wedding guide

BENNETTS
on Bellarine

Weddings at Bennetts

At Bennetts on Bellarine all we want is for you to enjoy your wedding day. As a family run vineyard, we know the importance of having good food and great wine when hosting your nearest and dearest.

If you are looking for a laid back and unique venue to celebrate with your friends and family, we've got you covered.

You can find us on the Bellarine about 30 minutes from Geelong and 90 minutes from Melbourne. The newest Cellar Door to open on the Bellarine we are on just over 5 acres, our property houses our Cellar Door, two homesteads, vines and a jaw dropping view of the You Yang's.

Exchange your 'I do's' in the vineyard or under our 100-year-old gum tree. From there, move up to the deck for pre-dinner drinks and canapés while taking in the views.
Once you have had your bubbly, move inside to continue the evening's festivities in our Cellar Door, this large space is ideally set up to host a cocktail style reception for up to 300 people.

Industrial tones mixed with rustic wood accents, our one of a kind venue is unlike anything else you will find along the Bellarine!

Your Ceremony

The most important part of the day is of course that you will be married at the end of it all! Why not keep it simple, so that guests don't have to travel between ceremony and reception.
We have a variety of onsite locations that could be beautiful backdrops to your wedding ceremony.

Ceremony fee: $1,000
Includes
. Ceremony site hire
. 24 chairs (mixed styles)
. Signage table
. Power outlet
. Coordinator to set up your wedding ceremony
. Access to the property for wedding photos

Venue Hire

Venue Hire Fees Sunday - Friday Weddings:
$3,000 Access to the venue all day with a flexible on-site ceremony start time

Venue Hire Fees for Saturday Weddings:
Reception Only
$2,500 Access to the venue from 5pm with a 6pm event start time
Saturdays only available after easter until the end of November

The venue hire fee includes:

. Venue hire of the property including our cellar door, private deck and lawn
. Venue Coordinator
2 onsite meetings, unlimited phone & email correspondence and on the day coordination
. Use of all cellar door and event furniture
60 seated tables and chairs of various styles, lounges, gift & cake table, wine barrels, outdoor deck seating with booths and tables, outdoor fire pits
. Access to sound system & microphone for indoor and deck areas
- Space allocated and power to musician or DJ
- Allocated dance floor space
- Parking attendant and on site parking spots
. Maintenance of facilities and toilets throughout the event
. Pre and post event clean
. Use of bridal suite
a lockable private space that can be used for pre ceremony touch ups with a private bathroom. This is available pre/post wedding for storage of decor items, flowers, signage etc
. Event finish time of 11.30pm with bar service concluding at 11pm

We are ideally set up to host a cocktail style reception however we do have mixed styles of seating on the deck and restaurant area.

Minimum Spend

Depending on the time of the year we have some minimum spends in place.
The venue hire, ceremony fee, bar package, food package and any add on stack into this minimum spend.
Please note that any outside catering options are not included in the minimum spend.

May – August $10,000
September – April $14,000
26 December – 31 January $20,000

Enquire about venue hire fees & minimum spend for Elopements and small intimate Weddings.

Food & Catering

Have you chosen Bennett's because you love our woodfired pizza and our locally sourced farm produce? Keep the food flowing with a cocktail style reception featuring one of our Wedding Packages:

Grazing Package

Cellar Door Cheese & Charcuterie Grazing Table
Selection of 4 Canapés served roaming
Selection of 2 Substantial Canapés served roaming
Your Wedding Cake cut and served on platters
Tea & Coffee station - plunger coffee and a selection of tea served with cake or dessert
Late Night Snack - A selection of wood fired pizzas served roaming
$65 per person

Feasting Package

Selection of 6 Canapés served roaming
Selection of 1 Substantial Canapés served roaming
Your Wedding Cake cut and served on platters
Selection of 2 Desert Canapés served roaming or with the cake on a station
Tea & Coffee station - plunger coffee and a selection of tea served with cake or dessert
Late Night Snack - A selection of wood fired pizzas served roaming
$70 per person

Cocktail Package

Selection of 8 Canapés served roaming
Selection of 2 Substantial Canapés served roaming
Selection of 2 Desert Canapés served roaming
Tea & Coffee station - plunger coffee and a selection of tea served with cake or dessert
Late Night Snack - A selection of wood fired pizzas served roaming
$85 per person

Package add ons

- Additional canapés $5 per piece
- Additional Substantial canapés $10 per piece
- Upgrade to cake plated individually with chantilly cream & fresh seasonal fruit $5 per person
- Add dessert canapès to be served either roaming or with the cake on a grazing table $5 per piece

Bar Packages

$60 per person

one white wine/ one red wine/ one sparkling wine/ furphy/ soft drinks & water

$70 per person

two white wines/ two red wines/ one sparkling wine/ prickly moses craft beers & cider/ furphy/ soft drinks & water

$80 per person

one premium wine/ two white wines/ two red wines/ one sparkling wine/ prickly moses craft beers & cider/ furphy/ soft drinks & sparkling water

$95 per person

two premium wines/ two white wines/ two red wines/ one sparkling wine/ prickly moses craft beers & cider/ furphy/ spirits/ soft drinks & sparkling water

All packages allow for 5 hours of bar service. The package must be booked for the duration of the event.

$10 per additional half hour

$15 per additional hour

Lets Get Serious..

DEPOSIT To secure your booking and reserve your date, we require a $1,000 deposit.
50% progress payments are due at 3 months & 7 days prior.

CANCELLATIONS Should unfortunate circumstances cause you to defer or cancel your booking, your deposit and subsequent payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.

MUSIC For the ceremony you will be required to arrange your own music. For the reception we require you to engage the services of a professional musician, band or DJ.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE As a working vineyard, confetti and dried rose petals are not allowed. Rice, bubbles and fresh rose petals are fair game!

WET OR HOT WEATHER OPTIONS Should the weather not cooperate on your big day; we will work to secure and prepare alternative options for you. There may be an extra charge with this depending on your selection.

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL Bennett's on Bellarine staff are committed to the regulations of Responsible Service of Alcohol. Bennett's on Bellarine's policy is to serve guests in a responsible and friendly manner. They reserve the right to refuse the service of alcohol to any person.

PRICES All prices quoted are inclusive of GST. Weddings booked on Public Holidays may incur a surcharge on Venue Hire Fee and Food and Beverage costs. Whilst we endeavour to maintain quoted pricing there may be fluctuations or increases of up to 10% on food & beverage packages.
All packages are subject to change and will be confirmed at your planning meeting 3 months prior to your wedding date.

THE NEXT STEP

Let's meet face to face and get the ball rolling, book a site inspection with our events coordinator.

Contact Shauna at events@bennetts.info to arrange an appointment.