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ESCAPE TO THE YARRA VALLEY FOR THE ANNUAL SHORTEST LUNCH FESTIVAL

JUNE 19-20, 2010

Fourteen wineries from the *Yarra Valley Smaller Wineries* are opening their cellar and kitchen doors for a weekend of fine food and wine to celebrate the **11th Annual Shortest Lunch Festival**.

Held over **June 19-20, 2010**, the 'shortest weekend of the year', the festival marks the beginning of winter in Victoria's premier cool climate wine region.

The festival is designed as a progressive feast of sorts, with each winery offering entrée sized meals perfectly complimenting some of their signature wines and features such boutique wineries as: Seville Estate, Yering Farm winery & Steels Creek Estate.

To warm visitors against the winter chill a range of hearty meals will be on offer, ranging from Canadian pancakes to roast beef, gourmet sausages and a selection of tasty vegetarian options. Meals are very reasonable priced, ranging from just \$10 to \$15. The festival atmosphere will be further enhanced by live music at each winery.

The wineries will be open from **10am – 5pm** on each day of the festival, with a one-off \$5 fee at the first winery you visit which will provide you with a souvenir glass to be used for tastings. The net proceeds from these glasses will go to the CFA, who last year benefited over \$5,000 which was split between two local stations.

With so many wineries opening their doors for the occasion why not make a weekend of it and take advantage of some of the fantastic accommodation options on offer from the Smaller Wineries. Relax, take your time and really experience the Yarra Valley for the wonder that it is.

Located less than an hour's drive from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley is home to Victoria's earliest vineyards and is Victoria's premiere wine region bustling with cellar doors, winery tours, farmers markets, restaurants serving quality local produce, and boutique accommodation set in picture-perfect vineyard or mountain-top locations.

SHORTEST LUNCH PARTICIPATING WINERIES INCLUDE:-

Allinda Winery

Billanook Estate

Boat O'Gragio

Brumfield Winery

Elmswood Estate

Five Oaks Vineyard

Miller's

Seville Estate

Seville Hills

Steels Creek Estate

Warramate

Whispering Hills

Yering Farm Winery

Yileena Park

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