



WILLOW CREEK  
VINEYARD

SALIX  
RESTAURANT

### WINTER WINE PASSPORT

12 JUNE - 31 AUGUST

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### WILLOW CREEK VINEYARD

★★★★★ **James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion '07

### SALIX SUCCESS

#### GOLDEN PLATE AWARDS



Best Chef  
Best Customer Service  
Best Restaurant  
The Overall Winner 2006-2007!

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# PENINSULA

## wine country

For winemakers the beginning of winter is a kind of year's end. The end of the growing season as well as the completion of harvest. Ferments are finished, some wine is now put into barrels for a sleepy winter of maturation while some waits in stainless steel for bottling trucks to arrive in spring.

Things have slowed down to a comfortable pace in the vineyard, in a nut shell they are hanging round waiting for the leaves to fall off - they've packed up the nets, cleaned the tractors, washed crates, cleared out the gutters and drains in the hope of some rain and caught

up on six months of maintenance while waiting for the start of pruning somewhere around the beginning of June.

While the vines outside are entering their winter dormant period things are warming up indoors. It's time to grab a glass and head to the hills, or the plains, and enjoy winter produce such as cheese, shellfish, beef, mushrooms, apples, avocados, olives, pears, persimmons, quince and rhubarb. Try slow cooked, rustic and roasted flavours with savoury, seductive and textured Mornington Peninsula wine.

-Emily Davenport

## Multi Award Winning Fare

**Salix Restaurant, perched over the spectacular and ever changing vines, boasts all the Peninsula has to offer.**

In spacious & comfortable surrounds Salix restaurant & cellar door café are opened everyday year round for lunch & Friday & Saturday evenings, except Xmas day & Good Friday. The restaurant menu is a la carte; their focus is on local produce, with a refined touch, such as Western Port whiting, Red Hill quinces, hand picked berries, Artisan cheeses, Peninsula beef & Flinders mussels

Experience the cellar door café and order at the bar for a light & casual, family friendly menu. The cellar door café offers dishes to taste or to share as well as affordable main course dishes. There is a deck area looking out over the vineyard or a cozy fire for chilly winter months.

Bernard McCarthy (Head Chef & Proprietor) with his wife Rachael (Functions Manager) would be delighted to cater for your intimate wedding of

50-60 or for the larger function of 100-120 guests.

Salix offers a great package with a group of caring staff who will work with you, to ensure your special day/event is everything you envisaged. Salix' elegant, sophisticated surroundings, breathtaking view over the winery combined with the totally professional service and the fresh innovative cuisine will not only make your wedding day a totally unique and memorable occasion, but also a completely relaxing one. **Phone. 5989 7640**



## Taste the Difference at Tuerong

**Dromana Estate's 'Cafe at Tuerong'** is a place for all seasons - great to cosy up in winter with open fires and hearty fare and air conditioned in summer to beat the heat and with a fabulous and friendly beer garden. All year enjoy the wonderful gardens and beautiful views and food from award winning

chef, Chris, who trained in England and has worked all over the world. This lovely venue has made a name for itself with its casual friendly style and affordable, clean and fresh flavours.. Everything is made on the premises - all the bread, chutneys, relishes and pastas - and you can taste the difference.

It is family friendly - safe for the kids - and parents dine in peace whilst the kids play on the lawn and under the big weeping tree. Events planned for this year include Father's Day with goody bags for all the dads and raffles with proceeds going to charity (Mother's Day was a great success) and Christmas will be a Family fun day with activities for the kids

**Remember the Cafe at Tuerong for your special occasions and private parties, wonderful for weddings too.**

