

the
Poachers
wine
experience



POACHERS

SINCE 1991

ABOUT POACHERS

In 1991, our small family business began around our love of good food and sharing it with family and friends. From simple beginnings as an artisan smokehouse, we have grown to include the Smokehouse Restaurant, Poachers Vineyard, Farm Shop, Cellar Door, country wedding and event destination.

Second-generation grape grower William Bruce, has a passion for growing exceptional quality cool climate grapes, working to ensure the Poachers Vineyard is one of the best in the Canberra District. Our award-winning wines can be sampled at our Cellar Door, located within the Smokehouse Restaurant.

THE POACHERS VINEYARD

The Poachers Vineyard sits on granite hills that lie between Murrumbateman and Canberra, in the heart of the Canberra Wine District.

The vineyard is unique with two sites, both with varying aspects and soils.

The **Ahchow Hill** site is north facing, making it perfect for growing our chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and sangiovese.

The **Nanima Block** faces east, allowing the shiraz, pinot noir and riesling grapes to bask in the light of the morning sun, while being protected from the western sun by the shade of the granite hills behind the vines.

Warm summer days and cool evenings provide the perfect environment for cool climate grape growing. The climate extends the ripening period, allowing the soft fragrance and complex flavours to develop.

The granite loam soils, rich in minerals are on a clay base that holds the moisture over long, hot summers.

As the pinot noir and chardonnay flower first, they are located at the high point in the vineyard. This allows the cool frosty spring air to slip down the hillside and away from the vines.

Late summer to mid autumn is when it's time to carefully hand-pick the grapes, ready for the wine-making process to begin.

WINEMAKING

SPARKLING

The first grapes to come off the vines are those for the sparkling wine. We hand pick the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir at 10.5 baumé with good acidity.

The grapes are then carefully whole bunch pressed and fermented at cool temperatures before bottle fermentation takes place.

WHITES

The white grapes are carefully handpicked between 11.5 and 12.5 baume and gently pressed in the winery. Our Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc are fermented in stainless steel tanks while our Chardonnay is fermented in French Oak barrels.

REDS

Handpicked at 12.5 to 13 baume, the grapes are then fermented in two tonne open top fermenters with varying percentages of the whole bunch depending on the varietal and season.

Once fermentation is complete, our reds are transferred to French oak barrels for maturation.

POACHERS VINEYARD CURRENT RELEASES

SPARKLING

POACHERS VINEYARD BLANC DE BLANC NV

Chardonnay 100%. Vibrant quince and citrus with bakery notes develop into a fine palate and bead from bottle fermentation.

WHITES

POACHERS VINEYARD RIESLING 2021

An aromatic wine with white flower, apple and an underlining palate of freshly crushed lime. This is a generous riesling with great balance and length.

POACHERS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2021

Delicate French oak frames grapefruit and flint aromas. The palate is focused with lemon curd, stone fruit and classic Canberra acidity.

POACHERS HILLTOPS ROSÉ 2022

Aromas of strawberry and delicate red fruits are framed but natural acidity.

POACHERS HILLTOPS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Sourced from Hilltops NSW this wine sees guava, nettles and soft lemon sherbet on the nose with a palate of vibrant melon and refreshing acidity.

POACHERS HILLTOPS PINOT GRIS 2022

Sourced from Hilltops NSW. The wine shows stone fruit, pears and peach with vibrant fresh acidity.

REDS

POACHERS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2021

Lively strawberries and cherry leads to a soft palate of juicy red fruits and delicate tannins.

POACHERS HILLTOPS SANGIOVESE 2022

Sourced from the Creyke Vineyard in Young, Hilltops NSW. Beautifully spiced with dark cherries, the palate is quite tight, displaying red fruits and chalky tannins.

POACHERS VINEYARD SYRAH 2018

Aromas of dark red fruits and soft violets. The palate is medium-bodied with a delicate spice and tannin structure. Classic French oak provides freshness and length.

POACHERS VINEYARD TEMPRANILLO 2022

Plums, cherries and spice leads to a savoury palate with soft persistent tannins.

POACHERS VINEYARD NANIMA RED BLEND 2021

Pinot noir 60% Syrah 20% Tempranillo 20%. Spiced red currants, strawberries and mulberries lead to a juicy palate with bunchy tannins.

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