

## MINTARO AN INTIMATE EXPERIENCE

Experience the quintessential Clare Valley by visiting and staying in South Australia's first rural State Heritage Area. Mintaro offers a chance to stay in a remarkably well preserved and rare example of an early colonial rural town.

Mintaro allows you to breath in and slow down with world renowned wines and award-winning restaurants and hotels. All set within scenic drives – walking and cycling trails – heritage buildings and just 90 minutes drive from South Australia's capital city Adelaide.

Mintaro resembles the best of rustic Tuscany in summer and the lush green rolling hills of Ireland in winter. The green and gold fields of spring and the autumn colours of the vines provide the background for immersive culinary experiences. Yet you know you are in Australia as you walk around the village and take in the massive gum tree lined streets, creeks and parks.

Romantic, charming and unforgettable experiences with world-renowned wines, fresh country produce set in a heritage village that is ideal for couples or to share with a few good friends.

Mintaro is a journey that changes season by season but stays constant all year round by immersing you in its beauty, heritage and flavours.

High level contemporary facilities in over 12 unique heritage buildings that offer bed and breakfast accommodation, hotels and cellar doors along with several new BnB's provide the ideal setting for relaxing intimate escapes. Plus, the locals will take the time to say hello as they take great pride in sharing their village with visitors.

Mintaro is home to just under 220 people who have made a major commitment and investment to the town by celebrating its heritage and ensuring that it combines this with the epicurean experiences that the Clare Valley offers. This has included major upgrades to the heritage listed Institute, renovations at the Magpie and Stump Hotel, development of heritage walking trails and information panels, a new Cellar Door opening, several new bed and breakfasts. Plus 3 new annual events (1) Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb, (2) Mintaro Car and Bike Show and (3) French Immersion Weekends.

These have all complimented some of South Australia significant tourism offerings of the Mintaro Muse heritage bed and breakfast accommodation, Reillys Wines Cellar Door and Restaurant , **the Mintaro Maze**, Martindale Hall, Mortlock Park, Riesling Trail and the extension of the Lavendar Trail.

South Australia mining and sheep industries are reflected in Mintaro as a remarkably well preserved and rare example of an early colonial rural town. This can be seen in its close village settlement, irregular street plan and predominant mid nineteenth century stone buildings.

The iconic **Martindale Hall** which is open to the public is an outstanding example of grand country mansions constructed by wealthy pastoralists representing the 'baronial' lifestyle of South Australian heritage associated with the pastoral and economic development of South Australia in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Dinning is no more than a 5-minute walk from anywhere in Mintaro and includes the heritage setting of the **Magpie and Stump Hotel** that provides an innovative blend of country hotel,

event destination, local landmark and regional showcase venue for up-and-coming winemakers, chefs and culinary creatives.

Plus, **Reillys Cellar Door and Restaurant** gourmet à la carte seasonal menu or outstanding 5-course Long Lunch Indulgence Experience, all perfectly complemented by their estate-grown wines. Place yourself in the hands of their experienced chefs and allow them to guide you through the culinary tastes of the Mintaro and Clare Valley region.

The new winery/cellar door for **Matriarch and Rogue** is now in Mintaro and you can meet the wine maker and owner Marnie Roberts and she will tell you the story about Matriarch and Rogue evolving to the brand it is today from the love of her family, Clare Valley and climate appropriate varieties created using various winemaking techniques.

A 5 minute drive from Mintaro offers more history of the region at the Polish Hill River Church Museum and St Aloysius' Church Sevenhill (some of the first wine makers in Australia). Plus, there is the award winning dining at **Paulette's Bush DeVine Winery Restaurant** and Cellar Door or **Slate Restaurant** at **Pikes Winery and Brewery**

Savour the moment leave the city behind by releasing your senses. No matter what the season is you can combine heritage and flavours as Mintaro provides the intimate escape.

