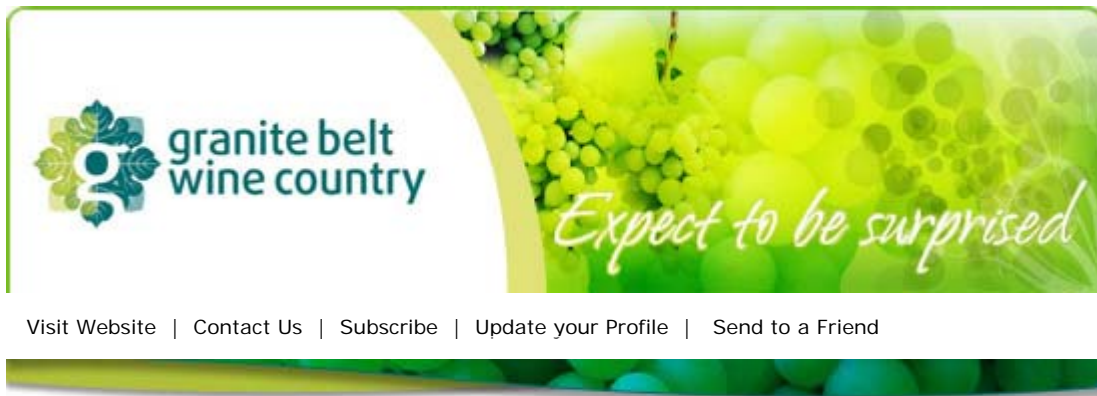


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A touch of Gold

After a summer of high drama and devastation it was a relief to slide into autumn. It is a season when we are embraced by the calming nature of the season's morning mists and golden leaves. It is also a busy season as this is harvest time. Despite so much summer rain, there is still a lot of activity in the paddocks around Stanthorpe.

Vintage is the term winemakers use for their harvest and our accommodation operators have put together a special reason to visit - read more about those [Granite Belt Gold](#) deals below.

Many of our loyal visitors are planning their return trip to the Granite Belt. And just so there is no doubt about when winter officially begins in the coolest place in Queensland, we've added a [Brass Monkey Season](#) counter to our home page. As of today there are 6 weeks and 4 days left till the start of winter, so if visiting in winter is your thing, make your bookings now to avoid disappointment. However if it is the mellow autumn season for you... then read on.

[Granite Belt Gold](#) is all about relaxation. Enjoy a complementary bottle of gold medal wine with your participating accommodation stay on the Granite Belt and go into the draw to win 2 tickets to the Australian Small Winemakers Show Public Tasting in October. [See the website](#) more details and a list of participating accommodation.

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Food



Easter is almost upon us and the Granite Belt is buzzing with anticipation. Over the long weekend our restaurants will be preparing mouth watering dishes like this local Mallow organic lamb at Shiraz. Head on over to the [Granite Belt Wine Country Restaurants page](#) for more information.

Mother's Day is just around the corner and we are getting ready to treat our mothers to a feast. On 8 May many restaurants on the Granite Belt will be creating special menus just for the occasion, sparkling wines and a peaceful atmosphere to help your mother unwind.

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Wine



Vintage is well under way on the Granite Belt with some wineries [already finished](#).

Winemaking has had a tough time this year due to the extra rainfall, but vineyards on the Granite Belt are optimistic about this year's harvest and will press on with production of all your favourites as usual.

Keep an eye out for your winery of choice as vintage should be finished by the end of April and a new stock of wines will be going on sale.

Expect to enjoy a little elevated taste Sommeliers. Sommeliers Queensland is hosting a very special tasting at Brisbane's Ortiga restaurant on 19 April. Melbourne based wine educator Rob Hicks will lead a blind tasting journey from the Granite Belt, across Australia then overseas.

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Events



Our Autumn calendar is filling up with great cultural events:

Wellbeing & Yoga @ Mallow Cottage: **10 April**

McGregor in the Vines: **16, 17 April**

The Iona Passion Play: **22, 23 April**

Cit-In 2011: **22 - 25 April**

It's a Case of Art in the Mill: **30 April - 1 May**

Opera in the Vineyard: **1 May**

Heritage Day @ Stanthorpe Museum: **15 May**

Qld Wind & Brass: **22 May**

There are lots more events to come and see, so head on over to our [Events Calendar](#) for more information.

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Holiday Mania

With Easter, Anzac Day and the May Day long weekends, accommodation and many services will be in great demand across the Granite Belt. Each of these are always very busy weekends and we'd love to see you. However when making your accommodation reservation please work with your host to try to plan your other needs in advance, particularly those which require bookings like restaurants and tours.



And now here's a word from our reporter...

The Granite Belt has been a popular choice for journalists looking to get out and about in the great outdoors. In recent weeks we've had a bevy of lifestyle writers, several film crews and the occasional international writer. In the interests of privacy (ha!) you can read these snippets online via our blog:

- [Not Quite Nigella's Granite Belt Debut](#)
- [Kerry Heaney's off the Rails](#)
- [T2 on the Rocks - a Stanthorpe Secret](#)

It seems the jury is now in and we have been found guilty... of having some of the best wine, food and accommodation in Queensland. Thanks scribes! And for those who like the small screen [click here](#) to follow a story on ABC TV's landline programme about an amazing Winter Wine.

- Don't forget to tune in to Channel 7, Sunday 17 April at 5.30pm for a peak at the Granite Belt on The Great South East.

Here's how to get the best from us:

- It is now autumn and the temperatures have dropped so do bring a jumper.
- Get your copy of the Visitor Guide before your visit. Ask your accommodation host to mail you a copy or email your request now - [send me one](#).
- If you are self-catering, supermarkets here are open all day Saturday and Sunday, but speciality butcher, baker and greengrocers close at lunchtime on Saturday.
- Don't weigh down the car with your wine purchases, ask the winery to deliver them to you.
- For all manner of miscellany ask a local @ Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre daily 9am - 5pm or phone 1800 SO COOL.



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