

What to expect at the Wine on the River Fest

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Imagine enjoying your favourite wine with good friends and award-winning winemakers on the banks of the Breede River. The Robertson Wine Valley is hosting its annual Wine on the River Festival in partnership with Nedbank from 26-28 October 2018.

The weekend should definitely be the highlight of any wine enthusiasts social calendar. Locals and visitors can expect to unwind, enjoy the fresh country air, and the most amazing scenery, while enjoying an array of fine wines, delightful treats, and great music.



What can you expect?

On the weekend, the valley's most talented winemakers, innovative craftspeople, and inspiring chefs, from Ashton, Bonnievale, and McGregor will congregate on the Goudmyn Farm to treat festivalgoers with the best the Robertson Wine Valley has on offer. This includes wine tasting, pairing and various other treats, from over 30 wineries.



Interactive experiences

The Cape Wine Academy will host interactive wine tastings alongside local winemakers in #TasteTheLifestyle tent overlooking the river. The interactive experience cost R80 per person and tickets need to be pre-booked on QKR. If you just started your wine journey, the interactive experience is perfect for you. Those who long for a more immersive experience can even hop aboard a wine safari truck.

Winemakers, from the Robertson Wine Valley will be conducting wine safaris on nearby farms, allowing festival-goers to journey through the vineyards while learning more about the terroir, underground cellars, and the history behind the bottle. Tickets for this experience are R150 per person on QKR from September 2018.



Events at the festival

What is a good wine without entertainment? Wine on the River along with Nedbank have pulled out all the stops to 'float your boat' on the weekend. The infamous country market will be present throughout the weekend, making sure you stock up on fresh produce and souvenirs to remember your 'wine on the river' experience. If you're worried about the kids, there will be a designated children's area for all ages.

The annual Duck Derby will take place this year and all the proceeds from the initiative will be going towards the Zolani Youth Choir. The Viljoensdrift boat cruise is a favourite among festivalgoers and offers leisure river trips for the whole family, in aid of the Breede river hospice. If you'd like a bird's eye view of the festival and the Robertson Wine Valley, helicopter rides is an option too.



Camping or 'glamping'?

For the ultimate experience, Wine on the River will be offering a 'glamping' (glamour and camping) experience for couples. The 'glamping' weekend package includes shared tented accommodation for two people, for the festival weekend, two weekend passes, two boat cruises, a shuttle to and from the campsite on Saturday, interactive wine tasting, and a complimentary bottle of wine from the Robertson Wine Valley.

Worried about drinking and driving?

Robertson Wine Valley, the Wine on the River Festival, and Nedbank do not endorse drinking and driving and recognise this act as a crime, punishable by law. Therefore, a zero tolerance policy will be upheld during the festival to ensure festivalgoers practice safe indulgence.



The good news is that there will be shuttles running throughout the festival at a cost. The shuttle will run from central spots in Robertson, McGregor, Montagu, and Bonnievale. Since there is limited parking available, car-pooling is recommended.

For more information, visit the Wine on the River [website](#).

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