



WEDDINGS AT THE APPLE FARM

THE APPLE FARM is a 2-hectare property of grapevines and 1000 apple trees just 6kms south of Mt Gambier, at OB Flat. With the onset of spring the property has a serene outlook with apple blossoms and much-loved grapevine foliage.

By February the Limestone Coast's apple season begins lasting until May. By then, the vines start losing their stunning deep red leaves and start carpeting the grounds. The Apple Farm is a gorgeous venue, both indoor and outdoor - summer, autumn, winter, spring.

The Apple Farm is a uniquely gorgeous setting, providing a low-key, rustic, casual vibe - but also capable of creating a more elegant affair. The Apple Farm is a very popular choice for weddings and functions, celebrating birthdays for all ages, engagement parties and social club events.



OVER THE BAR.....

The Apple Farm is a fully licensed venue for up to 200 guests. Ultimately, you make up your own rules for tabs. You decide what's included and what isn't. We have a great selection of beers and our wines are all local from Coonawarra & Padthaway.

There are 4 ways you can provide alcohol to your guests.

1. FULL TAB - You pay for everything, but you can make up your own rules as to what you are willing to provide {eg spirits and certain wines}. Wine is purchased by the bottle instead of by the glass.
2. NO TAB - Everyone pays for their own drinks. You may even choose no tab for alcohol, but provide full tab for soft stuff, tea & coffee.
3. SUBSIDISED - We split the cost of drinks. For example, a beer or wine that costs \$8.50 - we split, so that you pay \$3.50 - and your guest pays the remaining \$5. Spirits that cost \$10 can get split - \$6 for your guest and \$4 for you. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are generally provided free for your guests but we can discuss this and split this cost as well. From past experience we find that people don't mind spending \$5 on a drink and it's a great way to provide for your guests without it breaking your bank.
4. MIX IT UP - for example, with a \$3000 budget you provide \$2500 full bar tab - \$500 subsidised - then when that runs up, it's No Tab with full price drinks.

We have an extensive wine and beer list that you can choose from - or we can help you select your drinks menu. If you have a particular drink of choice, we can source that for you. We also have an extensive menu that includes cocktails & mocktails. We allow you to provide your own bottled water for your guests - in fact we encourage it.

Because of licensing restrictions BYO is not available at The Apple Farm. If guests are found bringing in their own alcohol our license is breached and your bond may be forfeited.

CATERING AT THE FARM.....

The style of your event determines how we set up for your particular function. There are countless ways of setting up our eclectic furniture for your event to suit the needs of your guests. Our indoor/outdoor vibe ensures that no matter what, there will be adequate seating for your guests even if you choose a stand-up canape style menu.

Our tearooms can adequately seat 90 guests. Many more than this leaves very little room to roam around and mingle. So, for the comfort of your guests, I wouldn't recommend seating many more than this.

There are 2 main ways that we like to feed your guests. Our Shared Table is our sit-down menu, and we also have canape options that are bound to fill the bellies of your happy guests.

We have been developing our menu for many years now and we proudly provide as much paddock to plate as possible. This means that our menu is ever so slightly changing due to seasonal produce and we support local products as often as we can.

Our food is hearty, uncomplicated, real homestyle food that caters to all tastes and dietary requirements. We are happy to design menus to suit your style and we are always up for recommendations that you believe your guests will love.

Please see our Catering Info Sheet for details outlining Banquets, Pizza Parties, Canape Menus and more.

We have a minimum spend for Saturday & Sunday's during peak wedding season {November-April}. The minimum spend is \$3000 on food, which means for example 50 guests will have a \$60ph menu.

If you plan on hosting a smaller more intimate event you can choose to have your wedding on Monday - Friday instead where there are no minimum spends.

MAKING A BOOKING

\$450 Booking Fee (Payable after inspection)

This booking fee secures your date. Once you have made contact with the Apple Farm and chosen your available date a \$500 non-refundable 'booking fee' is required to secure your booking. This booking fee however is credited to you after your event providing that there is no excessive mess or breakages, or can be used to pay your final drinks bill.

\$900 Function Room Hire Fee (Payable 6 months prior to wedding)

This includes planning and assistance {up to 6 meetings} leading up to your day. It includes assistance in setting up the venue mostly the day prior and final touches on the day of. All Apple Farm plates, cutlery and glasses, bathroom supplies, power, furniture, firewood, clean up and any required staff are included. Any other special requests will be open for negotiation for your occasion.

\$650 Ceremony fee (Payable 3 months prior to wedding)

This includes all Apple Farm furniture, seating, an arch/alter/stage, power to the site {for music/microphones}. It also includes the morning set up of basic decorations as advised for the day. All other pre-arranged decorations and enhancements are at your own cost.

The tearooms will be made available the day before your wedding to set up decorations. Collection of your items must be the day after or your bond may be forfeited unless negotiated prior. All extra costs {ie grazing table, bar tab deposit} are due 2 weeks prior to wedding.

CANCELLATION FEES.....

-In the event of a cancellation greater than 6 months prior to the wedding the booking fee is forfeited.

-If wedding is cancelled within 6 months prior to wedding your reception fee and booking fee is forfeited.

-If a wedding is cancelled within 3 months your booking fee and reception fee is forfeited, but your ceremony fee will be refunded within 90 days.

-COVID COVER - If you do have to cancel due to covid {lockdowns and border closure reasons only}, we promise to look after you the best and most sincere way as possible. We have had to cancel and postpone many weddings and events in the past due to Covid- and it's not easy. If you decide to cancel instead of postponing your event, entire booking fee will be forfeited and 50% of the hire fees already paid will be refunded. All bar and catering money will be refunded. The Apple Farm will refund all money owed in 90 days.

KEEP IN MIND.....

There are a few simple reasons where we may choose to not refund your bond after your event. It all comes down to common sense and respect.

Disrespecting staff or property. Cigarette butts. Excessive glass breakages. Toilet unpleasantness {use your imagination}. Bringing in your own alcohol. Helping yourself to firewood. Underage guests drinking. These are a few reasons, but you get the picture.

To be honest, it doesn't happen often, but it is up to the manager to decide when the line has been crossed. We are here for a good time, mess and breakages do occur, but we also expect that guests respect our space and behave in accordance with our values.



"Our wedding day was everything we dreamed of and more- The Apple Farm made sure everything was perfect!" - Laura M.





GENERAL INFORMATION

- When you book The Apple Farm, you book all of our services and we pride ourselves on going above and beyond your expectations to create the perfect event. You are assigned a wedding planner who will meet with you regularly throughout the process to ensure you are ticking everything off your list and every detail has been thoroughly thought through. We think of things that perhaps you don't. We believe that this is what sets us apart from other venues.
- The room is available the day before your wedding to set up decorations. This is a good opportunity to have your bridal party and celebrant come along for a rehearsal, generally organized for the same time as your wedding so you know where the sun is, what the light is like, etc. The Apple Farm reserves the right to book an event the day before your wedding and this will be communicated with you this occurs. Staff are trained to 'flip it', so that we can successfully have a Friday wedding, then 'Flip it' for Saturday's wedding. This is something that we do quite regularly these days.
- There is music available to suit any occasion but generally it's BYO. We have a sound system with an AUX lead available which suits some phones and iPods, although new phones need an adaptor}. It is possible to hire a band, a DJ or even some live music. Please ask if you would like any recommendations.
- No bookings are available in December unless by special circumstances.
- Public holiday weekends incur a 20% surcharge in hire fees {Friday-Sunday}
- An indoor fireplace and a fire pit are provided {weather permitting}. Wood is provided by The Apple Farm. If guests are found using wood that is not provided by venue, your bond will be forfeited.
- The Apple Farm charges a \$50 flat rate for 'cakeage'. We will provide biodegradable plates and cutlery for your guests. This is typically walked around at first, then displayed on the cake table for people to help themselves. We also offer a service on REAL plates with cream, berries and coulis for an additional \$3pp
- Last drinks are called at 11.45pm with a midnight curfew. It may be a good idea to contact local bus companies for a midnight drop off in town. We recommend contacting Frank's Mini Bus or Hunters or Hopgoods.
- All live music to be finished by 11.30pm as a courtesy to our neighbours.
- The Apple Farm highly recommends you contact It's a Celebration if you would like extra decorations like fairy lights, balloons, greenery, or arbour decoration. They can help achieve really beautiful night lights such as fairy lights, materials and candelabras to create a lovely ambience. Shane knows the property well and can advise accordingly.
- Setting up a marquee attracts an extra \$250 set up and pack down time management fee. Please note that this is NOT the price for a marquee. This fee is 'our' fee ON TOP of your hire fee from a private marquee company like SE Marquee or Limestone Coast Party Hire.
- We allow you to use paper biodegradable confetti on our farm, although we prefer rose petals.
- We encourage you to provide your guests with bottles of water free of charge. Bring them in the day before and we'll pop them in the coolroom so they are cold.

