



*International Wine & Food Society Asia Pacific*

# AUCKLAND FESTIVAL

## MARCH 2019

IWFS Asia Pacific, together with IWFS Auckland, invite you to join us in 2019 for a magical experience in the land of the long white cloud, New Zealand.

The main festival will be held in the beautiful harbour city of Auckland, surrounded by volcanic terrain and rolling green hills. Here we will be treated to the most stunning wine and food experience that New Zealand is so very well known for.

For those who can come a little earlier, a fabulous pre-tour of Napier (Hawke's Bay) is planned. Hawke's Bay, New Zealand's oldest wine region, is also known for its beautiful art-deco architecture and stunning beaches.

For those who are keen for a taste of the South Island, a post-tour has also been arranged to the world's southern-most wine region, Queenstown (Central Otago). Best known for its pinot noir, it also boasts beautiful mountains and glistening rivers.



PROGRAMME FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019

# AUCKLAND MAIN FESTIVAL

IWFS Auckland branch, led by Rowan Moss, will host this entire festival. We would like to thank Rowan and his committee for the huge effort in putting this brilliant programme together.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

## **OPENING DINNER AT SAILS RESTAURANT, WESTHAVEN**

Our opening dinner will be held at *Sails Restaurant*, an iconic restaurant overlooking Westhaven Marina. The restaurant has gained a reputation as one of the top restaurants in New Zealand using the freshest produce from the land and the sea. We will also be treated to a Maori welcome performed by the *Auckland Museum Maori Entertainment Group*.



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

## **AUCKLAND CITY TOUR**

We will begin our day with a coach city tour of Auckland.

## **LUNCH AT GIRAFFE, VIADUCT HARBOUR**

After our tour, we'll be lunching at *Giraffe*, Simon Gault's restaurant where he presents an eclectic variety of dishes using both traditional and molecular techniques. Following lunch, for those not involved in the Presidents' Round Table, there will be an opportunity to either take a cruise under sail on the harbour on board the sailing scow *Ted Ashby* for one hour or visit the *Sky Summit Tower*.



## **GALA DINNER, STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL**

After a lovely and relaxing afternoon, our traditional black-tie dinner will be held at the hotel. Members are invited to wear their medallions to this event.



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

## **AGM, STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL (10.15am)**

First order of the day will be our APZ Annual General Meeting. All Asia Pacific members are encouraged to attend.

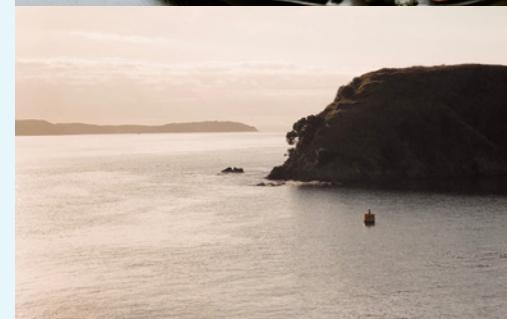
## **2019 ANDRÉ SIMON LECTURE (11am), BUFFET LUNCH (12noon)**

After the APZ AGM at 10.15am, the 2019 André Simon lecture will be presented by Bob Campbell MW on 'The development of the NZ wine industry from 1954 up until today'. Bob Campbell MW, one of New Zealand's most respected wine commentators and judges, is a very entertaining speaker who knows the New Zealand wine industry inside out. A buffet style lunch will be served immediately after the lecture.



## **CLOSING DINNER AT TANTALUS ESTATE, WAIHEKE ISLAND**

After our free afternoon, we will meet to take the 35 minute ferry ride across the harbour to beautiful Waiheke Island for a tasting and dinner. Waiheke Island was rated by *Lonely Planet Guide* as the fifth best destination in the world and a must to visit in your lifetime. Although our visit will be only brief, it will give members the chance to experience exactly what it is that has put Waiheke on the map – the production of exceptional wines, of which *Tantalus* is the new kid on the block, but don't let that fool you – their wines are extremely good for a young producer. You should not miss this. We will return to Auckland by ferry after the dinner, arriving Auckland about 10.30pm.



**PROGRAMME MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

# **NAPIER, HAWKE'S BAY PRE-TOUR**

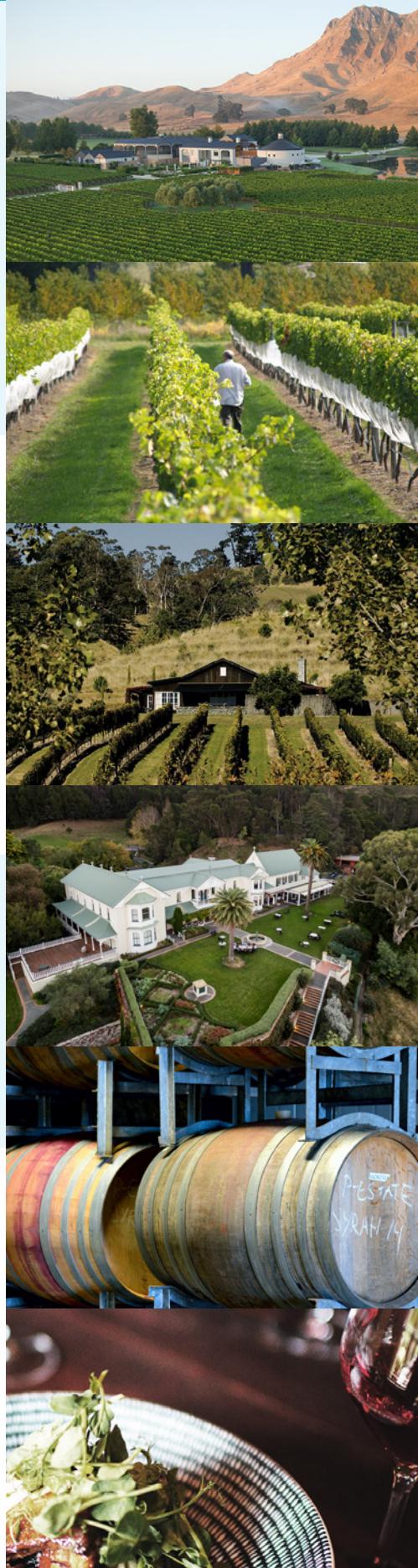
For those who can escape that little bit earlier, Napier, in the sunny wine region of Hawke's Bay located on the east coast of the North Island, will play host as a beautiful introduction to this gorgeous country.

## **DAY 1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **NAPIER TOUR & CRAGGY RANGE VINEYARD**

We will depart from Auckland on a specially arranged charter flight arriving in beautiful Napier around midday. So you should aim to arrive Auckland by the evening of Sunday March 3 so that you can join the charter flight on Monday morning to Napier.

From the airport we will head into the gorgeous art-deco city of Napier for a tour with Clarence Bertram Saint John Fitz Montague – Bertie to his friends. At 3.30pm we will check into the *Crown Hotel*, freshen up and relax before heading to *Craggy Range*, an iconic family vineyard below the magnificent Te Mata Peak. Here we will enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by dinner at their restaurant, *Terroir*.



## **DAY 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **BROOKFIELDS, BLACK BARN, TE MATA & MISSION ESTATE**

First, we will head to Hawke's Bay's oldest boutique winery, *Brookfields* which was founded in 1937, for a tasting.

From Brookfields we will head to the lovely *Black Barn Vineyard* for lunch at about 12.30pm, which will be followed by a tasting with wine maker, Dave McKee.

Departing at 2pm, we will make a stop at *Te Mata Estate* for a *Coleraine* and *Bullnose* tasting with Toby Buck, before arriving back in Napier at 4pm and a chance to relax.

For dinner, you're in for a treat, as we head to New Zealand's oldest winery and birthplace of New Zealand wine, *Mission Estate*.

## **DAY 3 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **TRINITY HILL, TE AWA, ASHRIDGE & CHURCH ROAD**

First we will stop at *Trinity Hill* for a tasting of Homage and Gimblett, before heading to *Te Awa* for a *Kidnapper Cliffs* tasting and lunch. Around 2pm we will arrive at *Ashridge Wines* to meet Chris Wilcock for a tasting of *Dopio* and reserve *Syrahs*. After some free time in the afternoon, we will enjoy our pre-tour closing dinner at *Church Road*. After dinner, we will overnight in Napier and return by charter flight to Auckland the next morning

## **DAY 4 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **RETURN CHARTER FLIGHT NAPIER TO AUCKLAND, FREE TIME IN AUCKLAND**

A good opportunity to have a free afternoon to explore Auckland at your own speed before the commencement of the main festival in Auckland on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**PROGRAMME MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

# **QUEENSTOWN, CENTRAL OTAGO POST-TOUR**

For those who have a little more time after the Auckland Festival, we will travel to New Zealand's South Island to visit the beautiful town of Queenstown and the highly renowned Central Otago wine region.

## **DAY 1 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **ARRIVE QUEENSTOWN, DINNER AT ROSIE B'S (7PM)**

Today we wake up in Auckland and proceed to Queenstown. After settling in to the hotel, we will head out for a special dinner presented by Peter Gauron, Executive Chef of Rosie B's. For those booking this post-tour we will contact you later to advise details and cost of a charter flight so that we can fly together if you wish from Auckland to Queenstown on Monday 11th, arriving *Hilton Hotel* late afternoon. We will be using *Air New Zealand*. Otherwise, feel free to book your own flight making sure to arrive at the Hilton in Queenstown in time to travel to the restaurant at 6.30pm for dinner at 7pm.



## **DAY 2 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **GIBSTON VALLEY**

Today we head to *Chard Farm* for a gorgeous pre-lunch tasting of great CO aromatics and fantastic Pinot Noirs. We will then head to the two hatted *Amisfield* for lunch, located at beautiful Lake Hayes.



Following lunch, we will head to *Valli Wines* and meet one of New Zealand's most awarded Pinot Noir winemakers, Grant Taylor. Grant also produces great Riesling and Pinot Noir from the little known region of Waitaki. Next we head to *Peregrine Wines*, whose focus is on growing premium Pinot Noir and white varieties from their estate managed vineyards, which are meticulously hand-tended and farmed under a sustainable philosophy.



## **DAY 3 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **FREE TIME IN QUEENSTOWN, DINNER AT THE BUNKER**

Queenstown is a town with so very much to do. We will give you a long list of wonderful recommendations to make the most of your free day. A fabulous dinner will be held at the gourmet restaurant *The Bunker*, one of Queenstown's best kept secrets. You are in for a major treat.



## **DAY 4 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **BANNOCKBURN TO CLYDE, CLOSING DINNER AT WALTER PEAK**

Today we take a drive down to Clyde and visit *Two Paddocks*, which is a family vineyard that specialises in premium quality Pinot Noir. Lunch will follow at an organic vineyard and winery located in Bannockburn. After lunch we will visit the world acclaimed *Felton Road* vineyard and winery nestled amongst a spectacular scenery of snow-capped mountains.



There will be time to freshen up before we head out for our closing dinner. We will take a short cruise on the historic *TSS Earnslaw* across Lake Wakatipu to *Walter Peak High Country Farm*. Here we will enjoy a gourmet BBQ dinner on the lakeside terrace of the *Homestead Restaurant*, and also see a farm demonstration.



## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

It is up to you to organise your own outbound flight from Queenstown. Queenstown is an international airport so you may choose not to return to Auckland – however, destinations from Queenstown are limited so please check first.

# ACCOMMODATION

## AUCKLAND MAIN TOUR

Our festival hotel for Auckland is the *Stamford Plaza* set in the heart of the CBD in Auckland.



### Address

22-26 Albert St, Auckland

### Room Rate

We have negotiated a discounted rate at *Stamford Plaza*.

Room rates per night (inclusive of taxes, breakfast and internet):

Superior room – NZD 360 (approx. AU\$330)

If you wish to choose a higher room type category, you will need to book direct with the hotel. We are holding only superior rooms.

### Hotel Bookings

We have booked a block of rooms for festival attendees at the *Stamford Plaza* in Auckland. You are responsible for making your own hotel booking – it is not included in the festival cost. In order to book your room at the discount rate, you will need to make your booking by **November 1 2018**, otherwise, we cannot guarantee you will get the discount rate. Hotel accommodation in Auckland can be difficult if you don't book early. Please find the booking form at this link by [clicking here](#).

Please note that if you wish to stay extra nights at the *Stamford Plaza*, the hotel is prepared to extend the discount rate to any night from 3rd March 2018 through 14th March 2018 inclusive, just give them the dates you wish to stay.

## NAPIER PRE-TOUR

The cost of your hotel at the *Crown Hotel* is included in the Pre-Tour package fee. It covers three nights - the evenings of Monday March 4, Tuesday March 5 and Wednesday March 6. We will book your room on your behalf.

## QUEENSTOWN POST-TOUR

The cost of your hotel at the *Hilton Hotel* in Queenstown is included in the Post-Tour package fee. It covers four nights - the evenings of Monday March 11, Tuesday March 12, Wednesday March 13 and Thursday March 14. We will book your room on your behalf. If you wish to stay extra nights after the conclusion of the Post-Tour, you will need to let us know.

# COST + INCLUSIONS

You can choose to do any tour as a standalone if you wish. Once you have booked and we have confirmed your booking, you have 14 days to pay the full festival fee or your place will be offered to those on the wait-list.

## AUCKLAND MAIN TOUR

100 places available

### Includes:

- Friday night dinner
- Tour of Maritime Museum
- Harbour cruise
- Saturday lunch and Gala dinner
- André Simon lecture
- Sunday buffet lunch at the *Stamford*
- Sunday wine tasting and dinner on Waiheke Island

### Does not include:

- Hotel accommodation

**AU\$1085 per IWFS member**

(AU\$1190 per Non Member/Guest)

## NAPIER PRE-TOUR

30 places available

### Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation at *Crown Hotel Napier*
- Dinner on Monday night
- Wine tasting, lunch and dinner on Tuesday
- Wine tasting, lunch and dinner on Wednesday

### Does not include:

- Charter flight AKL/Napier return. We will get back to you on this with a charter option with a local airline.

**AU\$2555 per IWFS single**

(Non-Member/Guest – AU\$2810)

**AU\$2040 per IWFS member sharing a room**

(Non-Member/Guest – AU\$2245)

## QUEENSTOWN POST-TOUR

60 places available

### Includes:

- 4 nights accommodation at *Hilton Queenstown*
- 2 winery lunches
- 4 evening dinners
- All tasting fees

### Does not include:

- Travel from Auckland to Queenstown. We will get back to you on this with a charter option using Air NZ.
- You are also responsible for your air fare from Queenstown onward. You have the option of flying from Queenstown, Christchurch or Auckland – all handle international travel though Queenstown Airport is limited.

**AU\$4400 per IWFS single**

(Non-Member/Guest – AU\$4885)

**AU\$3335 per IWFS member sharing a room**

(Non-Member/Guest – AU\$3670)



## HOW TO REGISTER

Please email APZ's Administration Manager, Amber Dowling, at [apz@iwfs.org](mailto:apz@iwfs.org) and indicate:

- The events you wish to attend
- Your full names, email address and phone contact
- Your IWFS Branch

## HOW TO PAY

For the Napier pre-tour, the main Auckland festival and the Queenstown post-tour, please note that after you make your booking and receive a confirmation by email that your booking has been accepted, you must pay within fourteen days or your registration will be forfeited. You may pay by bank transfer or credit card as follows:

### BY BANK TRANSFER

**Account Name:** IWFS Asia Pacific **Address:** 73 Caroline Street, South Yarra

**Bank:** ANZ Banking Group Limited, Melbourne, Australia

**Swift Address:** ANZ BAU 3M

**Branch Address:** 219 Smith Street, Collingwood, Victoria 3066, Australia

**BSB:** 013 275

**Account Number:** 292791595

Please ensure that your bank remits sufficient funds in AU\$ to cover their and any correspondent bank fees so that our bank receives the total amount due. Please also confirm to [apz@iwfs.org](mailto:apz@iwfs.org) when you have made your payment.

### BY CREDIT CARD

If you wish to pay by credit card a fee of 2.2% of the total amount will be added. Please contact APZ's Administration Manager, Amber Dowling, at [apz@iwfs.org](mailto:apz@iwfs.org) to confirm the total amount and to provide your credit card details.

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Please use the booking form link provided under the Accommodation section on the previous page to make your booking at the Stamford Plaza in Auckland. You will need to email your completed booking form to: [groupres@spak.stamford.com.au](mailto:groupres@spak.stamford.com.au). For those booking the Napier Pre-Tour or the Queenstown Post-Tour, you simply need to let us know what nights you wish to stay and we will book on your behalf. In Napier, the cost of three nights, March 4, March 5 and March 6 are included in your package fee. In Queenstown, the nights of March 11, March 12, March 13 and March 14 are included in your package fee.

## CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellations prior to December 1 will be subject to a non-refundable amount of AUD\$400 per person for each one of the modules booked (Napier Pre-Tour, Auckland Main Festival, Queenstown Post-Tour). Cancellations between December 1 and January 3 will be subject to a 40% cancellation fee. Cancellations between January 4 and February 3 will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee. Cancellations after February 3 are non-refundable. We strongly suggest you take out a travel insurance policy to protect yourself from any loss resulting from unforeseen cancellation (e.g. due to illness) of your attendance at the festival.

## CLOSING NOTE AND VISAS

We are looking forward to seeing you in March in Auckland and perhaps Napier and/or Queenstown. Please check if you will need a visa to enter New Zealand. If so, you will need to arrange for this as soon as possible.

Warmest wishes to you all,

**James Lin**

Chair - IWFS Asia Pacific