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## FROM REGIONAL BARS TO CITY TABLES: NSW WINE MONTH RETURNS THIS NOVEMBER

**NSW Wine Month returns this November. More events, more participating wineries and more venues across the state putting the focus squarely on the best local wines, and the people behind them.** Formally kicking off the month-long celebration is the 2026 ICC Sydney NSW Wine Awards on 30 October where the top honours and trophies will be handed out for the years' best drops. After that it's 30 days of events, promotions, dinners and celebrations that wine lovers everywhere are invited to join.

Since its conception in 2024 NSW Wine Month has grown into a far-reaching showcase of the wine regions, varieties and personalities that make NSW the incredible state of wine it is and in 2026 it will be supported again by The Rocks, ICC Sydney, Destination NSW, Good Food and The WinedUp Podcast.

NSW Wine President Mark Bourne said, "At its heart NSW Wine Month is about building stronger, lasting connections between our regional farmers and businesses, and consumers across the state."

"The month is packed with unique opportunities to enjoy beautiful wine, hear stories from the 200 years of grape growing and winemaking history in NSW and discover something completely new at our flagship festival [Sydney Cellar Door](#) from 13-15 November with more than 35 wineries heading to First Fleet Park in The Rocks."

Minister for Jobs and Tourism Steve Kamper said: "The NSW Government is proud to support NSW Wine Month as it enters its third successful year."

"The event will showcase the quality and diversity of our state's world-class wine regions and vineyards, giving thousands of people an opportunity to meet the award-winning winemakers behind them."

"With tastings, winemaker dinners, masterclasses and other events taking place throughout November, there has never been a better time to discover NSW wine."

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- Our flagship three day wine festival **Sydney Cellar Door** returns for its third year with pre-sales available from today. Purchase tickets at: <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-cellar-door>

- A first ever **Hunter Valley Heritage Vineyard** event for trade and consumers bringing 13 winemakers to Sydney for a tasting and dinner with wines from our oldest vineyards.
- Our 2026 NSW Sommelier Wine List of the Year winner **Altitude Restaurant** will host **Tyrrells, Brokenwood, Ross Hill** and **Clonakilla** for one night only.
- Sit down for winemaker dinners with **Margan x Botanica, Rowlee x Bibo, Scarbrough Wine Co. x Annata, See Saw Wine x Whitney's Restaurant & Bar, Molly Morgan Wines x Signal Box Newcastle** and many, many more....
- Meet next generation NSW winemakers at events like the **Zecca Handmade Italian x Via Pola Wines** or at one of three **Urban Wine Walks** (Balmain, Newtown and Newcastle) shining a light on young and emerging wineries.
- **Two Sommeliers. Six Wines. One Crown.** A one-off new world versus old world tasting showdown at **The Art Syndicate**.
- **7 wineries. 7 venues. One afternoon.** The Newcastle East **City Cellar Door** Tasting Trail brings together seven of the region's producers under one roof.
- **Featured NSW Wine Lists, winemaker takeovers and tasting flights** popping up at venues across the state, including Argyle Precinct and 8 at Trinity.
- Plus so much more!

Head to [www.nswwine.com.au/nsw-wine-month-calendar-of-events](http://www.nswwine.com.au/nsw-wine-month-calendar-of-events) for a full list of events and ticketing. The calendar will continue to be updated until the end of November and you can continue to register your events until the final days of NSW Wine Month.

#### Notes to media

- High-resolution imagery is available on request and [HERE](#).
- Contact NSW Wine for interviews with NSW Wine Month participants.
- Contact NSW Wine to register your interest in attending or developing a feature on the 2026 NSW Wine Month and/or Sydney Cellar Door.

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