

Introduction

We are delighted to have as our guests and have developed this information sheet to assist you in having a great time in our beautiful area and at the Retreat. The owners, Serena Abbinga and Gayle Taylor, have renovated and furnished the Retreat with our guests in mind, to make your stay relaxing, peaceful and fun. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to let us know either by phone or text to Serena on 0428585348 or emailing info@serengaleretreat.com.au. There is also a mud map of the house at the end of this information sheet.

Things to do at the Retreat and Serengale Vineyard

Set on 14 acres and recently renovated, Serengale Retreat has all of the delights and surprises that rural living offers. This is the Beechworth experience away from town, surrounded by our vineyard, paddocks, Australian bush and great views.

Relax

You can rest and enjoy the environment, watch the kangaroos from the kitchen window or laze by the pool. Light the log fire during the winter months, enjoy a glass of Serengale wine, snuggle into the sofa and read a book or just talk with family and friends. You can walk to the top of the hill, sip wine on the hilltop picnic table and watch the sunsetting or on a clear night, turn off the lights to star gaze the night sky in all of its glory. We have also supplied DVDs, CDs, books and puzzles for your enjoyment.

Dine in

The gourmet kitchen is stocked with most of the essentials for cooking. The BBQ under the patio/veranda is there for you use and there are spare chairs and another small table in the small shed/cellar if you want to spread out. You are welcome to pick your own herbs, fruit and vegetables in season from the garden and vegetable patch. We have a variety of fruit and nut trees plus vegetables and herbs in season. Sometimes the wallabies will help themselves. We just ask that you leave some for the next guests!

Cool Down

The 7 meter swimming pool is a salt water chlorinated pool, 1.09 metres at the shallow entry end to the deep end at 1.68 metres. Cool down in the pool, sip some champagne and enjoy the scenery – we have supplied plastic champagne glasses to use in the pool – please do not use any glassware or breakables or have food in or around the pool.

Explore the property: Forest Walk

From the gate at the back of the garden follow the path as it meanders around the seven acres of Australian Bush that has been preserved as Land for Wildlife. You can sit by the dam, bird watch with the binoculars and bird reference books supplied or just meditate. Walk back via the Regeneration Area where we are re-establishing the bush after removing non-native vegetation and pests.

Commune with the animals

Kangaroos and wallabies are always about on the property (wallabies particularly like the vegetables) so look for them at dusk in the paddocks or the forest. The horses next door- Nao and Princess Pollen are always happy for a pat and a piece of liquorice, carrot or apple. Just watch out for the electric fence on the Vineyard side – it is the wire that is offset from the fence. Generally, it is on to make the paddock safe for the horses. Or you could talk to the sheep- we have bred a line of Wiltipoll sheep which are shedders. If they do look scruffy they are going through their yearly moult. The wether with the horns is called Charles and with his sister Sylvia, were hand raised. You can pat them sometimes (when they are in the mood). The birds use the shed wool found on the gates and fences for their nests each year.

Private Wine Tasting Serengale Vineyard

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We have recently entered Halliday Wine Companion and are one of the top 10 new wineries in Australia for 2020. As our guests you can arrange for a private wine tasting and meet the winemaker Gayle Taylor or the Viticulturalist Serena Abbinga at Serengale Vineyard just next door. Guests receive a complimentary tasting of our current release wines –Chardonnay, Rose, Merlot, Merlot Cabernet, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Nebbiolo from Virago. Guests also receive a vineyard tour. We always love to see our guests, but we do need some advance notice as we are often working in the vineyard or the winery. Ring to arrange to avoid disappointment. If you are visiting on the second weekend of the month we are open on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Beechworth Hidden Wineries Trail- you can experience a range of our small wineries and taste their wines without the need for an appointment. We have included a bit more information about us in this brochure.

Spoil Yourself at the Retreat

Arrange for a private chef, an in-house massage or yoga sessions under the pergola with experienced therapists and teachers. Self-select your experience by calling and talking your plans through with practitioners in advance. Bookings are subject to availability. Here are some suggestions:

Arrange for a Private Chef or a Freshly Prepared Meal waiting for you

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Local chef Sally Wright is available to come to Serengale Retreat and cook up a delicious feast of local produce or you can order freshly prepared meals from her extensive menu that will be waiting for you at the Retreat. Private Chef with three course meals start at \$90 per head, minimum of 5 persons, with matching wine from Serengale Vineyard and sister vineyards \$120 per head. Call Sally at Taste Trekkers to discuss your requirements or email sally@tastetreckers.com.au. We can also email you some sample menus for you to explore. Freshly prepared meals (food to you) require one weeks' notice.

Arrange for a bike ride

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The Bike Hire Company will provide free bike delivery to The Retreat and a shuttle service if you prefer downhill riding on the Rail Trail or a visit to local wineries with a pickup service after a leisurely lunch. Prices start from \$10.00 per adult shuttle from Beechworth to Everton and \$33.00 per day bike hire. Children are at a cheaper rate. Visit their website www.thebikehirecompany or phone to discuss arrangements.

Massage and Beauty Therapy

Beechworth Elysian Beauty

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Bec is a trained beauty and relaxation massage therapist who is happy to come to the Retreat for massages or guests can visit her in her studio in Camp Street Beechworth for the full beauty treatment. Prices start at \$ 40 for a facial to \$65 for 60 minute full body massage. There is also a small additional travel cost per visit of \$25

Remedial, Therapeutic and Bowen Therapy

Beechworth Massage

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Jack Nelson, Rebecca Farren and Kim Marsden are trained Remedial, Bowen and Relaxation Therapists. They are happy to come to Serengale Retreat or you can arrange a massage at their practice in Beechworth. Price \$200 per person for an onsite massage. www.beechworthmassage.com.au

Yoga and Physiotherapy

Emma Hamill

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Emma is a qualified physiotherapist who has been practicing for over twenty years. She is a passionate yoga teacher who runs weekly classes in Beechworth. You can arrange a private yoga session at the Retreat or a private class at her studio in Beechworth. Prices start at \$120.

Other Therapists: (Beechworth Township)

The Spa Beechworth

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Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm. The Spa offers a range of treatments using indigenous ingredients in the beautiful surrounds at Mayday Hills. When there take time to wander through the gardens and also have a glass of wine, lunch or coffee and cake at The George Hotel

Indigo Massage: Emma Mathews

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Offers a range of massages from therapeutic, shiatsu to myofascial release from her purpose built studio in Beechworth

Tours

Beechworth Adventure Company

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Will offers abseiling, rock climbing, gold panning, guided bushwalks and history tours in the Beechworth and North East region by arrangement.

Beechworth Lunatic Asylum Ghost Tours

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Night time ghost tours and day time history tours. Bookings essential

Beechworth Tourist Information

Book here for town historical tours and for general information.



Serengale Vineyard is one of the top ten new Wineries in Halliday Wine Companion for 2020 and a five star winery. When you drive up to The Retreat you can see our vineyard on the left. These are our chardonnay vines. We produce small quantities of hand-crafted barrel matured wines using low intervention techniques and indigenous yeast. Our wines include chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, shiraz, rose and prosecco. We are passionate about producing fine wines that reflect the terroir and the seasons. We established our vineyard in 1999 after searching for the perfect site for three years. Guests at the Retreat are welcome to a private tasting of our wines and our cellar door is open every second weekend of the month as part of the Hidden Wineries of Beechworth. We are always open by appointment unless we are busy in the winery or vineyard, just ring Serena on 0428585348 to arrange an appointment. We are a very small winery and produce wines that can be found in Melbourne restaurants (Stoke house, Chocolate Buddha, Taxi Kitchen to name a few) and some small retailers, or order from our website or directly from us. There is more information in the Halliday Wine Companion or visit our website www.serengalebeechworth.com.au to discover more about us.

Directions to Serengale Vineyard Winery

Walking: Takes about 5 minutes from the Retreat.

Turn left out of the front door and walk to the garden gate with the signage Serengale Vineyard. Go through the gate and turn left again. Follow the fence line and then through the next gate- also signage for Serengale Vineyard. Go through the gate and walk up towards the top of the hill (there is a rough wheel track path). Stop and take in the view at the top of the hill. Turn to see a row of pine trees, a gravel road and more vines on the other side of the fence- go through the gate next to the large pine tree and follow the gravel road (and the vines) down to the Winery – it is the galvanised iron shed with the outdoor area. You will also see some steps- follow those and that will take you to our tasting room. If you get lost, give me a ring. If you end up in our swimming pool, you have definitely gone the wrong way!!

Farm tip: Leave gates as you find them and please do not venture into the vineyard as we have strict bio security protocols for the health of our vines.

By car

Turn left out of the driveway and then the next driveway on the left is Serengale Vineyard. Park in the carpark at the front of the winery (left turn first driveway on the property).

This is a very rough mud map as it has been done by Serena- but it gives you an idea of the house for planning!

Mud Map of House Plan

