

Red, White & Brew - McLaren Vale

Cost: USD\$150
Date: 11 September 2023
Departs: 09:00 am - Adelaide CBD
Returns: Adelaide CBD 17.00 pm (approx.)

A unique difference from all the standard wine tours, our tour experience offers you tastings at 2 wineries, a gin distillery and a brewery and includes a light lunch of platters with regional cheeses and produce.

Inclusions:

- All tastings & lunch
- Pick up in Adelaide CBD and return transport
- Exclusive driver/guide
- Small group sizes

After we pick you up in the city at 9.00 am (or 8.30 am in Glenelg), we travel south to the stunning southern vales.

First stop of the day is Wirra Wirra Wines, Global Winner of the 2021 Great Wine Capitals Best of Wine Tourism Awards. Take a look at their 3/4 tonne bell in their bell tower – it gets rung either on occasion or randomly so we may be lucky; or maybe they will be hurling watermelons from their giant medieval siege machine erected on our lawns. Don't forget to check out their 'Woodhenge' boundary fence made from massive threaded redgum trunks. Oh, and the wine is pretty good too!

After we leave here, we jump back in the bus and head south to visit South Coast Brewing. At their rustic brewery we can meet the brewers whilst tasting some of their wares... and you can even take a look at the brewery whilst you are there. Which one will be your favourite?!

We're getting peckish now so off to lunch. A visit to Hardys Tintara is not just about tasting wine but experiencing the rich history that goes into running a business over 160 years. The Hardys Tintara winery, on the main street of McLaren Vale, has been at the heart and soul of the region from the very beginning. In 1878 Thomas Hardy transformed an old flour mill into one of the region's best wine cellars, and with his success, McLaren Vale began to prosper and grow.

Following a tasting of some of their beautiful range of wines, choose which one you like the most and grab a glass or bottle (own cost) to savour whilst we enjoy a lunch of regional produce.

After lunch, we have time to take in the surroundings of the historic Hardys Tintara site, including the Fleurieu Arthouse – an exciting alchemy of creative talent with a stunning exhibition space, working artist studios, artisan retail shop and interactive workshop space. Take a wander down the main street of McLaren Vale – don't forget to visit the unforgettably decadent Fruchocs shop!

A quick trip back in the bus takes us to our final destination for the day, the uniquely South Australian Settlers Gin. Known as one of the premier, boutique craft gin distillers of Australia, we taste some of their core range of gins and if time allows, we may be able to chill and test out some of their eleven varieties of flavoured gins or range of Whisky, Rum, Vodka and Liqueurs if you prefer (own cost).

As we make our way back to the city for a 5pm finish you can mull over the day and decide – which is best, the wine, the beer or the gin?!