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Spring Clean your senses

Cast your eyes over a sea of blossoms, treat your palate to new release wines and feast on foreign fare - welcome to your Granite Belt spring!

Nature has shrugged off its winter coat in Stanthorpe and throughout September, October and November we host the Primavera season of wine, food and cultural events. If you prefer to just drink in mother nature, then superb winter rains mean wildflowers will be abundant, making it great news for bushwalkers, photographers and artists. Welcome one and all!

There's simply too much happening to put it here - but to plan your Primavera visit, [take me there](#).

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Food



The Granite Belt celebrates its vibrant multi-cultural community through food. In spring the Primavera season gives you the chance to:

Enjoy Oktoberfest at Claudia's (9 & 10) or Felsberg (23).

Sample Spanish Tapas at Twilight at Summit Estate (23-24 Oct).

Revel in an African Feast with Rhythm and Reds on Tap at Rumbalara (20 Nov).

Or just wander the [Nude Food Trail](#) at your own pace - sample the Bramble Patch's latest gold medal produce.

To spice things up, Bella Rosa's @ Thulimbah has extended its weekend menu and now offers a taste of India.

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Wine



Spring is when new vintage wines are released and this year there's a flurry of new Granite Belt wines to enjoy. It's a great time meet the winemaker and gain their insight into what pleases your palate. [Learn more about new releases now.](#)

Or sip your way around Australia without leaving QLD when each year Stanthorpe hosts the Australian Small Winemakers Show. Almost 2000 wines from around Australia and NZ are all under one roof - it's a sight every wine lover adores! To try this absolutely stunning selection simply, book your ticket to the show's public tasting on Saturday 3rd October.

Prefer a deep and meaningful wine experience? Then join those who are Mad About Mouvedre at Pyramids Road Wines (9 Oct).

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Events



If music be the food of love play on at Lucas Estate and Whiskey Gully Wines. Also these special concerts:

At Brass and Wine: Robert Channon Wines (17 Oct)

At Legends in the Lavender: Aloomba Lavender (27 Nov).

Or play with the Merchant in Venice under the stars at Bungawarra Wines (8-10 Oct).

If you don't like crowds - take a Wildflower Walk. If you like a bargain - amble through a market.

Don your best bonnet and join the Mad Hatter's Tea party or the Garden Fest.

These are just some of the Primavera events. Contact 1800 SO COOL for more information or download the brochure here.

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I do

There's a growing urge to quit the city or the coast and get married in the country. The trend setters are saying those magic words in a vineyard, an orchard or ancient eucalypts and granite boulders. And with the temperatures set to increase in the coming months, the high altitude Stanthorpe air keeps the bridal party cool and hair and makeup in place - perfect for those Kodak moments! Dreaming about a wine country wedding? [Whisk me there now....](#)



Stanthorpe.com

The official visitor information site is www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au but we're active online across a range of other platforms. Welcome to the new portal through which you can access all parts of our virtual world at www.stanthorpe.com

And you may not know it but Stanthorpe has just been declared the 2010 Ergon Energy Tidy Towns winner.

Come and say hello

Our wine and food producers are keen to meet you in your own back yard and regularly participate in a range of activities around the Brisbane market. If you are in the neighbourhood, come and say hello to us and try our goodies here:

- South Bank: Sunday 3 October 10-4pm @ *Granite Belt Flavours*
- Mt Gravatt Showgrounds: Sunday 31 October 10-6pm @ *Southside Wine & Food Festival*
- Brisbane Convention Centre: 5-7 November @ *Brisbane Good Food & Wine Show*.

Here's how to get the best from us:

- Overnight frosts can occur at any time during Spring so check the forecast before you pack.
- If you are staying in a self-catering cottage, 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.
- As a local @ Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre daily 9am - 5pm or phone 1800 SO COOL.



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