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**Orange's Ross Hill Wines launches
BARREL & LARDER - School of Wine and Food**

In a bid to attract more food and wine lovers to the Central West region, Orange's Ross Hill Wines has launched a custom designed School of Wine and Food - aptly named Barrel & Larder.

The wine and cooking school is a welcoming space where guests can break bread and share wine around a big kitchen table. This new cellar door addition has been designed to attract local and out of town audiences interested in learning more about the delicious cool climate wines and the seasonal produce on offer in the region.

Everything from the intricacies of wine and food matching to tips on how to source the best regional produce by one of Orange's lauded local chefs or producers will be on offer. Food and wine lovers will savour the opportunity to closely watch their class chef, wine don or presenter working their craft.

Chefs present and cook their recipes virtually at the table so guests can easily fire questions as the chef fires up the pans on the stove! After the class, the chef and group sit around the kitchen table together to enjoy the delicious fare prepared – matched perfectly with Ross Hill's cool climate Orange wines of course! Revered chefs from around Australia will also appear on the schedule.

Ross Hill's James Robson reiterated that it's all about attracting new audiences to the region: "We've established ourselves as a top food and wine region in NSW but this is about providing unique learning opportunities and creative activities for visitors to enjoy when they visit Orange," he said.

Minister for Tourism and Major Events Adam Marshall said Ross Hill Wines had secured \$150,000 from the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Fund to help fund the new development.

"The NSW Government is pleased to support this initiative which will help drive continued visitation to an already vibrant region which in turn supports the local economy and jobs," Mr Marshall said.

Barrel & Larder is also in the process of becoming an approved program provider for the respected Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET). A course schedule will be launched in 2018 to help educate locals and visitors alike in new levels of wine knowledge and appreciation.

Spilling out onto the stunning newly designed cellar door and courtyard space, Barrel & Larder can cater for all kinds of big ideas and numbers. The unique space, set amongst Ross Hill's Wallace Lane vineyard, provides the opportunity to host everything from cocktail parties to corporate events.

The Regional Tourism Fund is managed and administered by the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

BARREL & LARDER - SCHOOL OF WINE AND FOOD

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