

OAKRIDGE WINS AT RESTAURANT & CATERING AWARDS 2017



Leading Yarra Valley wine producer Oakridge has again proven it is at the forefront of wine tourism in Australia. Last night, Oakridge won two awards at the prestigious Restaurant & Catering Awards 2017 presented at a gala dinner in Melbourne. Adding to its growing collection of industry accolades, Oakridge received Awards for Excellence in two categories:

- People, Produce, Place Tourism Restaurant; and
- Restaurant in a Winery

The Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence is a nationally recognised, independently judged awards program that recognises exceptional service and culinary talent across Australia. The awards have been designed to recognise and promote industry best practice.

According to Oakridge General Manager, *“At Oakridge we strive for excellence across everything we do to provide our customers with a true Yarra Valley experience and these awards tell us we are achieving our goals. These awards provide an important industry benchmark and it is an honour to win in these categories.”*

Co-head chefs Matt Stone and Jo Barrett design their menus around the wines handcrafted by chief winemaker, David Bicknell. The team work in tandem to create a dining experience that reflects and complements the terroir and the region.

“Oakridge’s zero-waste menu approach, coupled with their commitment to sourcing produce directly from the Yarra Valley region or from our extensive kitchen (which provides 50-80% of the ingredients featured on our menus) is what sets us apart”, says Kane, “Our ‘hand-crafted’ philosophy, can be experienced in the restaurant simply by tasting our house-milled and baked bread, our own cheeses made from local Jersey milk and dry-aged meats, including poultry. It’s how our chefs express their passion for producing great food from scratch that complement the vineyard and our wines so well.”

The awards noted that *“Oakridge continues to offer innovative and creative experiences and events that provide guests with a high-quality experience. Each member of staff is an expert in their field and their knowledge is showcased across all product offerings including the menus, restaurant and wines.”*

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