

Important things to know for our Wairarapa wine tastings



In the interests of everyone having a great time on this trip and no surprises on the day, the following is to help with your wine tasting and purchasing decisions, free of the hazy glow of alcohol!

Tasting fees

At Palliser or Grava/Alana it's \$10 per tasting, which you'll need to pay directly to the winery. This charge is per glass so if two people share a tasting from the same glass it'll only cost \$10 total. The tasting at Coney's is included in the cost of lunch.

Redeeming tasting fees on wine purchases

The tasting fee will be waived on bottle purchases on a per person basis, ie if two people buy one bottle of wine between them, they'll also have to pay one \$10 tasting fee.

Transporting your wine purchases

The club will provide stickers so you can identify any wines you've bought.

Tranzit policies mean that we can't take any wine at all on the bus and any wine purchases will need to be stored in the separate luggage compartment.

Palliser have said that purchases of one or two bottles will be packed in a Palliser paper bag and that larger orders can be shipped (no advice about cost) or packed in six or 12 bottle boxes.

Grava and Coney will pack our wine purchases in boxes – smaller orders will be combined to fill up the boxes. If there's a large enough number of orders, they'll ship them to one address.

If we end up transporting any boxes back home, to make it easier at the Featherston or Wellington ends, we recommend writing the owners' names on the boxes and combining your smaller orders with those of people you can easily distribute to.

Please note that any wine stored in the luggage compartment will be at your own risk – think about those Palliser paper bags in particular.

And no sneaking wine inside the bus! The club will be liable for the clean-up costs for any messes, which'll be passed on if they relate to spilt wine.

When we return to Featherston Station there'll be time, if necessary, for everyone to reunite with/sort out their purchases in preparation for taking them onto the train. Bear in mind there'll probably be limited storage space, especially for boxes, so you may prefer to bring your own wine carry bags for this part.

Cheers!