

Briar Ridge



Wine Tastings & Experiences... Reimagined.

At Briar Ridge, we believe that just like our palates, each visitor is unique. While some visitors want a traditional wine tasting, others just want a great day out. The common denominator being that wine is for enjoyment. It's with this mantra in mind that we've created a variety of unique wine tasting experiences to appeal to all wine lovers.

OUR STORY

When we discovered Mount View, our little piece of the Hunter Valley, it was home, even though it's a little bit out of town.

We uncovered soils and a climate here that would help us create wine styles and flavours that were distinctively ours. We also knew our view would be hard to beat.

Since then, it's always been about embracing every aspect of growing, making and enjoying quality wine. The wines we create are a combination of hard work, rich soil and flavour combinations that are worth savouring. And they're best enjoyed and shared with family and friends or at our cellar door (with a mountain view and an antipasto plate, naturally).

This is our world. This is our wine. And you'll find it off the beaten track.



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A UNIQUE TASTING EXPERIENCE...

A TASTING THAT GOES BEYOND THE GLASS...



The Tasting Bar

Pull up a bar stool and taste your way through our extensive wine list of Hunter classic wines and modern marvels, with a Mount View twist! This is the spot where many of our visitors find their new favourite wine and banter with our friendly cellar door staff about wine or generally anything.

The Wine Deck

A long-heralded favourite of day-trippers and members alike, our alfresco tasting deck has it all – garden and mountain views, single and group seating arrangements and table service. There’s no need to come up to the bar here, we’ll bring the wine to you. The perfect place to enjoy a lazy morning or afternoon wine tasting.

The Wine Garden

Our newest tasting experience, the Wine Garden, is quickly becoming a hit. Complete with jute rugs and comfortable outdoor lounges, visitors can kick back and soak up the serenity and mountain views while enjoying a wine and cheese picnic pack.

‘Walk between the vines’ Vineyard Tour

As you stroll through the vines learn about the lifecycle of a vineyard, the importance of terroir, viticultural techniques and regional variation. Receive a complimentary Briar Ridge picnic tumbler as part of this tour.

Followed by a wine tasting in your tasting location of choice. \$15 per person, bookings essential.

Discover what goes on ‘Behind the Scenes’ Tour

It’s a great way to learn more about wine and have a little fun in the process! The experience includes an exclusive sample taste of maturing wine straight from the Barrel and a complimentary glass of wine, from our popular Varietal Range.

Followed by a wine tasting in your tasting location of choice. \$20 per person, bookings essential.

Become a Winemaker for a day...learn all about how and why we blend wines.

Reward your curious nature and discover your inner winemaker by creating your own red wine blend! Learn about classic red wine blends, how these wines are designed and why we blend. A structured, informative and fun wine activity.

Price available on request, bookings essential. Available to groups of 10 or more.

SOMETHING DELICIOUS TO ACCOMPANY YOUR WINE EXPERIENCE...

Whether it be platters made from local cheese makers and providers to fill the spot, a casual BBQ or a three course lunch we have options available to suit the needs of your group.

Options start from \$10 per person.



CREATE YOUR OWN TASTING EXPERIENCE...

Something we are all rather passionate about at Briar Ridge is being able to create...whether it be an amazing wine, a space our visitors can enjoy and remember for a life time or a special experience unique to our home here in Mount View.

Contact our team to create a tailor made tasting and wine experience today, (02) 4990 3670 or email cellardoor@briarridge.com.au. We look forward to sharing with you the 'Briar Magic' from our home in Mount View.



WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY...

Following a visit to Mount View, esteemed wine critic and vigneron James Halliday AM commented that if in France, Mount View would have its own appellation, separate to the Hunter Valley. This really encapsulates the philosophy of the Briar Ridge winemaking team and is what makes our wines so special. Put simply, they are unique.



In Alex Beckett's words, "Where we're situated we have slightly higher rainfall and lower temperatures... it does mean that the wines we tend to make can carry a bit more of that softness on the palate, a bit more lifted floral and spice."



Consultant Winemaker Gwyn Olsen agrees, noting that the goal for Briar Ridge is to "make wines that reflect time and place and that are just really lovely to drink".



Similarly, Karl Stockhausen's winemaking philosophy has always centred around enjoyment. "The main thing is what you make wine for people to drink and enjoy. So, if you can do that better than somebody else, that's the wine they want to buy."

