adorn the garden, where special Wine and Macaron Wine Tasting Pod Experiences take place in gigantic vintage wine barrels.

- ◆ **Summer:** Berg Herring McLaren Vale Vermentino.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The popular Berg Herring Nero D'Avola (cellar door exclusive).
- ◆ **Winter:** Delightfully spicy Berg Herring Sangiovese.
- ◆ **Spring:** Berg Herring McLaren Vale Rosé made with Grenache and Carignan.



Chapel Hill Winery

## BERESFORD WINES

### McLaren Flat

Choose from a range of tasting experiences from the Classic Wine Tasting to a Shiraz and Chocolate tasting. Best of all, tastings are offered seven days a week. Choose from Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon classics or Grenache crafted from old bush vine treasures. Chardonnay is also a hit here. The Emblem range pushes boundaries with the likes of estate grown Sicilian varietal Grillo and Italian Pecorino. This sleek cellar door and estate not only boasts 15 new premium, environmentally sustainable Beresford Luxury Pavilions, it also has a swag of awards to toast.

- ◆ **Summer:** Light, bright, floral Beresford 'Emblem' Fiano (the 2023 vintage won World's Best Fiano in the 2024 Decanter World Wine Awards).
- ◆ **Autumn:** Beresford GSM 2022 (gold in the 2024 Decanter World Wine Awards).
- ◆ **Winter:** Beresford Grand Reserve Shiraz 2016 (gold in the 2024 Frankfurt International Wine Show).
- ◆ **Spring:** Beresford Classic Chardonnay.

## CHAPEL HILL WINERY

### McLaren Vale

Looking for an experience of fine wine, heritage and art? Chapel Hill Winery is spectacular. Atop a hill overlooking McLaren Vale and their vineyards, catch a glimpse of wine being made in all its stages. When the weather is favourable, the sweeping lawns are a fantastic place for a more relaxed Chapel Hill experience. Alternatively, venture into the cellar door (an iconic 150 year old chapel) for a variety of tastings including The Devil is in the Detail Tasting which celebrates Chapel Hill's 50th vintage.

- ◆ **Summer:** Chapel Hill 2022 Small Batch Vermentino. Clean, fresh and perfect for grazing and socialising.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Chapel Hill 2022 Bush Vine Grenache. Succulent and textural.
- ◆ **Winter:** The Chapel Hill 2021 The MV Mourvedre is a swarthy and evocative wine and a great accompaniment to slow cooked dishes.
- ◆ **Spring:** Chapel Hill 2023 The MV Gorge Block Chardonnay. Complexity, mouthfeel and layers of flavour.



Chalk Hill Estate

## CHALK HILL ESTATE

### McLaren Vale

Small batch, estate-grown wine served with spectacular hilltop views across the Mount Lofty Ranges. The stylish tasting space includes an Alpha Crucis Tasting Lounge (for curated tastings of flagship wines), and a wine bar offering paid tasting flights and award-winning, evocative wines by the glass.

- ◆ **Summer:** Lemon zesty Chalk Hill Vermentino.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Chalk Hill Alpha Crucis Old Vine Grenache Grenache (The 2022 was the Grenache Trophy Winner at the National Wine Show of Australia).
- ◆ **Winter:** Chalk Hill Alpha Crucis Blewitt Springs Syrah.
- ◆ **Spring:** Chalk Hill Alpha Crucis Chardonnay (Gold Medal at the AWC Vienna International Challenge 2023).

## CORIOLE VINEYARDS

### McLaren Vale

There's no better place to soak up the sun's rays, glass of Piquepoul in hand, than Coriole's cellar door. Impressive estate gardens surround the tasting space and restaurant. Blooms of all colours delight visitors through every season. They are a beautiful backdrop to the regular art, poetry, theatre, and music, food and wine events held onsite.

- ◆ **Summer:** Chill Italian red grape varieties like Coriole's Negroamaro or Nero (aka Nero d'Avola) in the fridge before enjoying in hot weather.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Sangiovese shared with pals on balmy nights.
- ◆ **Winter:** An elegant Shiraz or Coriole Piquepoul with new season oysters.
- ◆ **Spring:** Coriole Fiano for acidity and freshness best paired with sunny days.

## DANDELION VINEYARDS

### McLaren Vale

Dandelion's Wonder Room opened in 2022 and provides guided tastings overlooking Firehawk Farm vineyards, the Gulf of St Vincent, and Willunga Escarpment. Chef Chris Bone creates beautiful snacks with which wines are paired. For something special, the new tasting experience includes an extended lunch experience with food and wine pairings. A great way to spend an afternoon.

- ◆ **Summer:** Dandelion Wonderland of the Eden Valley Riesling.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Midnight Rainbow of McLaren Vale Petite Sirah.
- ◆ **Winter:** Firehawk of McLaren Vale Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Faraway Tree of McLaren Vale Grenache.



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**FOX CREEK**

**McLaren Vale**

Fox Creek's original nineteenth century stone cottage (now turned cellar door) boasts a secluded tasting area for guided wine flights with English cottage garden views. Fox Creek Produce Platters and meals and the Garden Kitchen & Bar meals are best enjoyed on the lawn. Regular live music is a drawcard, too.

- ◆ **Summer:** Bright, crisp Pecorino.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Limited release Fox Creek Nero d'Avola.
- ◆ **Winter:** Fox Creek Old Vine Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Try the Cinabrese, a light, bright, easy drinking red best served cold.

**GEMTREE WINES**

**McLaren Vale**

There's a lot to love about this biodynamic wine producer. Unwind on the large deck and enjoy a personalised tasting experience while taking in vineyard views. The expansive lawn area and Gemtree Eco Trail is great when the weather is warm.

Experiences range from The Gemtree Wine and Native Tasting Experience, to Being Biodynamic, and the Wine and Wander private dining experience.

- ◆ **Summer:** April's Dance Sparkling white blend. Bubbles ahoy.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The vibrant, evocative Small Batch Grenache SBO.
- ◆ **Winter:** The intense Ernest Allan Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Refreshing Small Batch Fiano.

**GEOFF MERRILL WINES**

**Woodcroft**

A gaggle of snow-white geese honk in unison as visitors make their way past the landscaped gardens (including two hectares of vineyards) towards this historic cellar door. It is delightfully old school, a bit quirky and full of charm The 'By Merrill' Wine Flight showcases the "drink now" style from Merrill's McLaren Vale vineyards.

- ◆ **Summer:** Dancing Queen Riesling
- ◆ **Autumn:** Georgie May Chardonnay.
- ◆ **Winter:** Saint Nic Shiraz Cabernet.
- ◆ **Spring:** Charley Rose Dry Rosé.



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## HARDYS TINTARA

### McLaren Vale

Find experiences and wine tastings galore at this iconic winery located on McLaren Vale's main street. Hardys Tintara's Wine Tasting in the Dark: Sensory Experience takes guests into Hardys' private cellars and invites them to tune into their senses (lights off, blindfolds on). Or, the Hardys Hidden Secrets Tour that gives visitors an access-all-areas experience. Regional produce, cheese, and charcuterie platters are available.

- ◆ **Summer:** 2023 Heritage Reserve Bin Riesling.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The delightfully spicy 2018 Tintara Reserve Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** The flagship 2019 Eileen Hardy Shiraz, a tribute to the late matriarch.
- ◆ **Spring:** The light, bright, crowd pleasing 2021 Tintara Grenache Shiraz Mataro.

## HASELGROVE WINES

### McLaren Vale

Haselgrove's new Rooftop Bar and Cellar Door is situated amongst the old vines and offers 360-degree views of the region. Embark on a structured tasting flight or snack on pizza or a gourmet grazing platter. The 'Winemaker for a Minute' experience lets you tackle the art of wine blending, and don't miss Yappy Hour Sundays; two-for-one for one tastings accompanied by a treat for your pooch.

- ◆ **Summer:** H by Haselgrove Sauvignon Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The rustic, medium bodied 2021 'Vine Sean' McLaren Vale Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** The rich 2019 Dileab Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** The Zesty 2023 Alternative Series McLaren Vale Barbera.



## HASTWELL & LIGHTFOOT

### McLaren Vale

A family-owned, dog-friendly cellar door offering a variety of wine-focused experiences and guided wine tastings featuring a curated selection of five award-winning wines plus a generous platter lunch for two. With a focus on sustainably grown, alternative grape varieties which are fresh, vibrant and easy to pair with food.

- ◆ **Summer:** Barbera Rosé and Vermentino or a chilled Grenache/Tempranillo.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Juicy Barbera, awarded a gold medal in the Adelaide International Barbera Challenge.
- ◆ **Winter:** The 38 Days Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2017.
- ◆ **Spring:** Textural Grenache Blanc or fabulous food-friendly Fiano.



Hardys Tintara

## HICKINBOTHAM

### Clarendon

All praise the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec grown at the Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard in the high elevation hills on the northern edge of McLaren Vale. It is renowned worldwide for a reason. Winemaker Chris Carpenter flies in from California every year to oversee the winemaking. Owners Jackson Family Wines also own Yangarra Estate Vineyard which is home to the Hickinbotham Tasting Room, located in its impressive new cellar door. If you time your visit right, you may even see Carpenter and Yangarra chief winemaker Peter Fraser at work.

- ◆ **Summer:** The fresh, elegant 2021 Hickinbotham The Nest Cabernet Franc is stunning all year round.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The 2016 Hickinbotham The Revivalist Merlot buzzes with energy.
- ◆ **Winter:** The 2016 Hickinbotham Trueman Cabernet Sauvignon exudes depth and intensity.
- ◆ **Spring:** Try the 2016 Hickinbotham Brooks Road Shiraz for an expression of single site power and purity.

## HITHER & YON

### Willunga

In 2021 Hither & Yon became South Australia's first Carbon Neutral certified wine brand, and in 2022 became Sustainable Winegrowing Australia certified for both their wine brand and vineyards. Hear all about it at their boutique cellar door situated in the village of Willunga.

- ◆ **Summer:** The crisp Petit Blanc (aka Muscat Blanc a' Petits Grains) with seafood.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The award-winning Aglianico is great all year round.
- ◆ **Winter:** A heart-warming Tempranillo.
- ◆ **Spring:** Delicious food-friendly Mataro Rosé.



## HUGO WINES

### McLaren Vale

This fifth-generation family-owned gem is open daily and served regional platters alongside estate-grown wines (with new furniture and landscaped grounds on which to relax). Experience the effects of their high and cool vineyard during a guided tasting featuring six wines.

- ◆ **Summer:** Light, bright, spicy, award-winning Rosé.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Bright, juicy, fresh style Grenache planted by Colin Hugo in 1951.
- ◆ **Winter:** 2016 Reserve Shiraz. Only made in years with exceptional vintage conditions.
- ◆ **Spring:** Medium bodied, elegant, perfumed Nero d'Avola.

## Wineries with a view

When savouring the stunning wines, there's also spectacular views to be enjoyed too. Here's a few that impress.

- ◆ Angoves
- ◆ Beach Road Wines
- ◆ Chalk Hill
- ◆ Gemtree
- ◆ Coriole
- ◆ Dandelion Vineyards
- ◆ Ekhidna Wines
- ◆ Haselgrove
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## Wineries with grand driveways

When rolling out the welcome, there are many beautiful driveways to set the scene for the impressive wine that will follow. Here's some of the regions finest.

- ◆ Battle of Bosworth
- ◆ Coriole
- ◆ Fox Creek
- ◆ Hugh Hamilton Wines
- ◆ Hastwell & Lightfoot
- ◆ Richard Hamilton
- ◆ Paxton
- ◆ Serafino
- ◆ Shottesbrooke



Battle of Bosworth



Hugh Hamilton Wines

### HUGH HAMILTON WINES — McLaren Vale

Oh, what a 270-degree view from this glass rotunda. Indulge in unique cellar door experiences including the The Pure Black Experience. Round it off with the Fodder Nibble Plate featuring Hugh Hamilton olive oil, olives, and almonds paired with Fleurieu produce.

- ◆ **Summer:** The refreshing Aroma Pagoda (Grillo, Riesling Frontignac blend).
- ◆ **Autumn:** The opulent and beguiling The Disrupter Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** The plush and complex 'Black Blood II' Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** The crisp and lively 'GA-LOR-IA! Frizzante (Sangiovese/ Grenache fizz). Fun!

### IVYBROOK FARM — Maslin Beach

This boutique, family winery in McLaren Vale is making savoury, minimal intervention wines. A lovingly restored 1898 the barn is now home to the cellar door. There's accommodation, too. Platters on Saturday, Pizzas on Sunday.

- ◆ **Summer:** Unclad Rosé (Shiraz) - Summer in a bottle.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Preservative Free Unclad Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** Preservative free Unclad Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Unclad White (Viognier/ Roussanne).

### J & J WINES — McLaren Vale

Interested in all things organic? So is winemaker Darrell Mason. Taste them at his relaxed, welcoming cellar door located on the edge of the McLaren Vale township. There's a fully covered outdoor deck and our fenced lawn area with a playground for the kids, plus wood oven pizzas and local produce platters.

- ◆ **Summer:** Boots Hill Sauvignon Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The new Boots Hill Nero d'Avola and the Boots Hill GSM.
- ◆ **Winter:** Rivers Lane Shiraz or Reserve Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Boots Hill Rose.

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## KAY BROTHERS

### McLaren Vale

This cellar door's sweeping new deck offering jaw-dropping views across Kay Brothers' precious vineyards. It is a great space to mingle, enjoy a tasting of the traditional premium estate wines, or soak up live entertainment in the new courtyard.

- ◆ **Summer:** Aromatic, crisp Petit Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Griffon's Key Reserve Grenache or the icon Block 6 Shiraz.
- ◆ **Winter:** Basket Pressed Merlot.
- ◆ **Spring:** Vibrant, dry Grenache Rosé.

## LECONFIELD (RICHARD HAMILTON)

### McLaren Vale

Red roses lead the way past vineyards to this Scandinavian-inspired, family-friendly cellar door. There, hosted wine flights span reserve, single vineyard, and a choose your own adventure option. It's a place to devour deep dish pies, platters and home-made dips, plus six generations of Hamilton family winemaking history.

- ◆ **Summer:** Fresh La Valle Fiano.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Burton's Old Vine Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** Ghost Hill Single Vineyard Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** 'Long Stem' Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir.

## MAIN & CHERRY

### McLaren Vale (Chandlers Hill)

This lovely wine brand's new cellar door is situated near the gateway to the Fleurieu, on the way to the historic Clarendon township. Take in the view across sprawling lawns and some of the highest elevated vineyards in McLaren Vale, extending toward Gulf St Vincent. The relaxed, family-friendly space serves a tapas-style menu.

- ◆ **Summer:** Pop the cork on Sparkling Grenache Rosé.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Try the Iberica, a bright, fresh blend of Grenache, Tempranillo and Touriga.
- ◆ **Winter:** You can't go past Sangiovese with pizza.
- ◆ **Spring:** McLaren Vale Grenache. Yum.



Mitolo Wines

## MITOLO WINES

### McLaren Vale

Structured tastings in a stylish setting. The Mitolo family's Italian heritage is reflected in the use of varieties and techniques from his father's homeland. Onsite restaurants Little Wolf Osteria and Frankie's Italo Dining and Disco complete the offering.

- ◆ **Summer:** Mitolo La Spiaggia Sparkling Glera NV
- ◆ **Autumn:** The resoundingly popular Scylla Nero d'Avola.
- ◆ **Winter:** The Masso Montepulciano. The variety shares its Abruzzo ancestry with the Mitolo fam.
- ◆ **Spring:** The fun Jester Vermentino.



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## OLIVER'S TARANGA

### McLaren Vale

The transformation of the Oliver's Taranga cellar door (an original 1850s cottage) turned heads and made modern space for an offering that focuses on wine education. The view from the new floor-to-ceiling windows looks out over the family's Cabernet Sauvignon, Touriga and Shiraz vines.

- ◆ **Summer:** Limited release The Hunt for Mrs Oliver Fiano Sparkling.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Mencia, a red variety from Spain. Great with paella.
- ◆ **Winter:** You can't go wrong with porchetta and Sagrantino (from Umbria, Italy).
- ◆ **Spring:** Winemaker Corrina Wright is the queen of Fiano. Try it.

## PAXTON WINES

### McLaren Vale

Try the organic and biodynamic ranges at Paxton's gorgeous cellar door, housed in an original 1850's shearing shed and surrounded by luscious lawns. Tasting flights and regional platters can also be enjoyed in the sun.

- ◆ **Summer:** Late Harvest 2023 Pinot Gris/Chardonnay - for the sweet teeth.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Award-winning Paxton Graciano (a Spanish varietal grown primarily in the Rioja region).
- ◆ **Winter:** Sangiovese or for a white, the Museum Collection Thomas Block Chardonnay.
- ◆ **Spring:** Earthy Mataro or the party starting Queen of the Hive Light Red.

## PIRRAMIMMA

### McLaren Vale

History buffs unite. Pirramimma has been owned and operated by the Johnston family since 1892. There's a line-up of more than 80 wines from the rare Iconic War Horse Shiraz, affordable sparklings and exotic red blends.

- ◆ **Summer:** Channel festive holiday vibes with the Sparkling Shiraz NV.
- ◆ **Autumn:** White Label Old Bush Vine Grenache 2019.
- ◆ **Winter:** Ironstone Petit Verdot. A red with power and drive.
- ◆ **Spring:** White Label Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2021.

## SAMSON TALL WINES

### McLaren Vale

Winemaker Paul Wilson's small but beautiful range are poured at the gorgeous cellar door (a former church that looks out towards the onsite cemetery in which the Samson Tall namesake is buried). Wine labels picture evocative images of the church or vineyards from which the fruit was plucked. Stunning views here too.

- ◆ **Summer:** Head snapping 2024 McLaren Vale Grenache Blanc Picpoul.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The gorgeous 'Hatwell' Single Vineyard Grenache.
- ◆ **Winter:** Tempranillo by the fire with your feet up.
- ◆ **Spring:** The delicious McLaren Vale Cinsault Mataro Rosé.



## BERG HERRING

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Serafino Wines

## SERAFINO WINES

### McLaren Vale

Small but thoughtful changes to Serafino's tasting flights give visitors the ability to taste from their preferred style of wine, a mix of both white and red, or dive into the 'Discover Italian' flight to explore five wines from The Bellissimo range, one of the largest unique Italian Varietal ranges in Australia. Make time for a meal at the restaurant, too.

- ◆ **Summer:** The award-winning Serafino 2024 Bellissimo Fiano.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The 2022 Serafino Reserve Grenache won including Top Gold and Best Grenache at the 2023 McLaren Vale Wine Show.
- ◆ **Winter:** Award winning Serafino 2023 Bellissimo Montepulciano.
- ◆ **Spring:** Serafino Orenji (Gewürztraminer, Pinot Grigio and Vermentino) is a collaboration with South Australian artist, Sarah McDonald who captured the Fleurieu Peninsula coastline on the label.

## SCARPANTONI ESTATE WINES

### McLaren Vale

There forward-thinking, boundary-pushing Italian vigneron have a passion for alternate varieties as well as the classics. Every step of production is done in house; from viticulture to packaging. The range of (majority) estate grown wines is quite gobsmacking. In addition to the special Block 3 Shiraz (planted in the 1950s), they also grow Durif, Barbera, Montepulciano, Gamay and a Burgundy-style Pinot Noir.

- ◆ **Summer:** The School Block White, a medley of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Chenin Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The limited Nero d'Avola sings of Sicily and is great with food.
- ◆ **Winter:** Elegant Merlot sourced from three vineyards; McLaren Flat, Maslin Beach and the south-western edge of McLaren Vale.
- ◆ **Spring:** The Gamay Rosé is conviviality in a bottle. Great with Thai food.

## SHERRAH WINES

### McLaren Vale

A history-packed sandstone cottage along McMurtrie Road is home to three lovely wine brands, including Sherrah Wines run by winemaker Alex Sherrah and his wife Lizzie. Chances are, they'll be there to pour you their veritable rainbow of thrilling wines. Alex is one of the most forward-thinking winemakers in the region.

- ◆ **Summer:** Party starting Pet Nat Fiano/Chenin Blanc or the Grenache Rose.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The delicious Skin Party Fiano, Nero d'Avola or the new Bush Vine Grenache (Sept release).
- ◆ **Winter:** Shiraz or the Red et Al. Grenache/Shiraz/Nero
- ◆ **Spring:** Fiano or the preservative free Grenache Nouveau.



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## SHINGLEBACK

### McLaren Vale

This character-packed cellar door at the entrance to McLaren Vale offers three focused tastings: The Award Winners (of which there are many), The Founder's Experience, and The Chilled Experience. A platter (arguably the best in the region) on the veranda with vineyard views is hard to beat.

- ◆ **Summer:** NX Gen Prosecco - for all occasions.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Shingleback Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.
- ◆ **Winter:** The award-winning Unedited Shiraz 2018.
- ◆ **Spring:** The vibrant NX Gen Fiano is fun and made to drink now.



Shottesbrooke. Photo: Tourism Australia.



Shingleback

## SHOTTESBROOKE

### McLaren Flat

This award-winning winery located on an estate which is also home to The Currant Shed restaurant and McLaren Vale Getaways accommodation. Managing director and chief winemaker Hamish Maguire and the team make 'wines of style, built from the ground up' and have turned heads, particularly in the US. Make sure you try the 'Explore, Wine & Dine' tour for a behind-the-scenes look at the winery

- ◆ **Summer:** Estate Series Sauvignon Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Estate Series GSM (Grenache Shiraz Mataro) with roast lamb.
- ◆ **Winter:** Reserve Series Eliza Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Estate Series Grenache Rosé with seared scallops.

## SOMOS WINES

### McLaren Vale

Somos is focused on alternative, climate appropriate, sustainably grown varieties, of which McLaren Vale is a champion. The family-friendly cellar door is located in a 1920s homestead where a turntable spins a selection of vinyl, a wood fire keeps visitors warm and veranda seating and a shady lawn beg for sunny days.

- ◆ **Summer:** Fresquito, a chillable Barbera red. Just 120 dozen made.
- ◆ **Autumn:** The elegant Cabernet Franc picked from a little vineyard in Willunga.
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Prepare yourself for a playful, laid-back, genuine experience. Winemakers Adam 'Hoops' Hooper and Andrew Pieri share this quirky space in an example of comradery, pouring Hoops' La Curio Wines and Andrew's Pieri Wines. True to its name, there's even a mock 'confessional booth'. Delicious light lunches are served on weekends.

- ◆ **Summer:** Pieri Wines 'La Contessa' Vermentino.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Pieri Wines 'Malocchio' Montepulciano.
- ◆ **Winter:** La Curio Original Zin Primitivo - Christmas pudding, lavender... yum.
- ◆ **Spring:** La Curio 'Suffragette' Chardonnay.

WIRRA WIRRA

**McLaren Vale**

The new-look Wirra Wirra cellar door showcases Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Tempranillo and Touriga Nacional – to name just a few. The RGT Collection tasting honours the late Richard Gregory 'Greg' Trot, while The Trott's Tales experience takes you into the winery itself. The onsite Harry's Deli is also a local dining favourite. Explore the beautiful grounds while you're there.

- ◆ **Summer:** Fizzy Mrs Wigley Moscato or the Dry Grenache Rosé – drink now.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Flower Vineyard Grenache – as evocative as it sounds.
- ◆ **Winter:** Earthy Bell Tower Touriga Tempranillo.
- ◆ **Spring:** International award-winning The 12th Man Chardonnay.



Yangarra Estate Vineyard

YANGARRA ESTATE VINEYARD

**Kangarilla**

An impressive new space offers tasting experiences and certified organic and biodynamically farmed vineyard views. There's also a bird's eye view into the working winery where winemaker Pete Fraser and the team create moments of magic using ceramic amphorae fermentation vessels. Taste Hickinbotham Clarendon's gorgeous reds here, too.

- ◆ **Summer:** Vibrant, award-winning Yangarra 2022 Blanc.
- ◆ **Autumn:** Grenache – all of them. Including the Old Vine Grenache and coveted High Sands Grenache.

- ◆ **Winter:** Elegant, award-winning elegant Yangarra Shiraz.
- ◆ **Spring:** Southern Rhône-inspired Ovitelli Blanc (Grenache Blanc and Roussanne) or the head-turning, exquisite Roux Beaute Roussanne.



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# GRENACHE YOUR WAY

**McLaren Vale is one of the best Grenache growing regions in the world. There's a lot to love here; from fresh, elegant examples to the bold and the beautiful. The region is highly regarded for brightness, crunchy fruit and freshness. Here's ten top drops to try.**

## **Serafino 2022 Reserve Grenache**

As accolades go, few rival Serafino's stunner. Among them are top gold, the trophy for Best Grenache of the Show, and winner of the 2023 James Halliday Grenache Challenge. It's a bona fide ripper.

## **Chalk Hill Wines 2022 Alpha Crucis Old Vine Grenache**

This beauty was awarded 'Best Grenache' at the prestigious 2024 National Wine Show of Australia thanks to stunning handpicked fruit from (nearly) 90-year-old Blewitt Springs bush vines. It's fresh and floral with lashings of cherry and earthy, spicy goodness.

## **Yangarra Ovitelli Grenache**

This acclaimed vineyard estate team, led by winemaker Pete Fraser, produces some of the finest Grenache in Australia. The 2022 Ovitelli Grenache is a must-try, made from a selection of Yangarra's best old vine (1946) fruit. It is fermented in a large ceramic egg. Take a bow, Pete.

## **Richard Hamilton 'Burton's Vineyard' Old Vine Grenache**

Is named after Richard Hamilton's late father Burton Hamilton, a viticulturist in South Australia for his entire working life and a major part of McLaren Vale's history. The site, selection, and wine are an expression of McLaren Vale terroir and fitting tribute to Burton's pioneering spirit. It's beautifully fragrant and well balanced.

## **Samson Tall 2022 McLaren Vale Grenache**

This small but beautiful brand honours McLaren Vale history and the precious patch of land on which they make wine. This smooth, loveable drop is something to be proud of and a dinner party winner.

## **Wirra Wirra Farmer's Heart Grenache**

This iconic brand has plenty of Grenache to choose from, among them the Farmer's Heart which is homage to the late Greg Trott who fought long and hard for the protection of McLaren Vale as agricultural land. Or, go for the gorgeous Flower Vineyard Grenache which buzzes with energy.

## **Kay Brothers Griffon's Key Reserve Grenache**

Another star on the Grenache landscape. The 2021 Griffon's Key Grenache boasts fruit from the Amery vineyard and oozes with rose petal, cherry, violet and dried herb aromas and a medley of rich red berries across the palate. Bravo.



**Main & Cherry  
McLaren Vale Grenache**

Winemaker Michael Sexton won gold in the James Halliday 2021 Grenache Challenge for his fresh, bright Grenache nous. The 2023 Grenache comprises early handpicked fruit from the ancient sandy soil at the iconic Brini vineyard in Blewitt Springs. It was partly fermented in locally made terracotta pots, basket pressed and matured in seasoned French oak.

**Angove Warboys  
Vineyard Grenache**

Angove’s spectacular cellar door and function facility opened on the Warboys Vineyard in 2011. It is one of the family’s beloved certified organic and biodynamic sites and the outstanding 2021 Warboys Vineyard Grenache exudes vibrance and joyful floral, dark cherry, wild thyme and red berry moments. It’s oh so silky.

**Hugo Wines 2023  
Grenache**

The Hugo Wines cellar door overlooks the bush vines planted by Will Hugo’s grandparents Colin and Gwendoline in 1951. The handpicked grapes made their way into the fifth-generation family’s 2023 Grenache. The result is a bright, perfumed drop with just the right amount of complexity.



Main & Cherry

**In the words of  
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“I’m a long-time and unabashed lover of all things Grenache. If I must give one reason, it is the exquisite perfume the wine has, which reaches a high point in McLaren Vale. It’s an ambassador for Australia because, outside of the Rhône Valley, no other region can match what Australia offers.”

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# FANTASTIC FORTIFIED

Dig a little deeper and there's a world of fortified wine to discover here. Put simply, fortified wine is a wine to which a distilled spirit such as brandy has been added. There are many styles to sip, and here are some gems.



## HORNDALE WINERY

### Happy Valley

If only walls could talk. There's deep history to be found at Horndale. The winery has produced fortifieds since it was founded in 1896 and offers everything from Aged Tawny to Cream Apera, Whiskey Barrel Port, Apera, Frontignac, Muscat, and Choc Cherry Tawny, Choc Orange Tawny, and a Coffee Tawny. You can also buy Aged Tawny in bulk. Who doesn't want five litres of liquid gold?

## KAY BROTHERS

### McLaren Vale

Prepare for a fortified immersion of the experiential kind. Kay Brothers' Fortified Tasting Experience traverses the iconic brand's Founders' Old Tawny, Grand Liqueur Muscat and Grand Liqueur Muscat. After such decadence, a moment of relaxation on the rolling lawns is necessary. Breathe deep and take in the vineyard views.

## BATTLE OF BOSWORTH WINES

### McLaren Vale

Prepare yourself to be bowled over. As varieties go, Touriga Nacional has the potential to make an opulent fortified. The Battle of Bosworth Vintage Fortified Touriga does exactly that. The red variety from Portugal has long been known for the production of vintage European ports and increasingly, dry red wines. Battle of Bosworth's Vintage Fortified Cabernet Sauvignon (with some Viognier thrown in) is a doozy.

## YANGARRA

### McLaren Vale

In exciting news, Yangarra Estate Vineyards released a 40 Year Old Tawny which was launched at the inaugural Neat Sips Festival held in McLaren Vale in August 2024. Fans of the iconic brand now have even more reason to seek out the new cellar door.





Hardys Tintara

**HARDYS TINTARA**

**McLaren Vale**

The Hardys Rare Fortified Tasting Experience allows visitors to taste four unique styles of fortified wines produced by the iconic wine brand for more than 100 years. The wines are paired with local Menz FruChocs chocolates. Definitely some flavours to savour here, and best to allow 45 minutes for the tasting experience.

**FOGGO**

**McLaren Vale**

Imagine the scene; you've laid out a cheese platter and poured a nip of bright, fresh Foggo 'Young Gun' White Fortified to go with it. Or, for a refreshing twist, over the rocks with a dash of lime to sip as the sun goes down. The fortified-loving Foggo crew also produce a rich 'Oblivion' Syrah Fortified made with Shiraz, 'The Gilded Goddess' Apera (yum), the Foggo Golden Muscat (Christmas pudding in a bottle) and a late harvest golden botrytis called Foggo's Little Sweetie. There's also 'The Quiet Achiever' Tawny made using apricots, peaches and juicy nectarines.

**BEACH ROAD WINES**

**McLaren Vale**

In addition to a dizzyingly exciting portfolio of wines, winemaker Briony Hoare also makes a small but stunning offering of fortifieds. A must try is the Beach Road Pedro Ximenez for thick, rich, scrumptious toffee, dried fig and quince flavours. Just 600 bottles are produced each year. Or, if broody dark chocolate and coffee flavours are more your thing, the Beach Road Grand Tawny is just the ticket. Pair it with a cheese platter.

**PIRRAMIMMA**

**McLaren Vale**

The Pirramimma team respects tradition and more than 130 years of family winemaking when ageing their fortified wines through a solero barrel maturation system. There's plenty to choose from at the historic winery and cellar door. The Digby Rare Old Fortified, the Geoffrey 12 Year Old Liqueur (first released in 1957, the rich Aged Tawny, the Vintage Fortified Shiraz 2018, and complex Aged White Fortified.

**HASELGROVE**

**McLaren Vale**

There's no better place to sample Haselgrove's The Old Nut Fortified than its rooftop cellar door. The rare gem is has been made from a secret blend of McLaren Vale Shiraz and Grenache since 1981. Just 1000 bottles are produced each year. It's history in a bottle and captures a moment in time.

**BERESFORD ESTATE**

**McLaren Flat**

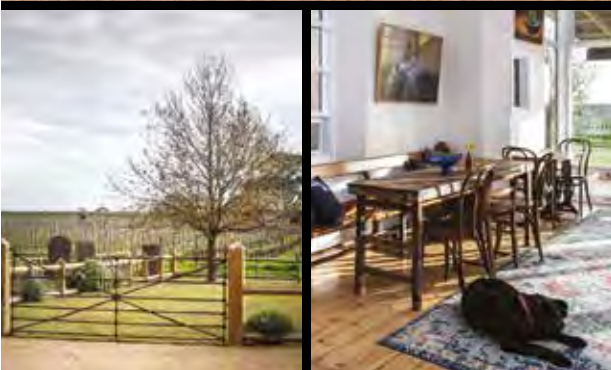
Head to the Beresford Estate Grand Pavilion to try the Galway Pipe Bourbon Barrel Tawny 10-Year Old which was named Best Wine at the prestigious Frankfurt International Trophy 2024. The Galway Pipe Grand Tawny 12 Year Old turned heads too when it received the Grand Gold award. Try them with a side of storytelling during the one-hour flight of four Galway Pipe fortified wine.



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MUST TRY

The Coffee & Cacao Gin makes an exceptional Espresso Martini.

## GINNY PIG DISTILLERY

### McLaren Vale

In 2023, Ginny Pig Botanic Gin was announced 'Best Overall Gin' at the San Francisco World Spirits Awards. What a ride it's been since co-owners Bec and Craig Cooper launched their business with what is known as the Ginny Pig Hot x Bun Gin, as they kicked production off in suburbia. Their approach is small batch and traditional, using botanicals such as juniper, lemon myrtle, rosemary, Tasmanian pepper berry and elderflower. Taste their range, which also includes a Ginny Pink Gin, a Spiced Fig Gin, and a Blueberry Gin, at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre. The gins are paired with garnish and tonic (or upgrade your gin flight by pairing it with local artisan cheeses), and best enjoyed on the deck overlooking lush lawns and rolling vineyards.

MUST TRY

The contemporary Ginny Pig Meridian Gin makes a refreshing G&T or stellar martini.

## SALOPIAN INN

### McLaren Vale

This iconic restaurant is adored for many reasons, gin is one of them. The Salopian Inn currently stocks over 230 different gins from around the globe and Australia, with co-owner and gin enthusiast Alex Marchetti at the helm of a delightfully intoxicating drinks menu. Expect diversity and plenty of imagination. The Salopian Inn also produces its own gin in collaboration with KI Spirits. The non-alcoholic 'cocktail' list is exceptional, too.

#### MUST TRY

**Too many to choose from but you can't go past the classic Dirty Martini or a Chocotini (chocolate gin and orange curacao) to finish.**

## OLIVER'S TARANGA

### McLaren Vale

Winemaker Corrina Wright isn't one to rest on her laurels. The McLaren Vale-based winemaker added small batch gin to the offering when the team's orchard produced an abundance of quinces and oranges. Unsurprisingly, it bursts with dried quince flavours and finishes smooth. Find it at the newly renovated Oliver's Taranga cellar door.

#### MUST TRY

**Add tonic and fresh thyme and you're good to go.**

## SOUL BIRD DISTILLING

### Willunga

The Shifty Lizard founders are a multi-talented team. A spirits range called Soul Bird is produced alongside their much-loved beer at their "brewstillery". Their experimental recipe batches and bottled products are available at Shifty Lizard, alongside laid-back vibes and an exciting menu (including fried chicken wings that regulars can't get enough of).

#### MUST TRY

**The Clover Club is a delicious mix of Soul Bird Gin, Chambord, lemon juice, and house-made raspberry syrup. Popular is an understatement.**

## NEAT SPIRITS

### McLaren Vale

The team at this boutique gin distillery and cellar door (part of Foggo Wines) takes inspiration from the landscape around it. Juicy lemons on the tree near their cottage, mulberries from a nearby farm, a friend's Kangarilla vineyard, and grapefruit and blood oranges from a heritage orchard in McLaren Vale. The small batch gins boast botanicals that grow wild around the chook house. Herbs are picked fresh from their veggie patch and sourced from local suppliers. Embark on gin and vodka tastings (including the Neat Signature Gin and Neat Tangerine Dream Gin) and cocktails every weekend.

#### MUST TRY

**Neat Mulberry Gin with soda or tonic. It's delightfully tart and rich.**



Neat Spirits



## Also try

**Beresford Spirit Tasting  
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Willunga Hotel Gin Paddle  
Ekhidna Gin Flight**

## Enjoy a drink without the alcohol

- Non-alcoholic Gin & Tonic, Wirra Wirra
- Peachy Keen Mocktail or Citrus Shrub, Chalk Hill Collective
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# CHEERS TO CRAFT BEER

**Not into wine? No worries. McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast's craft beer scene has boomed in recent years, with many venues offering family-friendly spaces to spend an afternoon.**

## SHIFTY LIZARD

### Willunga

What started as a hobby brewing beer in his shed with mates has flourished into a must-visit craft beer destination for Lee Stone. He opened the "Shifty" in 2016 with a few frothies and toasted sandwiches. Today, Shifty Lizard draws crowds for its quirky-named brews and belly-filling fare – think burgers and loaded fries. There's also kids' meals and games, and a beer garden.

- ◆ **Always on tap:** Brewski (mid-strength), Sesh'n Ale and Stouty McStout Face
- ◆ **Best seller:** Sesh'n Ale
- ◆ **Must try:** Bruce Lee-Zard (West Coast IPA)
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**



Vale Brewing Taphouse

## VALE BREWING TAPHOUSE

### McLaren Flat

Having been with Vale Brewing since the early years, head brewer Jeff Wright helped pave the way for the South Australian craft beer movement. Today, Vale Brewing is part of an immersive experience that includes sophisticated dining and sensational views. The classic Vale tasting flight includes their award-winning signature brews, from the original Vale Ale to the summer hero Tropic Ale, which was named Best Pale Ale at the 2022 World Beer Awards.

- ◆ **Always on tap:** Tropic Ale
- ◆ **Most popular:** Vale Ale
- ◆ **Must try:** Vale Crisp Lager
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**

## GOODIESON BREWERY

### McLaren Vale

Jeff and Mary Goodieson got a taste for craft beer while travelling Europe. Upon returning home to Australia, Jeff set out to create his own top quality brew and the rest, as they say, is history. Do try their summer seasonals, such as LemonPale and Mango NEIPA, or opt for a belly-warming stout in cooler months. Curate your own tasting paddle and take in the views across the vineyards to the southern Mount Lofty Ranges.

- ◆ **Always on tap:** Seasonal beer
- ◆ **Best seller:** Pilsner
- ◆ **Must try:** Coffee stout (winter); Pilsner (summer)
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**



## SOUTH COAST BREWING AND CHUBBY UNICORN

### Willunga

A creative spirit led Brett Doonan to open his own South Coast Brewing, which now coexists with Chubby Unicorn Brewing in Willunga. Its original Session Ale remains popular but there's plenty on offer here, including a range of spirits and hard lemonade. Go check it out for yourself – there's even a mini golf course to enjoy.

- ◆ **Always on tap:** Session Ale
- ◆ **Best seller:** Hard lemonade
- ◆ **Must try:** Stave (oat spirit)
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**

## LANDBAR

### Christies Beach

From the crew that brings popular Christies Beach outdoor pop-up The SandBAR, comes The LandBAR – a new, year-round bar that co-owner Tim Stewart wants to be known as the destination for local beer. As well as their rotating selection of local labels, they're serving up their own branded brews including the LandBAR Lager – a crisp, easy-drinking beer, plus the SandBAR Session Ale and SandBAR Golden Ale, brewed by South Coast Brewing.

- ◆ **Always on tap:** LandBAR Lager and SandBAR Session Ale
- ◆ **Best seller:** LandBAR Lager
- ◆ **Must try:** Forktree Seabreeze Ale and Chubby Unicorn Hard Lemonade (Vodka)
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**



## EKHIDNA

### McLaren Vale

Matt Rechner first noticed a gap in the market for beer at cellar doors some 12 years ago, when not all his visitors were wine drinkers. Today, Ekhidna produces five beers – wheat, IPA, dark ale, 50/50 (half wheat, half ginger) and ginger. There's also a cider, restaurant dining, lawn games and soda flights for the kids.

- ◆ **Most popular:** Wheat beer
- ◆ **Must try:** Ginger beer
- ◆ **Always on tap:** You'll find it all
- ✓ **Tasting paddles**

## MITOLO

### McLaren Vale

While best known for its wine and drawcard restaurants, family-run Mitolo has released its first beer, inspired by the classic lagers of Italy. The Super Italia Lager brings together the best of two worlds, blending Australian malt with European hops to create an easy drinking beer with floral aromas and crisp bitterness.

- ◆ **Super Italia Lager - Cans are exclusively available at the cellar door.**



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Start your journey at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre for insider tips on the region's best kept secrets. While wine is undoubtedly at the heart of McLaren Vale, its soul lies in its rich history, vibrant community, and a blend of tradition and innovation.

A walk along the town's bustling mainstreet will uncover art galleries, fashion boutiques, and homeware stores. There's also a good selection of pubs, cafes and restaurants serving up fresh, local flavours that will leave you craving more. Parks and playgrounds nearby ensure the kids are entertained too.

Whether sipping on award-winning wines, exploring local shops, or simply soaking in the stunning landscapes, take your time, talk to the locals and immerse yourself into the McLaren Vale way of life.

## Eat & drink

For outstanding coffee try Kicco. Bracegirdles is the go-to for chocolate goodness and The Cottage Bakery serves up quality pastries. Manna, Oscars and Tin Shed Café are local favourites for lunch and dinner.

## Stay a while

Why not make it a weekend or longer? McLaren Vale has cosy and unique accommodation options including McLaren Vale Studio Apartments, TerraFirma B&B and Vale 194. There's also the McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments equipped with a pool and outdoor barbecue area.

## Shop local

There's a shop for everyone in McLaren Vale. Find new threads at the Bloke Shop, Gorgeous Soles and Country Life Fashion. Green thumbs are well catered for at McLaren Vale Garden Centre and the Organic Store is sure to delight. Harvest Studio, Unveiling SA and Mini Jumbuck are popular with the locals and not to be missed.

## The essentials

For your everyday needs, McLaren Vale's main street also offers essential services like Meeting Place McLaren Vale a coworking space, Harris Real Estate, McLaren Vale Podiatry, Fleurieu Hearing, Terry White Chemist, Salon Sonder, and the barbers.

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# WANDER WILLUNGA

**Willunga exudes charm and a welcoming warmth, making you feel instantly at home. With its lush trees, fresh air, rich history, delicious food and produce, and stunning scenery, Willunga is a must visit.**

Saturday mornings are all about the markets in Willunga. The Willunga Farmers Market is South Australia's first and is held every Saturday at the Willunga High School from 8am-12noon, rain or shine. Here you'll find the freshest produce, meats, cheeses, bread and flowers. Allow time to wander, talk to the growers and soak up the atmosphere.

High Street is the bustling heart of Willunga and the perfect place to wander, absorb the town's character and watch the world go by. The historic buildings along High Street are a reminder of yesteryear. There's always something new to discover and Willunga promises an escape that feeds the soul and fuels the imagination.

## Cafés and pastry

Try Terre Café for excellent coffee, Tealicious Cakes for delectable cupcakes and high tea or Willunga Bakery for a true country pie. The Green Room offers plant-based goodness and wholesome vibes.

## Feeling thirsty?

A craft beer tasting paddle at Shifty Lizard or South Coast Brewery is the perfect way to spend a lazy afternoon. For wine lovers, Hither & Yon and Battle of Bosworth offer excellent tasting experiences.

## Hungry for more?

Head to Moongarden or Russell's Pizza (need to book) for delicious wood oven pizza, or Willunga Hotel and The Alma Hotel for quality pub fare. The Farm Willunga, Vigna Bottin and Andy's Place focus on local produce and serve up food straight from the heart.

## Shopping spree

For fashionistas, Spock Sisters, I Am Tall Poppy, The Jewellery Room and Coco & Raj will surprise and delight.

For something unique try Kookery or Whatever at Willunga and for a taste of the arts, browse the local galleries including Willunga Glass Studio and Off the Slate Gallery.

## Events galore

Willunga buzzes with events year-round. In January, the Tour Down Under draws cycling enthusiasts from far and wide. Other highlights include the Fleurieu Beer Festival, Chilli Festival, Jigsaw Mania and the Almond Blossom Festival. The Fleurieu Folk Festival and Willunga Hill Climb add even more excitement and entertainment to the town later in the year.

## Rest your head

Willunga is more than just a day trip. Stay at charming spots like Blue Heart Studio, Willunga Gallery Cabins, or the peaceful Mulberry Lodge.

# A slice of Italy

in the McLaren Vale region

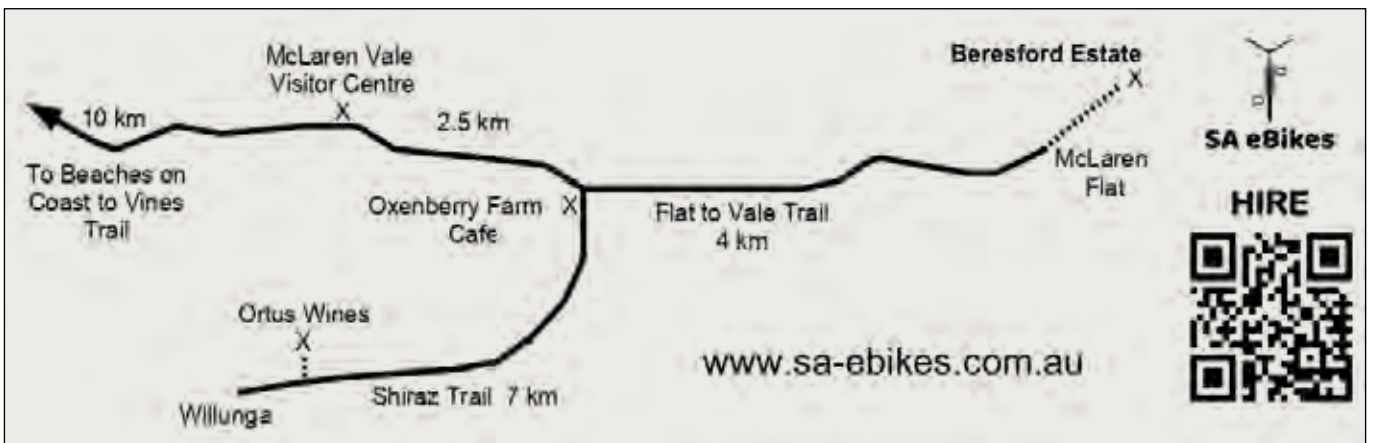
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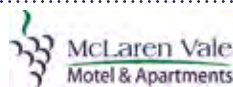
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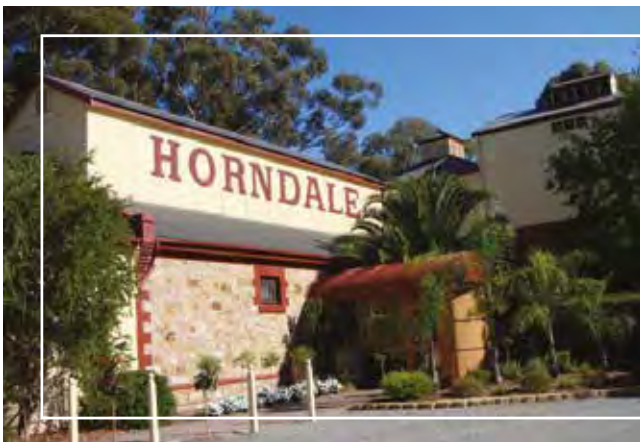
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## KOOKERY

### Willunga

Kookery is for the fun foodie. If you love food, coffee, baking, gardening or vintage then Kookery is your slice of paradise. With a huge array of kitchen wares and unique items, you'll want one of everything. No trip to McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is complete without stopping at Kookery and taking home one of their very punny tea towels.

## COCO AND RAJ

### Willunga

Located at the start of High Street in Willunga, Coco and Raj offers an eclectic mix of stunning clothing, jewellery and homewares. They also stock beautiful fabrics, quilts, cushions and lampshades. Bev, the owner, takes pride in selecting quality fabric remnants and rolls. The diverse mix of products and designs will keep you coming back for more.



Kookery



McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

## MCLAREN VALE AND FLEURIEU COAST VISITOR CENTRE

### McLaren Vale

The Visitor Centre is the ideal spot to pick up a holiday keepsake, or a special gift for loved ones back home. Specialising in locally sourced products, the range includes everything from candles, prints and hand painted timber ornaments by local Aboriginal artist, Micky Barlow, alongside stunning metal works by Manning Sculptures. The centre also stocks an array of handcrafted jewellery, hand creams, printed scarves, and unique souvenirs.



## GORGEOUS SOLES

### McLaren Vale

In the heart of McLaren Vale, Gorgeous Soles is your destination for that perfect outfit. This boutique offers a collection of carefully curated unique, fashion-forward pieces inspired by global trends. With a focus on high-quality, limited-edition footwear and apparel, there's always something new to discover.

## BOTANISTA

### Port Noarlunga

Botanista is a green thumbs paradise! Specialising in terrarium creations, terrarium supplies, DIY kits and gardening gifts, Botanista is South Australia's only speciality terrarium store. Can't find what you're looking for? You can make your very own creation at the Botanista Terrarium Bar. Botanista also offers a range of creative workshops, held in the secret garden classroom on weekends throughout the year.



## EMPRADES VINTAGE AND DESIGN

### Clarendon

Tucked away in the leafy main street of Clarendon is Emprades Vintage and Design. Full of design-driven statement pieces, including an amazing selection of Danish vintage delights, lighting, ceramics, jewellery, glassware, art deco pieces and antique Edwardian treasures. This gem is an absolute must visit for anyone who loves finding pieces that surprise and delight. Explore Emprades unique range of antiques, jewellery, furniture, glass and ceramics.

## ALDINGA CENTRAL

### Aldinga

Aldinga Central offers a bit of everything. Start at Drakes supermarket for local goodies perfect for a platter or picnic. Surf Esteem has the latest beachwear, and Euphoria Small Business Collective offer homewares and gifts. For a quick bite, choose from fish and chips, Asian, or Italian. Don't forget to visit the butcher for something special for the barbecue.

## WILLUNGA GLASS STUDIO AND OFF THE SLATE GALLERY

### Willunga

The eclectic and affordably priced range of paintings, blacksmithery, mosaics, woodwork, textiles and pottery on display is a must-see for anyone exploring the Willunga township. Often the artists will work in the gallery, so visitors can meet the maker and gain firsthand knowledge of the creative process.



Emprades Vintage and Design

## Looking for more shopping hot spots?

- I am Tall Poppy, Willunga
- Small Poppy, McLaren Vale
- The Jewellery Room, Willunga
- Check out Gawler Street, Port Noarlunga, a local hotspot for boho fashion and new trends
- Beach Road, Christies Beach always has new treasures to discover



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# CREATIVE CULTURE

Explore and experience the creative fabric of the region, weaving across McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast uncovering the many talents and gems.

## FLEURIEU ARTHOUSE ———

### McLaren Vale

Situated in the beautiful grounds of historic winery Hardys Tintara in the main street of McLaren Vale, the Fleurieu Arthouse offers a rich art experience. Here you'll find a design store, gallery, artist's studios, cafe, and bookstore, showcasing a range of local art, accessories, homewares and gifts. Join one of the workshops or classes, watch an artist work in their studio, wander and browse the exhibitions or simply relax with a coffee or wine from Hardys Tintara.



Fleurieu Arthouse



Willunga Glass Studio. Photo: Andy Rasheed

## STUMP HILL GALLERY (VISITOR CENTRE) ———

### McLaren Vale

A great place to start an arts and cultural experience is Stump Hill Gallery located in the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre at the gateway to McLaren Vale. Discover the talented artisan community living in the Fleurieu region, with exhibitions changing every six weeks or so, spanning the range of visual arts. There's also a distillery door and café on site too, as well as a retail gift shop proudly showcasing local and regional artisan works and produce.

## WILLUNGA GLASS STUDIO AND OFF THE SLATE GALLERY ———

### Willunga

For lovers of art, this combined arts hub is not to be missed. The studio is home to local artist Glenn Howlett, who's stunning blown, kiln-fired and leadlight glass artworks share gallery space with artwork by members of Off the Slate Gallery collective. Recently expanded to double the size, the studio and gallery features an amazing collection of unique arts and gifts, made by local and regional artists. Any questions about the art, chat to one of the artists who are always in the studio and gallery.



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## WILLUNGA GALLERY

### Willunga

When looking for something a little different, the Willunga Gallery could well be the place. Housed inside a beautiful, heritage listed building is an artistic world just waiting to be discovered. The gallery showcases the work of Australian artists, designers, makers and creatives, but taking a tour of the fabulous Card Room Collection is a must. From quirky to poetic, sentimental to beautiful and all things in between, there's a perfect card for any occasion.

## ARTS, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

### Various locations

There are many great festival, events and exhibitions that occur across McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast. Here's a few to keep an eye out for:

### Fleurieu Biennale Art Prize

Presented every two years the flagship event has a long and proud history, bringing together some of the finest local and interstate visual artists with the best of the region's food, wine, beaches and countryside.

### South Australian

#### Living Artists Festival (SALA)

Every August the region joins in celebrating and showcasing its thriving visual artists community, with exhibitions in galleries, studios, cellar doors and local businesses. A great time to be in the region.

### Fleurieu Film Festival

An annual competitive short film festival, culminating in a finale film night set under the region's beautiful stars, highlighting new and emerging filmmakers and showcasing their work.

### Paint and Sip or Wine and Weave

Pop up sessions at local wineries and galleries, always a fun way to spend an afternoon.

## Other great galleries to visit:

- Port Noarlunga Art Gallery
- Sauerbier House, Port Noarlunga
- Red Poles, McLaren Vale



Heart of Industry

## The heart of the Vale

Dotted throughout McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast are over 200 public art pieces expressing and sharing the story of the region. Here's one that caught our eye.

### Heart of Industry by Trevor Wren and Danica Gacesa-McLean

Celebrating McLaren Vale as the heart of the South Australian wine industry, an impressive public artwork is fittingly located in the heart of McLaren Vale's main street.

The intrinsic design features a suspended bunch of Shiraz like grapes, which is also similar in shape to the human heart. Whilst the supports have a role to play holding the suspended grapes, they also are integral to the design, symbolising and creating a wineglass, which appears at certain angles when moving around the artwork. The supports also represent the free spirited and organic growth of grapevines, as well as their roots tapping searching for water and nutrients.

The artwork has been elevated and stands five metres tall, encouraging people to wander in and around as well as under the sculpture. **Find the best angle and share your pics #ValeandCoast.**

Photo: Danica Gacesa-McLean.

## WILLUNGA GLASS STUDIO



## OFF THE SLATE GALLERY

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Old Chaff Mill  
Retreat.  
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# INSPIRING STAYS

Be spoilt for choice when planning a McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast getaway. From budget friendly to the ultimate relaxation and retreat, find your piece of vineyard or coastal paradise.

## OLD CHAFF MILL RETREAT

### Sellicks Hill

When in need of rest, relaxation and a little pampering, immerse in Old Chaff Mill's luxury boutique accommodation, with guests rating it as one of the best places they have ever stayed. Two fully self-contained suites, The Millery and The Granary, are nestled amongst the trees, enjoying views overlooking the organic shiraz vineyard, where the grapevines

ultimately meet the sea. Both suites have been lovingly restored and exquisitely appointed - where history meets style - reflecting the heritage of the property's former life as a chaff mill. There's also a day spa onsite offering a range of pamper packages using organic, natural products from the region. Bliss!

## VALE 194

### McLaren Vale

These beautifully appointed and bespoke holiday houses are in the heart of McLaren Vale's main street, offer a retreat with an alpine feel featuring majestic bluestone frontages. The five homes each provide three comfortable bedrooms with king size beds and two bathrooms. Featuring fully equipped kitchens, laundry facilities and outdoor spaces, including an undercover dining area and a barbecue, Vale 194 offers a stunning home away from home experience.

## MCLAREN VALE GETAWAYS

### McLaren Flat

When seeking a country escape and self-contained accommodation, Clements House and Hillside House don't disappoint. Set on separate acreage amongst the vineyards, Clements House is one of the original homesteads in the area which has been beautifully renovated, offering four cosy bedrooms, rustic interior and spacious outdoor area. Hillside House is just as the name suggests, perched atop a gentle hill with gorgeous views across the vineyards to Mount Lofty Ranges, offering a recently renovated modern three-bedroom home.



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**MCLAREN VALE MOTEL AND APARTMENTS**

**McLaren Vale**

Located at the entrance to McLaren Vale, it's ideally positioned as a great base to explore the region. A range of accommodation styles cater to groups and larger families as well as couples and single travellers across their 44 rooms, together with an outdoor barbecue area and swimming pool to relax and unwind. Two accessible rooms are also available. All rooms are spacious, light, and airy, with all the expected modern comforts.

**SERAFINO**

**McLaren Vale**

Set amongst a tranquil lake, gorgeous vines and 200-year-old gum trees, Serafino is the perfect place to stay, relax, and indulge. Offering a range of room types, including an accessible room, the 30 rooms located on the property provide seclusion, privacy and comfort. A popular choice is the deluxe spa room, which all overlook the gardens, gum trees and swimming pool.



**BERESFORD SUITES AND VILLAS**

**McLaren Flat**

The stunning suites and villas at Beresford Estate enjoy spectacular views across the vineyard valley. The villas, Shiraz and Grenache named after famous varieties in the wine region, offer luxury, tranquillity and privacy combined with sophisticated design. The Shiraz Villa delivers studio living at its finest, whilst the Grenache Villa is a fully self-contained original 19th century cottage that has been beautifully remodelled. The Suites exceed expectations featuring luxury studio accommodation boasting kitchenettes, indoor and outdoor living spaces as well as two accessible suites. Whether seeking a secluded private plunge pool and outdoor lounging area, or an outdoor terrace offering a private entertaining area, unwind and create your own oasis.



Beresford Suites and Villas

**COAST MOTEL AND APARTMENTS**

**Port Noarlunga South**

Dreaming of an idyllic coastal location? Found it! Coast Motel and Apartments are opposite the beach offering sweeping sea views from the first floor. Featuring 15 spacious self-contained modern studio apartments with kitchens and large windows to maximise the view, it's popular and books quickly. This beautifully appointed coastal haven is a winner any time of the year.

sites, powered and unpowered sites.

It's a family pleaser for a reason with fantastic facilities including camp kitchen, swimming pool, giant jumping pillow, mini golf, playgrounds, tennis court & games room.

**BIG4 PORT WILLUNGA TOURIST PARK**

**Aldinga**

A family favourite closely located to the famous Maslin Beach. Enjoy a range of accommodation options including glamping tents, cabins, OzShacks, ensuite caravan

**CHRISTIES BEACH TOURIST PARK**

**Christies Beach**

It's one of the best kept secrets south of Adelaide! Located right on the beachfront, with the sound of the waves lapping as you drift off to sleep and amazing coastal and sea views at sunrise and sunset. This small, boutique park features cabins, powered sites, barbecue area, camp kitchen, children's playground, pedal carts and lawn games for hire. It won't be a secret for long!



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Divine Domes. Photo: Harry Vick.

**DIVINE DOMES**

**McLaren Vale**

Escape the ordinary and plan an ultimate getaway. These four luxurious and unique geodesic domes are the first of their kind in South Australia and have been designed with every touch of comfort in mind. Each dome has been exquisitely themed and includes a king size bed, private ensuite, fireplaces and claw foot bath on the dome's private deck. An accessible dome is also available. And what makes these domes so unique? During the cooler weather the protective roof cover to be uncovered, revealing the universe above. Simply star-tacular!

**MICK O'SHEA'S**

**Hackham**

Your next escape awaits and just a short drive from McLaren Vale. Choose from premier king rooms to 2-bedroom suites, each with a private bathroom and corner spa. Relax in the sunny gardens, enjoy a meal in the hotel, or opt for cheeky room service. When the winter chill hits, cozy up to the hotel's open fireplace inside and enjoy a nightcap or maybe two!

**MOANA BEACH TOURIST PARK**

**Moana**

Location, location, location right on the beach with direct beach access, pull out the deck chair and relax and unwind. This well laid out spacious park has been home

**Need help finding accommodation?**

The local specialists at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre offer a free accommodation and tour booking service. Freecall 1800 628 410 or visit [www.valeandcoast.com.au](http://www.valeandcoast.com.au)

to generations of family fun. Check out their new fully equipped camp kitchen with four barbecues. Offering cabin villas and grassy powered sites - some with a drive through option, it's best to get in early to secure a prime spot.



## COAST MOTEL AND APARTMENTS

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# A WEEKEND ADVENTURE

Just a short drive from Adelaide, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is calling you and your family for a fun-filled adventure. So, pack your bags, gather the kids (and your furry friend too if you have one!) and enjoy a getaway that will create lasting memories.

## Friday wind down

Before you check in to your accommodation for the weekend, a trip to the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre is a must. Packed with information and local secrets, their volunteers boast years of combined experience, so they know the best things to do.

Once you've gathered the local insights and got a great weekend plan together, head to your accommodation. Here's a few favourites:

### Moana Beach Tourist Park

Located on the doorstep of Moana Beach, the park is dog friendly at some sites and the kids will love the go-karts and bikes available for hire. The large camp kitchen is great too.



Aldinga Beach

### Christies Beach Tourist Park

Positioned on a popular surf beach, the kids will enjoy the playground, and the sea views are pretty awesome too. Gather around the barbeque at the outdoor eating area and relax watching the sun go down.

### Big4 Port Willunga Tourist Park

Unwind with a local seafood platter and wine, while the kids take a dip in the swimming pool. Mini golf, tennis courts, and other activities ensure fun for the entire family.

### McLaren Vale Motel & Apartments

Located in the heart of the wine region, it offers a variety of rooms and apartments. Kids will love the solar-heated saltwater pool and movie nights on the big screen TV.

### Coast Motel and Apartments

Offers great family friendly accommodation at Port Noarlunga South, right across from the beach. Sunrise or sunset beach walks, with or without the kids are always a winner.

### Friday night dinner sorted

Take a well-earned break and enjoy a great meal out with the family. There's plenty of options that will appease even the fussiest of tastebuds. Here's a couple of top tips.

### Vigna Bottin, Willunga

Enjoy your own little slice of Italy! Indulge in their home style shared food and wine package, designed by Chef Angelo. They also know how to warm kids hearts with homemade pasta, topped with a secret meatball recipe from Nonna's kitchen! Yes please!

### Willunga Hotel

When seeking great pub fare with the choice of local wines and gin, this place has to be on the list. The tasty kids menu and beer garden are winners here. Check out the dessert Sundaes too!





## Saturday adventures

### Willunga Wonders

Let the action begin with a day full of adventure. From produce markets to sandy feet at the beach and everything in between. Family fun is how things are done in McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast.

### Farmers Market

Willunga Farmers Market is always buzzing on Saturday mornings. Grab a coffee, freshly squeezed juice or kombucha, visit the stallholders and load up on local goodies for a picnic lunch later. Don't forget to treat yourself to some lavender brownies – your taste buds will thank you.

### Wander Willunga

Just up the road from the Farmer's Market is great for wandering and exploring, with boutiques, gift shops and cafes. Not far from the main street, let the kids burn off some energy at the rose garden maze, playground, skate park and BMX track.



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### Wheelie good fun

Up for a little adventure? The Shiraz Trail between McLaren Vale and Willunga is a local favourite or try the Flat to Vale trail from McLaren Flat to McLaren Vale (as the name suggests!). Need to hire - E-bikes from SA eBikes at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre will have you covered.



## Get sandy on Route 31 Coastal Drive

There's nothing better than a beautiful sunny day at the beach. The kids can make their own fun building sandcastles, hunting for seashells, or enjoying a friendly game of beach cricket.

### Our favourites:

Port Willunga is where you can explore the caves, take a dip or hire a stand-up paddle board, or book in a lesson with SUP Down South, it's one of the best ways to experience the crystal-clear waters of Port Willunga.

Sellicks, Aldinga, Silver Sands and Moana are all drive on beaches, so no need to carry the beach umbrella.

Aldinga, Moana, South Port, Port Noarlunga, and Christies Beach are great swimming spots, patrolled by surf lifesavers on weekends during the warmer months.

Head to Port Noarlunga reef and go snorkelling or scuba diving, cast a line from the jetty or take kayaks for a paddle.

## Wineries for all

There are some top spots in McLaren Vale, where the kids have just as much fun as the adults (or big kids), here's a couple of kid friendly options that are great:

### Fox Creek Wines

With a huge lawn area, garden kitchen and bar, Fox Creek Wines is another top spot for a family adventure. Enjoy guided wine tastings and their delicious seasonal menu. There are fun lawn games for everyone to enjoy, and live music on the weekends. Dogs are welcome here too, so no guilt needed for leaving your four-legged friend at home.

### Gemtree Wines

Offering much more than a delicious glass of certified organic, biodynamic wine, take the kids for a stroll along the Eco Trail exploring the restored native bushland and wetlands, then make use of the playground and barbecue facilities. With stunning views stretching from rolling vineyards to the sea, you won't want to leave.



### Mamma Carmela, Port Noarlunga

Overlooking Port Noarlunga Beach, the kids will be well catered for with all the usual kids menu suspects found here. Think nuggets, schnitzel or fish all with chips, or pizza and pasta.

### Salopian Inn, McLaren Vale

If you are a family of foodies, a dining experience at the Salopian Inn is the perfect Saturday night dinner reservation. The dumplings could well be the best you'll ever have. Enjoy a few seasonal share-plates and sip on one of the 230 local or international gins on offer. Or select a bottle or two from the historic wine cellar if celebrations are in order.

### Pizzateca, McLaren Vale

Delicious Southern Italian style pizza, made with techniques passed down from generation to generation using locally sourced South Australian ingredients. Always a local favourite.

## Dine like a local

Dining out when you're on holidays is one of life's little treats. Enjoy the amazing local food and wine or even a local gin, while the kids are also devouring their tasty meals!



## Sunday relaxation

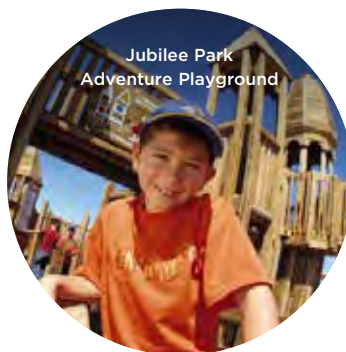
Slow Sunday mornings are a favourite in this region, so rise and shine with a relaxed morning or maybe another walk on the beach or early morning swim.

### Playground and picnic fun!

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is a playground paradise for families. Whether it's a simple park with swings, slippery dip, things to climb, or a huge adventure playground with never-ending activities, the fun just keeps on coming!

#### Jubilee Park, Port Noarlunga

Simply a must! It has a collection of castles, forts, slippery dips, swings, and a ball game space. You can sit back and relax, while the kids burn off a lot of energy. Located on the banks of the Onkaparinga River, with plenty of seating, shelter, barbecue facilities, plus walking and cycling tracks, it makes this park a standout. Don't forget to say g'day to Geronimo to the life-size giraffe!



Jubilee Park  
Adventure Playground

### Also try:

- Wilfred Taylor Reserve, Morphett Vale
- McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre Nature Play
- Frank Hilton Reserve, Maslin Beach.

### Time for a pitstop!

Knowing how it feels when the kids are famished after a big morning, we have you covered! Here's some of our top picks!

#### Tin Shed Cafe, McLaren Vale

If you're a fan of a good burger, then you are in the right place! Try the Carnivore, with two beef patties, bacon and cheese or if you like some spice, try the Jalepeno Cheeseburger! Vegetarian options available too.

#### The Cottage Bakery, McLaren Vale

You can't go on a family getaway without enjoying a bakery treat or even two! Delight in a chunky steak pie, or a butter chicken pie and of course you need a sweet treat. Try their waffles with nutella and icecream or a homemade cake or slice.

### All aboard - one last ride!

#### Morphett Vale Railway

Every second and fourth Sunday, take a ride aboard the MV miniature rail. The brightly coloured locomotives are sure to capture the kid's attention, all lovingly restored and polished ready for almost two kilometres of travel in a loop around a section of Wilfred Taylor Reserve. A definite winner!

As the time of your family getaway draws to a close, there'll be lots of joyous moments and fabulous memories to share with you friends and loved ones. Time to plan your next visit? You know where to find us, from vineyard picnics to beachside sunsets, this is just a taste of what McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast has to offer.



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# A WALK IN THE PARK

A refreshing walk in nature is the perfect complement to indulging in the finest food and drink the region offers. McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast boasts several remarkable National and Conservation Parks, each offering an array of trails and paths for all levels of explorers. From leisurely strolls to challenging hikes, there's something for everyone.

Onkaparinga River. Photo: Helen Birch

## Onkaparinga River National Park

Discover the stunning beauty of Onkaparinga River National Park, ideal for both casual strolls and more challenging hikes.

The Punchbowl Lookout Trail, a 2km return walk, offers breathtaking views of the gorge and valley, and is accessible to all, including those with prams or limited mobility. For seasoned hikers, the Gorge Hike provides a rewarding challenge over 6km, descending to the river and taking approximately four hours. Along the way, you might encounter native wildlife such as birds, koalas, kangaroos, possums, and occasionally, an echidna.

The park also connects with the Willunga Basin Trail. The trail covers over 130kms and creates a loop taking in wine country, historic townships and coastal landscapes. Enjoy a half day section at a time or the full trail will take five to six days. Challenging but very rewarding.



## Mount Bold Reservoir Reserve

It's claim to fame – it's the largest reservoir in South Australia and is easily accessible. Drive in and park and be treated to some spectacular natural landscapes and wildlife. There's more than 160 native animals calling Mount Bold home, including the Southern Brown Bandicoot.

For the explorers, there's 13kms of trails to wander, ranging from a short 1.4km return walk to the viewing platform or more challenging hikes that weave through a pine plantation and native vegetation, with sweeping views over the water.



## Happy Valley Reservoir

With 20kms of trails taking you along the water's edge, through pine forests, native fauna and open grassy areas, exploring Happy Valley Reservoir is a great way to switch off for few hours.

Choose to take the longest of the trail - the 11km Shoreline Loop or one of the shorter options. They all offer spectacular scenery. For the more adventurous, bring a fishing rod, kayak or mountain bike. Don't forget to pack a picnic, there's plenty of great spots to stop.

There are two main car parks, one on the western side of Berkeley Road and the other on the southern side, off the roundabout connecting Kenihans Road to Chandlers Hill Road.

## Glenthorne National Park

Located on Majors Road in O'Halloran Hill, Glenthorne National Park offers a range of short hikes with panoramic views and opportunities to relax and listen to the sounds of nature.

Back at the visitor hub there's one of the biggest nature play spaces in South Australia with three large slides, Aboriginal carvings and totems, rope and log climbing and a 25m long flying fox. There's also barbecues and picnic areas, perfect for a family day out in nature.

## Aldinga Conservation Park

Discover the natural beauty of Aldinga Conservation Park, an area of cultural significance to the Kaurna People and home to a diverse array of rare plant species.

There are four difference trails to choose from, ranging from 1.1km to 4.8km which are suitable for most ages and fitness levels.

As you wander, keep an ear out for the many animals and more than 166 different bird species that call the park home including mistletoe birds, rainbow bee-eaters, brown goshawks and golden whistlers.

Aldinga Conservation Park is located 46km south of Adelaide, a small car park is located on the corner of Fraser and Dover Streets.

## Kayak Bliss

**Onkaparinga River is perfect to paddle out to where the river meets the sea at South Port. Paddlers can launch at either Wearing Street or further upstream at River Road Park.**



Onkaparinga River



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## On your bike

**Discover the picturesque landscapes of McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast on an e-bike adventure. Feel the wind in your hair as you pedal at your own pace or let the e-bike do the work while enjoying the stunning scenery.**

### Willunga to Aldinga

Explore the newly built 6km trail from Willunga to Aldinga. The trail is mostly flat, making for an easy ride between the two charming towns. From Willunga, follow the trail out of the town heading toward Aldinga. You'll follow Aldinga Road to Flower Mill Road which will bring you to Main South Road, Aldinga. From here head to the Old Coach Road Precinct for a coffee or pastry and maybe a spot of shopping. For those eager to ride a little further, continue to the turquoise waters of Port Willunga Beach

for a refreshing dip. Head back to Willunga and quench your thirst with a craft beer from Shifty Lizard.

### McLaren Vale to McLaren Flat

If riding through vineyards, spotting a kangaroo or two and stopping for a glass of wine sounds like you, then the Flat to Vale trail is a must. Beginning at the McLaren Vale Sports Complex, this trail connects to the Shiraz Trail and onto the Coast to Vines Rail Trail.

The trail is mainly an off road shared used path, where there's plenty of spots to stop for a picnic or packed lunch along the trail, or head to Foggo Road (just a short detour off the trail) where you'll find Foggo Footsteps. What's Foggo Footsteps? It's a collective of small cellar doors and includes Foggo Wines and Neat Spirits, Haselgrove Wines, Hastwell & Lightfoot, Somos Wines and The Confessional. They are all in close proximity to one another and even quicker to get to by bike!

### Shiraz Trail

The Shiraz Trail runs between McLaren Vale and Willunga, connecting with the Flat to Vale Trail, Willunga to Aldinga Trail and Coast to Vines Rail Trail. This is a relatively flat trail so you can soak in the scenery as you pass rows of vines, the odd kangaroo and some sheep grazing in the paddocks. With cellar doors located close by, there's lots of opportunities for a stop or two along the way.

### Witton Bluff Base Trail (coming soon)

The Witton Bluff Base Trail connects Port Noarlunga and Christies Beach via an elevated boardwalk over the limestone shelf. The trail follows along the base of the cliffs between the two townships offering stunning views of the ocean. The best part, there's excellent cafés at both Christies Beach and Port Noarlunga for a post exercise latte. It's anticipated that the trail will be completed in 2025.

### E-Bike hire

Hiring an e-bike is easy through SA eBikes, owned and operated by Willunga locals. Bikes can be picked up from the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, Oxenberry Farm, Gemtree Wines or delivered to your accommodation.

## Keen for more two-wheel action?

The Coast to Vines Rail Trail is one of the most popular trails, as it offers a longer 35km ride, following the route of the original Rail Corridor from Marino to Willunga. Offering amazing clifftop views and picturesque countryside before reaching wine country. It's a great ride any time of year, as the seasons change across the spectacular landscape.



Willunga Golf Course

**Four! Great golf courses**

**The region is spoilt for choice when it comes to golf. With four courses to choose from, the Willunga Golf Course is a great place to start and very popular amongst the golfing community.**

**Willunga Golf Course**

The public golf course offers one of the most picturesque courses in the region, amongst historic gum trees and a meandering creek with superb views of the vines and Mount Lofty Ranges.

The par 70 course delivers 18 challenging holes with lush tree lined fairways and expansive grass greens and has hosted the national Webex Players Series.

The onsite pro shop offers ball hire, clubs and motorised carts and equipment hire, as well as private golf lessons.

Prefer a little practice, no problems. The course has a driving range, large practice putting green and two practice nets. If you want to take a sneak peak of the course in advance, there is a hole-by-hole video on their website.

Enjoy the 19th hole with the newly renovated bistro offering light meals, sit inside or outside on the patio taking advantage of the stunning surrounds.

**Other courses in the region include:**

- Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, Flagstaff Hill
- Thaxted Park Golf Club, Woodcroft
- The Vines Golf Club of Reynella, Happy Valley

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# COAST WITH THE MOST

**McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast has 31km of white sand, turquoise water and golden cliffs to explore. The townships dotted along the coast all have a unique personality of their own which keeps visitors returning to the coast year after year.**

## CHRISTIES BEACH

Complete with a unique beachside shopping precinct in a picture-perfect coastal setting...what could be better? A walk down Beach Road is a must. Indulge in a little retail therapy, explore the collection of funky cafes and there's a raft of treasures to find in quirky shops.

At the end of Beach Road, Rotary Park is a great place for a picnic while the kids burn off some energy at the playground. The park is opposite the glistening waters

of Christies Beach. Take the boardwalk down to the sand and enjoy the spectacular cliffs as far as the eye can see.

Christies Beach is emerging as the coastal hotspot, with new small bars – Portal 58 and The LandBAR recently opening up. "Christies", as the locals call it, is eclectic, quirky and full of personality. Its vibe is laid-back beach holidays, urban grit, street fusion and coastal cool.

## PORT NOARLUNGA

Port Noarlunga is famous for its jetty, easily accessible reef, café culture, boutique shops and artsy vibe all while immersing yourself in the local delights. Enjoy looking through the boutiques and shops, enjoy a pastry, or a delicious lunch from one of the many cafes, including Mamma Carmela's where you can dig into a pizza and watch the sun set into the ocean.

Jubilee Park Adventure Playground is one of South Australia's best playgrounds – just ask the kids! Where imagination and little legs run wild, featuring a giant, multi-level wooden fortress, bridge, tunnel and all sorts of things to climb up, in, over and around.





Christies Beach

## ALDINGA AND SURROUNDS

Head to the Old Coach Road precinct where you can easily spend a lazy afternoon at Kickback Brewing or the Aldinga Hotel, drink in hand, or for some retail therapy Miss Gladys on Sea, known for its fabulous outfits. Aldinga Central Shopping Centre is also worth a stop to stock up on the holiday or picnic lunch essentials.

Aside from the beach being stunning (think clear water with a backdrop of rolling hills), Sellicks also has a cellar door that's not to be missed. Berg Herring Wines is in a converted heritage sandstone chapel. The lush, grassed area is complete with a sea view out the front, and the giant wine barrels that have been converted into private tasting pods are a must. Enjoy a glass of wine, tasting or pick up a bottle to take back to your accommodation.



South Port

## ROUTE 31 COASTAL DRIVE

Who can't resist a drive along the coast, soaking up those beach vibes, not to mention the breathtaking scenery.

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is home to some of the most spectacular coastline in South Australia. But don't take our word for it! Explore the 31km (yes, that's where it gets its name from) and discover holiday favourites to hidden gems. This stunning stretch of coastline is a must do any time of year.

Stretching from O'Sullivan Beach to Sellicks Beach, this scenic drive winds through charming coastal towns, each offering unique experiences and stunning photo opportunities. Grab a map from the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre or download a copy from the website, then follow the double blue Route 31 shield signs and let the adventure begin.



Christies Beach

Here's a few top spots not to miss, whilst enjoying the scenic coastal drive:

### South Port

One of the most photographed beaches on the coast, South Port is simply stunning. It's where the Onkaparinga River meets the sea. You'll find this spot is popular with kayakers, swimmers and surfers depending on the tide and swell.

### Port Willunga

You'll think you've been transported to the Mediterranean when arriving at Port Willunga. The limestone cliffs, beach caves, sheltered coves and clear water make Port Willunga arguably the best beach on the coast, perhaps South Australia.

### Maslin Beach

Maslin's claims the title of Australia's first unclad beach. Clothing is optional at the southern end of the beach (look for the signs). It's renowned for its stunning cliffs, white sand and the clearest of clear water - and the locals want to keep it a secret.



Discover your own slice of paradise along Route 31 Coastal Drive and share by tagging

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# LIFE'S A BEACH

Make every day a beach day! Pack the sunscreen and get ready to explore one of the state's most stunning stretches of coastline.

## Fun in the sun

The region is home to pristine beaches and coastal nodes, each with their own uniqueness and seaside charm. Whether you're a keen surfer, love snorkelling or scuba diving, or simply want to stroll along and soak up the sunset on the sand, you'll be spoilt for choice. Here's the quick guide.



Aldinga Beach

### ● ALDINGA BEACH

One of the region's drive-on beaches, Aldinga's expansive beach is ideal for families on the sand. Fish and chips, picnic rugs, sun shades and sand castles - this beach was made for family fun. When the tide is out, the rock pools at Aldinga are stacks of fun for little ones, too. You can spy starfish, crabs and sometimes even a little gummy shark in the shallows.

### ● CHRISTIES BEACH

A popular surf beach, Christies is ideal for water activities, or a great seaside walk to Port Noarlunga. It's also a hit with snorkelers, the Witton Bluff reef a stunning example of the underwater diversity in the region. Make time for a stop-off at the Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club, one of the most active in the area. If the doors are open, head in for a drink with the locals.

### ● MOANA BEACH

Moana is a great spot for kids and families with a nice beach break, with the local caravan park providing direct access to the beach. Known for its accessibility for beginner surfers, particularly if you're keen to get up and surf the breaks, as it is all sand bottomed and no rocks to worry about. With a superb cliff-top walkway leading down to the beach, the vistas here are stunning.

### O'SULLIVAN BEACH

One of the best kept secrets, boasting some of the most stunning coastal views. It's also a boaties paradise, with excellent boat launching facilities (permit required) including a boat wash bay and trailer parking. It's also a popular beach for pets and people alike. O'Sullivan Beach is one of only a few beaches allowing dogs off-leash, noting they must be under effective control.



O'Sullivan Beach

## Best swimming beaches

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast is home to some of South Australia's most beautiful swimming beaches and many patrolled by lifesavers during the warmer months, keeping a watchful eye, adding that extra piece of mind when swimming.

### Aldinga and Sellicks 🇦🇺

A stunning long and expansive beach ideal for families. Swim in the shallows as this beach has a slow and steady depth incline. When the tide is out, the rock pools at Aldinga are great fun for little ones too.

### Christies Beach 🇦🇺

Looking for something a little quieter to find the coastal serenity? Christies Beach is it. The Witton Reef off the coast slows the sea down, sending smaller waves to the sandy beach.

### Port Willunga

An aquatic paradise, where the Onkaparinga River meets the sea. It's also home to Port Noarlunga Reef, which acts as a natural breakwater, calming the waves to lap onto the beach. It's the ideal spot for a family swim, being calm and sheltered.

### South Port 🇦🇺

The pristine blue water is perfect for safe swimming. In summer, the river current carries swimmers beneath the stunning sandstone cliffs until they are gently pushed back by the waves.

### Port Noarlunga 🇦🇺

An aquatic paradise, where the Onkaparinga River meets the sea. A natural breakwater, it's the ideal spot for a family swim, being calm and sheltered.

### Moana Beach 🇦🇺

The gentle waves are perfect for young kids first experiencing the water or new to boogie boarding with its sandy bottom.

Port Willunga. Photo: Tourism Australia

## MASLIN BEACH

The state's iconic nudist beach, Maslin's is a great one for the bucket list. While the southern end of the beach is reserved for nudist swimmers, the remainder of the beach is dog-friendly and perfect for a dip, the rugged red cliffs a stunning contrast to the crisp blue waters. Maslin Beach is spectacular at sunset, with the sun's rays bringing a natural glow, further accentuating the gorgeous colours as far as the eye can see.

## PORT NOARLUNGA BEACH

Port Noarlunga is an aquatic paradise. Drop a line off the jetty, or take a swim in the pristine waters, with the white sand just a hop from the town centre. Grab a bite for breakfast or lunch and head down for a day of family fun. The reef towards the end of the jetty is a perfect spot to catch a glimpse of local sea life, forming part of Encounter Marine Park.



Port Willunga. Photo: Carly Kruger

**PORT WILLUNGA**

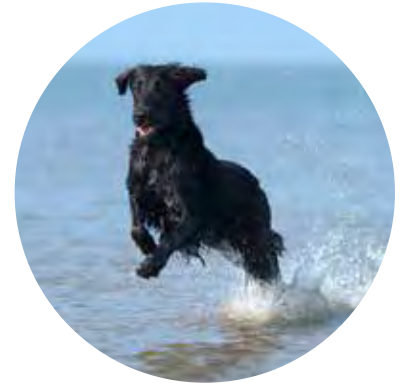
One of the region’s most photographed beaches, Port Willunga is known for its golden cliff faces, crystal clear waters and soft white sands. Stroll through the linear park and up the cliffs to continue along the Heysen Trail, or stick to the beach and check out the famous old jetty and fishermen’s caves, carved into the cliffs. Because the beach almost forms a cove, the swell is safe for little swimmers, and ideal for paddle boarding and kayaking.

**SEAFORD BEACH**

Known as one of the top surfing beaches in the area, it’s a regular hot-spot for locals. Seaford is also popular with kite-boarders and wind-surfers too. On a sunny day, it’s a beautiful spot to swim, and there’s a number of cafes and restaurants in Seaford township nearby when you need to feed the sea air driven hunger.

**SOUTH PORT BEACH**

Where the river meets the sea, this is one of the most photographed areas of the region. A culmination of red sandstone cliffs, the aqua-toned river, pristine blue ocean and the twinkling lights of the Esplanade homes. Sunrise and sunset here is a must at the lookout located at the top of the main staircase. Home to many aquatic activities - swimming, surf lessons, kayak or paddle board hire offering an opportunity to explore the Onkaparinga River.



**SELICKS BEACH**

Often called ‘the funnel’ by locals, Sellicks is ideal for wind-loving adrenalin junkies. Think kite-boarding, wind-surfing and paragliding - if you’ve got the gear, this is the place to do it. It’s also a top spot for fishing and home to a popular beach launching boat ramp. Swimming and walking are also stunning, with the southern-most point of the region providing an epic coastline view stretching further down the Fleurieu coast.

**Best dog beaches**

**Christies Beach**

Christies Beach is ideal to take your best mate for a walk. Choose to wander along the golden sand, or if sandy paws aren’t their thing, follow the footpath that runs along the Esplanade.

**Aldinga Beach**

Looking for a long stretch of golden sand that’s easy to walk on? Head to Aldinga Beach. This beach is perfect for letting dogs run free, without the calf workout of deep sand beaches. Cars are permitted on part of the beach so keep an eye out.

**O’Sullivan Beach**

Seeking a less populated beach, but equally stunning, head to O’Sullivan Beach. There’s usually plenty of room for your pooch to get sandy.

**Patrolled beaches during warmer months**

- Aldinga
- Christies Beach
- Moana
- Port Noarlunga
- South Port



**Top tips to swim safely**

- F** Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them.
  - L** Look at, understand and obey the safety signs.
  - A** Ask a lifeguard or lifesaver for advice before you enter the water.
  - G** Get a friend to swim with you.
- Stick** your hand up, stay calm and call for help if you get into trouble.

Sellicks Beach. Photo Josh Coulter



South Port



South Port

## Surf's up

When living in a place like McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast, surfing is part of the lifestyle here and saltwater runs through the veins of the locals. So much so that the Mid Coast was named as a Surf Reserve in 2016, recognising the importance and value surfing has to the area.

Here's a few top surfing spots to try:

### Christies Beach 🇨🇦

Try Y Steps for a fun right-hander beach break that is fast and hollow at times.

### South Port Beach 🇨🇦

Great for learners due to the number of breaks and the sandy bottom and popular with the surf schools.

### Seaford

One of the most well-known and popular breaks, The Bowl is a reef break that produces excellent waves, particularly when the southwest winds are up.

### Moana 🇨🇦

Moana Beach is great for those learning to surf, or for the more experienced when the surf's pumping.

If you're keen to get a hang of surfing while visiting, you'll need to know the local lingo.

Triggs... is just south of the river mouth - it's the next break around the bend. It's called Triggs because there's a trig point - a large marine identification marker.

Y-steps... is at Christies Beach, taking its name from the steps descending to the beach.

The hump.... is reliably good for surfing, located at South Port. It's named the hump due to its shape, curving around the sandy coastline near the river mouth.

The bowl... is at Seaford and produces long right-hand waves with 3 sections. It has a bowl section on the inside and nicknamed 'The Bowl'.



## SURFERS' CODE

### DON'T "DROP IN"

Give way to the surfer furthest inside (closest to the peak) or who has been waiting the longest

### SURF WITHIN YOUR ABILITY

If in doubt, don't paddle out paddle "wide" on the way out so you don't impede other surfers' rides.

### STAY IN THE WHITEWATER

If a breaking wave is approaching you as you paddle out, and there's a surfer on the wave.

### NEVER THROW YOUR BOARD

Where it might hit other surfers.

### COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER SURFERS

When you're planning to take a wave.



## Best snorkelling

**Life on the coast looks amazing already but put your head under water and there's a whole new world to discover.**

### Port Noarlunga Reef Sanctuary Zone

Port Noarlunga Reef is one of the most popular snorkelling spots in South Australia and for good reason. The reef is easily accessible from the jetty and is home to more than 200 species of marine plants and animals and more than 50 species of fish. There's also an underwater trail to follow with information about the reef.

### Star of Greece Wreck, Port Willunga

The Star of Greece wrecked off Port Willunga in 1888, approximately 600m along the beach from the car park and around 120m from the shoreline. The wreck sits in roughly four metres of water and on low tide the top of the mast can be seen. On a calm and clear day snorkelers will be treated to an array of colourful fish and plant life.

Port Noarlunga. Photo: Josh Coulter

## Best stand-up paddle boarding

### Sellicks Beach

Pack up your paddleboard and head to the crystal-clear turquoise water. Sellicks! Sellicks is a drive on beach meaning no carrying SUP's down to the beach.

### Port Willunga 🇦🇺

Typically, very well protected, Port Willunga, is ideal for paddle boarding. Don't have your own board? SUP Down South will sort you out with a hire board. During summer SUP Down South also offer SUP Yoga, keep an eye out on their socials for more details.

### Port Noarlunga

A paddle around Port Noarlunga on a summer's day is pure bliss. Think crystal clear water, a reef to explore and an abundance of cafés close by for that post SUP coffee.



Port Willunga Beach  
Photo: SUP Down South





Sellicks Beach

## Enjoy the drive beachside

Don't want to carry your gear down to the beach? Go to one of four drive on beaches! This is a unique experience which also comes with responsibilities to ensure everyone can enjoy the beach safely.

### Sellicks Beach

Stunning is the word that best describes Sellicks Beach. From the crystal-clear water, rolling hills and red cliffs, it's a

beach not to be missed. This beach is perfect for the keen photographer, particularly just before sunset when the light changes, casting a glow on the hills and cliffs.

### Silver Sands

The perfect beach for a long beach walk, a dip or a game of beach cricket. Silver Sands Beach Club located just off the sand is the place to go if you're hungry. During Summer keep an eye out for Pizzateca Beach with their pop-up pizzeria.

### Aldinga Beach

Aldinga Beach is probably one of the most popular drive-on beaches. It's a great spot to drop a line and try for some fish or skip the fishing part and enjoy takeaway fish and chips while watching the sun set into the ocean.

### Moana Beach

Pack the boogie boards, beach umbrella and sunscreen and you'll be set for the day at Moana Beach. Usually there's some fun waves to catch and just off the beach you can grab a coffee or a delicious meal. The walk along the Esplanade from Moana to South Port is also stunning.



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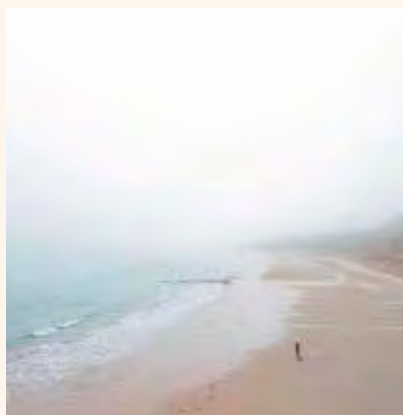
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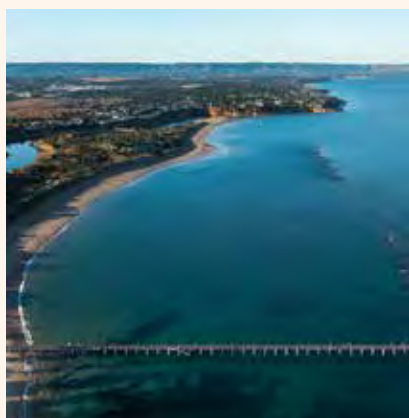
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