

CLAREMONT
Country Estate & Nature Reserve

Small Group Meetings at NZ's Hottest Wine Region

Claremont Country Estate – The Ultimate Choice for Unique Small Group Meetings outside Christchurch

Waipara Valley, Canterbury (August 2007).

Waipara Valley's Luxury Lodge Claremont Country Estate announced a new package for companies looking for a small luxury meeting venue that offers a unique experience to complement their event. The *Meetings & Wine Experience* combines Claremont's elegant meeting spaces and contemporary amenities with an insider's tour of the country's hottest wine-making region.

Claremont Country Estate is an elegant 1866 historic homestead built from hand cut limestone and set in beautiful mature grounds on the edge of the spectacular Waipara Gorge. It is just 50 minutes from the city of Christchurch, making it a convenient and peaceful meeting venue that encourages creativity without the distraction of city life.

"Claremont is most suited to corporate retreats, directors meetings or those seeking an inspirational and totally private small meeting venue for groups of up to 30 people. And with our elegant meeting and event spaces, unique activities, meeting amenities, Claremont is a natural choice," said Richard Goord, Owner and Host at Claremont.

Adding to the attraction of this meetings package is a tour of the Waipara Wine Valley, well known for the world-class quality and distinctness of the Riesling, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes it grows. "The Waipara Valley is the hottest grape growing region in New Zealand, with a terrior that enables eighty local wineries to produce world-class vintages.

Claremont's Wine & Meetings Experience Packages include:

- Use of the boardroom table for up to 12 people, or cinema style seating can be arranged for up to 30 people.
- Use of breakout rooms, two comfortable and elegant living rooms featuring fireplaces, garden views and natural light.
- Outdoor event spaces that feature gorgeous gardens and stunning surroundings and a 2,400acre estate offering an idyllic backdrop for team building sessions.
- Contemporary meeting amenities including audio and video/projection equipment, whiteboard, fax, broadband internet access and photocopier.
- Waipara Wine Valley tour, with wine tasting at Pegasus Bay, Waipara Springs and Danny Schuster's wineries.
- Arrival morning tea, working or gourmet lunch and afternoon tea.

The Claremont Meetings & Wine Experience is priced from \$85 + GST and includes meeting facilities, morning coffee, afternoon tea and a light working lunch as well as complementary wine tasting. A 3-course gourmet lunch option is also available. Special rates are available, upon request, for accommodation in conjunction with meetings. This package may be modified according to guest requirements.

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Editors Notes:

- Claremont Country Estate provides luxury lodge accommodation with an unequalled geological experience. Situated on a 2,400 acre working deer and sheep high country station (ranch), the historic property lies on the edge of the Waipara River amongst manicured, mature gardens, with a backdrop of the Southern Alps. The 1866 heritage homestead is on the edge of the Waipara Gorge, 45 minutes from Christchurch airport, and close to the Waipara wineries. The 2400-acre estate farms deer, sheep and cattle, and boasts breathtaking scenery and natural rock sculptures.
- Also enjoy Claremont's optional guided 4WD safari tour, described by Destinations Magazine as "the most interesting and diverse in NZ". Nearby recreational activities and experiences include Wine tasting, trout and salmon, fishing, horse trekking, Kaikoura whale watching, and the Hanmer Springs thermal pools.
- Claremont also has a beautifully appointed 3-bedroom self-contained family accommodation, the Ram Paddock Cottage.
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