



APPELLATION.



OVERVIEW

The Louise

Food, wine, luxury accommodation and a genuine welcome await at The Louise Barossa Valley. Just one hour from Adelaide and set atop a gentle hill surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines overlooking the world renowned Barossa Valley, The Louise is the region's premier luxury vineyard retreat. The Louise has just fifteen suites each with private terraces and gated courtyards, soft contemporary furnishings and generous ensuites. Guest suites feature king beds, luxurious linens, spa tubs, dual rain showers, Bose sound systems, individual espressomakers and superb sunrise or sunset views over the adjacent vineyards. Premium suites have outdoor rain showers, courtyards with water feature, terraces with sunning lounges, fireplaces and art niche with original artworks. All suites include gourmet continental breakfast delivered insuite as well as complimentary wireless internet.

Art and design are central to the guest experience at The Louise. South Australia is home to hundreds of world class artists; artworks and glass pieces are featured in suite and throughout the property. With professional, attentive and caring staff with excellent local knowledge about local wineries and touring options such as hot air ballooning, private guides and heritage sites, The Louise is the destination for discerning travellers.

The Louise is a member of Luxury Lodges of Australia and Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Appellation

Appellation at The Louise in the Barossa Valley is recognized as a world class destination for dining in South Australia, with food that unashamedly reflects the local growing seasons. Executive Chef Mark McNamara and his team are passionate advocates for freshness, seasonality and regionalism. With a passion for real, fresh local ingredients, Mark and his team are guided by the rhythms of the season; harvesting from their kitchen garden, baking their own breads, butchering and curing their own meats and see wine and food as the most natural of partners. Appellation's approach combines the possibility of degustation and a la carte dining for each table. Guests can enjoy two ways to dine; a la carte dining or signature five-course wine paired Chef's Tasting Menu. Each menu offers the opportunity to enjoy the very finest of seasonal produce from their kitchen garden, friends, neighbours and South Australia. Appellation's wine list is an inspiring selection of iconic Barossa wines, representing established masters, emerging talent and boutique artisans.

Recent awards: Appellation was recently named Top South Australia Restaurant in 2012 Australian Gourmet Traveller Restaurant Guide. Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine awarded Appellation's wine list as South Australia's Wine List of the Year in 2010, 2009 and 2008 placing it among the very finest lists in Australia. Appellation also holds a Wine Spectator Award for Excellence.

Guests of The Louise enjoy priority booking, Appellation is open nightly for dinner from 7.00pm and Wine Bar and Terrace is open nightly for from 5pm.



Guest Service and the Barossa Experience

The Louise has special arrangements and exclusive packages specifically developed for our guests. Prior to arriving The Louise can create a welcome sense of arrival with welcome flowers or champagne and truffles. During their stay guests can enjoy an insuite massage, lounge by the swimming pool, enjoy the outdoor spa or sauna. Bicycles are available for touring as well as tennis racquets for nearby tennis courts. Heritage bushwalks through native flora are close by. Appellation's Wine Bar and Terrace offers guests additional space to enjoy gorgeous sunset views across acres of vineyards.

Exclusive wine experiences -The signature touring experience for seasoned food and wine travellers is a day of private introductions to the boutique winemakers of the Barossa and Eden Valleys. Whether it is a one-on-one masterclass, a private lunch and tasting with an artisan winemaker or a vineyard walk followed by a chat in front of a fire in a winemaker's barn, The Louise can tailor-make authentic wine experiences for guests. The Barossa is home to over 80 cellar doors (plus many more not open to the public) and other attractions and businesses, The Louise can open the door to the essence of the Barossa experience and lifestyle.

Breakfast with the Kangaroos – It's no secret that most visitors to South Australia's Barossa Valley have come for a world-class food and wine experience. The global reputation of the Barossa's iconic wines is undisputed, and fine dining venues such as Appellation, provide guests access to fresh local cuisine paired with the region's outstanding wines. Lesser known, the Barossa is home to a large conservation park abundant with native Australian flora and fauna. The Louise has developed a unique experience that offers guests access to one of the simple pleasures of visiting regional Australia, seeing kangaroos up close in their natural habitat. A guide arrives at dawn in a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the 20-minute ride to the nearby conservation park. An easy 15-minute bushwalk into the park leads to a clearing where families of kangaroos are enjoying their breakfast and a gourmet breakfast will be laid out on a picnic blanket in this truly natural setting. Available daily October through May with prior booking.

Most Brilliant Blend - The Most Brilliant Blend package offers a unique and hands on combination of accommodation, superb dining, hands on wine blending, and an exclusive twist. In concert with a premium winery nearby The Louise, guests are welcomed into the winemaker's laboratory for a two-hour hands-on tutorial on the art and science of blending grape varietals. As part of this, guests will experiment with several trial blends of barrel sample shiraz, grenache and mourvedre before choosing a final blend that is bottled with their name and date. Appellation has developed a memorable way to complete this experience. Our chefs will develop a custom crafted dish paired specifically to the guest's wine and which is served as an additional course exclusively at dinner that evening.





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Background, Philosophy and Values

Jim and Helen Carreker, owners since January 2005, spent more than ten years researching and ultimately selecting the Barossa Valley and the stunningly beautiful Marananga hilltop site for their Australian food and wine venture. Their belief that luxurious accommodation complements a truly memorable food and wine experience is based on numerous personal trips in the 1980's and 1990's to France, Spain, Portugal and to their then local Napa and Sonoma Valley areas of California. In the model of many highly regarded hospitality venues in those regions, the primary destination is the restaurant and its carefully developed cellar, while luxurious accommodation is supportive and complementary to the spotlight focus on superlative food and wine. This concept is relatively rare in Australia and the Barossa in particular.

Appellation's executive chef Mark McNamara is a strong advocate of the belief that eating locally is first and foremost about superior freshness and flavour. Much of what appears on Appellation's menu each evening is from Appellation's own kitchen garden. Appellation's use of producers within 100km to provide around of 85% of ingredients served in the restaurant results in significant return to local community, to producers at the Barossa Farmers Market and other small producers, thereby helping to keep local family businesses viable. It also brings the highest quality produce to the table at its peak nutritional ripeness and exposes visiting guests to authentic regional flavours.

Together, Jim and Helen lead a dedicated team who are at the forefront of culinary tourism in Australia. The Louise is their expression of this unique blend of seasonal regional food, world-class wine, and private hideaway accommodation.

Find us

The Louise and Appellation are conveniently located 75 minutes northeast of the city of Adelaide and the Adelaide International airport in South Australia. Most visitors travel to the Barossa from the city and airport by rental car, although guides and limo services are readily available in addition to helicopter transfers. The property is sited on famous Seppelstfield Road in Marananga, central to the wineries, vineyards and touring activities of this internationally renowned wine region.

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