



BUSINESS EVENTS

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RESORT • HUNTER VALLEY

RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY

At Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, we're all business, mostly. We believe in making every trip rewarding by unlocking productivity with memorable downtime. We understand that the conference space is not your destination; it's your starting point. Escape the hustle without the hassle and take care of business in the heart of wine country.

This guide has been designed to inspire, energise and connect your conference, and to ensure your delegates can enjoy that all-important downtime in an iconic destination.

Our dedicated Rydges Meetings Director and the team of expert planners are ready to custom design your event to ensure your delegates leave feeling energised and inspired.

Our perfect distance from Sydney, world-class wineries and gourmet produce can stimulate better thinking, eliminate distraction and immerse people with inspiring experiences to contribute and gain more with their attendance.

If there is anything you require, we are here to help and look forward to creating your next memorable event in the Hunter Valley.

Features of the Resort

- 100 acres
- 4,600m² of event space
- Restaurant & bar options
- 418 rooms & villas
- 20 event spaces
- 17 room day spa
- 1,160 delegates
- 14 meeting rooms
- 71-par golf course





DESTINATION HUNTER VALLEY

See beyond the city lights and more than just vineyards... Explore the endless possibilities of the Hunter Valley.

The Hunter Valley is ideally positioned two hours drive from Sydney and 50 minutes from Newcastle Airport along the M1 Pacific Motorway. Use either the Hunter Expressway exit or the Cessnock road sign exit.

By Air

Major domestic airlines and regional carriers operate flights in and out of Newcastle daily. Cessnock Airport is located right across from the resort and offers charter and private flights.

Transfers

There are different ways to move around in the Hunter Valley. While car hire offers flexibility to get around the Hunter Valley, if you don't like to drive, you can find various shuttle services that take you between vineyards. Speak to our team if you require assistance booking transfers.

Features of our Region

- 13,000m² of conference space
- 6 million+ business and leisure visitor annually
- 4 million wine bottles produced each year
- 6,000+ accommodation rooms available
- 210+ cafes and restaurants
- Dozens of unique experiences available

COMMITTED TO A GREENER FUTURE

Sustainable Initiatives

“At Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, we acknowledge our responsibility to respect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint for the benefit of the community in which we operate. We are committed to managing our impact while exploring new and innovative ways to minimise wastage and protect our environment.”

EVT's Elevate Program

As an EVT Hotel & Resort, Rydges Resort Hunter Valley is committed to doing business in a way that contributes to a better tomorrow for our customers, our communities and our environment.

We pledge to make change happen by implementing sustainable practices across our group. Such as, Sustainable Design, Sustainable Practices & Procurement, and Transparency & Reporting. To learn more, [click here](#).

Energy, Recycling and Solar Initiatives

- Installation and continued use of a full 100KW photovoltaic (solar panel) system
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Cbus lighting controllers in all meeting rooms
- Installation of two new PowerPax Air –conditioning chillers with savings of 28% energy
- 100kw of (PV) solar installed for the brewery bottling plant
- 77.89% or 542.57 tonnes of all of the Resort's waste is now being recycled.
- Water hoses in the kitchen and dock were replaced with a new eco-friendly water spray system
- AAA 5-star, 5 litres/minute tap basin mixers and restrictors, and new AAA 3.5 star 7.0 litre rated shower heads
- Cbus lighting controllers in all meeting rooms
- Installation of two new PowerPax Air –conditioning chillers with savings of 28% energy
- Reduction in wastage on pens, notepads and refreshments during conferences based on clients needs



HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE AND EVENTS CENTRE

Go beyond the boardroom

Unlock a world of inspiring, innovating and motivating opportunities within this contemporary and adaptable space with state-of-the-art technology.

The Hunter Valley Conference and Events Centre possess three conference rooms (Cabernet, Merlot, Sauvignon) that can combine up to 1,123m² for up to 1,160 people, flexible acoustic folding walls, and eleven additional meeting and event rooms; the largest and most comprehensive conference and exhibition facility in regional New South Wales.

Merlot

With 380m² of space, the Merlot room allows for a spacious meeting room with an entire wall of windows to create an engaging conference experience.

Cabernet

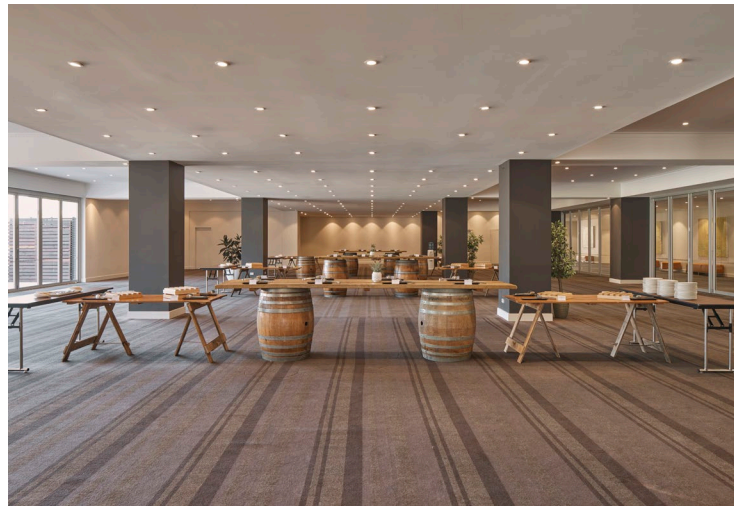
With 380m² of space and floor-to-ceiling windows, the Cabernet room offers delegates substantial conference space. Adjacent to the Exhibition Suite, the Cabernet room allows for easy extension to your conference.

Sauvignon

With 358m² of conferencing space and floor-to-ceiling windows, the Sauvignon room offers delegates substantial yet functional conferencing space. Adjacent to the Exhibition Suite, the Sauvignon room delivers multiple uses from conference plenary with ease of access to the Exhibition Suite or an additional breakout space close to the main plenary.

Exhibition Suite

Spread across 559m² of space, the Exhibition suite is our purpose-built venue for significant events such as art galleries and installations, consumer and trade exhibitions, media and product launches, workshops, seminars and conferences.



MEETING ROOMS

Semillon Ballroom

A pillarless space with abundant natural light, our Semillon ballroom can be divided into three smaller function rooms – Semillon 1, 2 and 3. The Semillon Ballroom has three breakout spaces adjacent to an adjoining pre-function space.

Chardonnay

Boasting plenty of sunlight and stunning golf course views, the Chardonnay room is an intimate and stylish venue, ideally located opposite the lavish Semillon ballroom, just 48m² in size, ideal for smaller Hunter Valley meetings, breakaway activities and social functions.

Shiraz

Boasting plenty of sunlight and stunning golf course views, the Shiraz room is an intimate and stylish venue, ideally located opposite the lavish Semillon ballroom, just 34m² in size, ideal for smaller Hunter Valley meetings and breakaway activities.

Verdelho

Situated across from the spectacular Semillon Ballroom, the Verdelho room is a contemporary venue for medium-sized meetings in the Hunter Valley. Boasting 85m² of space, this intimate yet stylish space is ideal for boardroom meetings, sit-down dinners, cocktail events and more.

The Vintage

Versatile space for a main plenary or three small breakouts with natural light and views over The Haven pool.

Cellar 1

Cellar 1 is ideal for small-scale events and breakaway activities.





RESORT EXCLUSIVITY

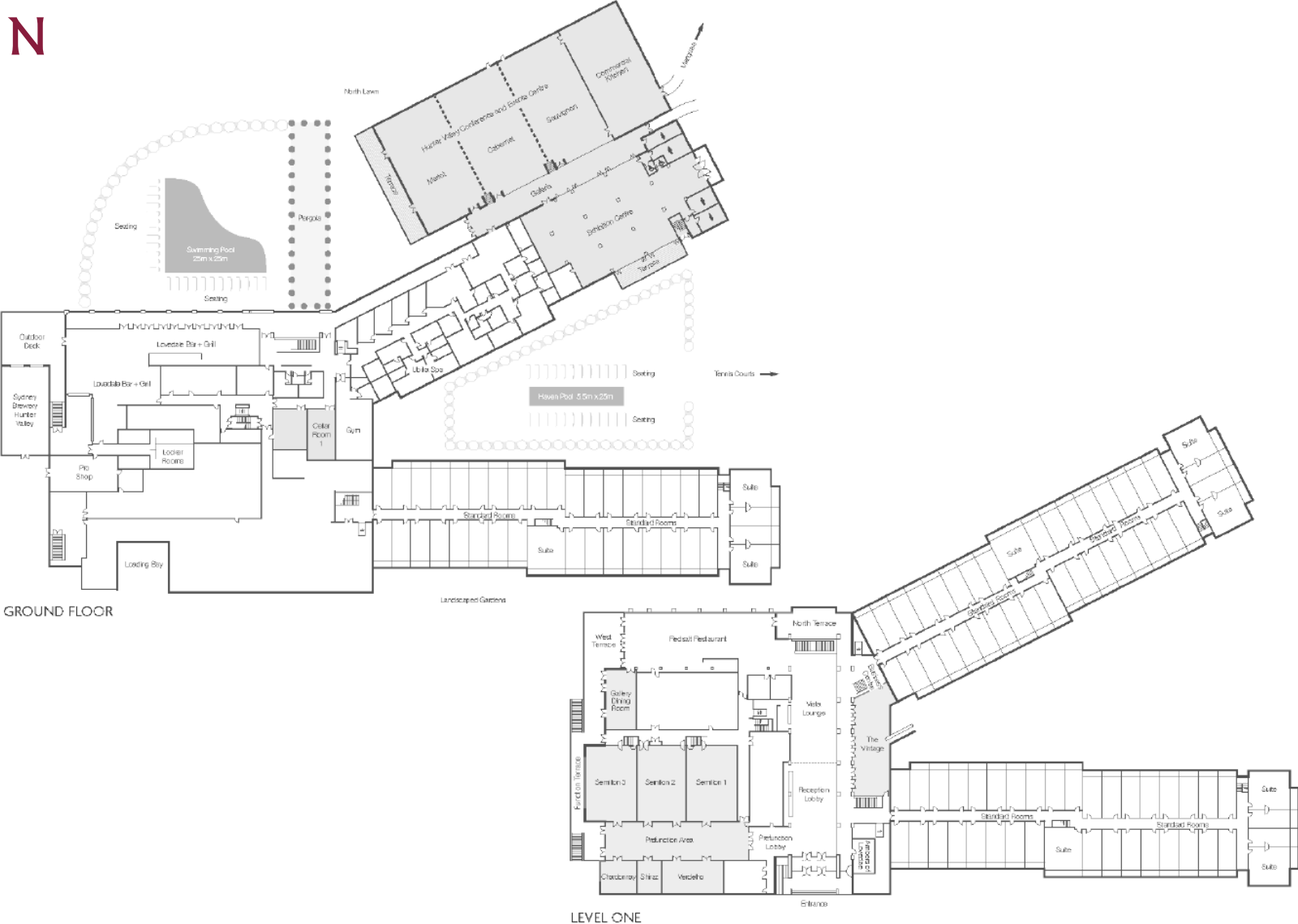
The ultimate Rydges Resort Hunter Valley experience for group meetings and incentives, Resort Exclusivity lets you transform the entire resort into “Your Rydges.” Your group enjoys complete privacy, total access to amenities and services, and greater freedom in branding opportunities. Each guest feels like a true VIP, rewarded with the highest level of appreciation, pride and prestige. This rare, highly coveted Rydges Resort Hunter Valley experience helps organisations achieve a significant return on investment.

Resort Exclusivity includes all guest rooms, event spaces, pools and all areas of the resort. However, the property may allow access to outside guests to restaurants, the spa and golf course or private residences.

EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF EVENT SPACES

Room	Dimension M	Floor Area M ²	Ceiling Height	Theatre	Banquet	Classroom	Cabaret	Boardroom	Cocktail	U-Shape	Natural Light
GROUND FLOOR											
Cabernet / Merlot	26.1 x 14.9	380.7	3.2-4.5	456	240	225	192	78	550	66	✓
Sauvignon	26.1 x 14.9	358.9	3.2-4.5	376	230	213	168	66	530	74	✓
Cabernet - Merlot - Sauvignon	26.1 x 44.8	1123.7	3-4.5	1160	850	740	664	-	1750	123	✓
Cabernet - Merlot	26.1 x 29.7	761.4	3-4.5	888	590	530	472	-	1250	105	✓
Cabernet - Sauvignon	26.1 x 29.8	739.6	3-4.5	830	530	424	408	-	1080	99	✓
Galleria	4.9 x 37.6	183.5	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	180	-	✓
Cellar Room 1	10.4 x 5.7	59.1	3	48	30	30	24	24	75	21	
Exhibition Centre	17.5 x 40.8	559.2	2.77	750	220	270	176	90	500	60	✓
LEVEL 1											
Semillon Ballroom	31.4 x 15.6	491.6	3.7	560	350	270	280	-	600	-	✓
Semillon 1 / 2 / 3	15.6 x 10.2	160.6	3.7	-	90	84	72	-	150	42	
Chardonnay	6.7 x 7.2	48.5	2.8	40	30	18	24	16	50	18	✓
Shiraz	5.1 x 6.7	34.2	2.8	20	20	12	16	12	25	12	✓
Verdelho	12.6 x 6.7	84.9	2.8	70	50	45	48	30	90	30	✓
The Vintage	19.8 x 7.7	152.9	2.95	120	90	81	72	-	150	-	✓
Vintage 1 / 2 / 3	7.6 x 6.4	50.9	2.95	40	30	27	24	-	50	-	✓
Pre-function Area	30.1 x 7.4	221.8	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	180	-	✓
UNIQUE SPACES											
Pergola	47.5 x 10.5	498.8	-	-	350	-	-	-	400	-	✓
North Terrace	15.6 x 6.5	77.5	2.7	-	40	-	-	-	90	-	✓
West Terrace	11.3 x 7.9	89	2.7	-	42	-	-	-	50	-	✓
The Gallery	11.6 x 6.3	73.4	2.7	-	58	-	-	-	100	40	✓
1st Tee	60 x 20	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	✓

FLOOR PLAN



UNIQUE EVENT SPACES

Rydges Resort Hunter Valley has a range of unique outdoor event spaces which can be tailored to your needs.

Pergola

Located next to the resort pool, experience a vibrant social event, lunch or dinner underneath the open-air pergola.

The Gallery

Adjacent to Redsalt Restaurant, The Gallery offers a private dining room experience with a wall of windows overlooking our golf course and Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley.

North Terrace

Overlooking our resort pool and golf course, the North Terrace offers spectacular sunset views of the Hunter Valley.

West Terrace

Our West Terrace offers the outlook of our stunning resort grounds and a backdrop of the resort pool. The perfect location for relaxation and revitalisation after a day of conferencing.

Exhibition Terrace

Located next to our Exhibition Centre. The Exhibition Terrace overlooks the lawn, and tennis courts offer beautiful sunset views of the Hunter Valley.



UNIQUE EVENT SPACES

Merlot Terrace

Located next to our Merlot room. The deck overlooks the lawn, and our resort pool offers beautiful sunset views of the Hunter Valley.

Hunter Valley Golf 1st Tee & Wine Country Gazebo

A waterfront gazebo, plush grass, gourmet food and sunset views by the lake await an evening under the stars.

Tennis Court Cocktails

Sit in the umpire's chair, help yourself to a drink from the team at the net bar and mingle amongst a buzzing cocktail event within the resort's tennis courts.

Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley

Special event experiences can be arranged with Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley with their hand-crafted produce to be used for your event.

The Haven

An exclusive space allowing fresh perspectives in an invigorating venue. The Haven pool and lawn turns any event into an oasis in the heart of the Hunter Valley.



ACCOMMODATION

Standard Rooms, Pool Access Rooms And Suite With Jet Bath

The modern standard rooms provide an ideal base to work and rest for multi-day events. Each room features a private balcony or courtyard with picturesque views of the sparkling onsite pool, undulating hills or manicured golf course and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Villas

A flexible, self-contained accommodation option, the design is perfect for groups or individual delegates, with connection available via an interconnecting door. Available in various layouts from villa guest rooms to one, two or three-bedroom villas, all with complimentary Wi-Fi.

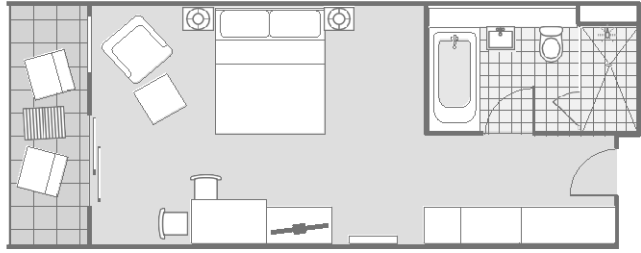
Room	Room Count	Bedding	Spare Bed Available	Max Occupancy
Kids Suite	2	1 King Bed and 1 Bunk Bed	-	4
King Room	98	1 King Bed	Yes	2
King Standard	70	1 King Bed	Yes	3
Accessible King Room	6	1 King Bed	Yes	3
Suite with Jet Bath	10	1 King Bed	Yes	3
King Room Pool Access	5	1 King Bed	Yes	3
Double Double Room Pool Access	2	2 Double Beds	-	3
Double Double Room	57	2 Double Beds	-	3
One Bedroom Villa 1 King Bed *	44	1 King Bed	Yes	3
One Bedroom Villa 2 Double Beds *	54	2 Double Beds	Yes	3
Three Bedroom 2 Bath Family Villa	22	1 King, 1 Queen and 2 Single Beds	-	6
Three Bedroom 2 Bath Villa	39	1 King and 2 Queen Beds	-	6
Three Bedroom 3 Bath Villa	8	1 King, 1 Queen and 2 Single Beds	-	6
TOTAL	417	Maximum number of beds: 698		

* Our adjoining One Bedroom Villas can combine to form a Two Bedroom Villa in either a King or Double configuration.

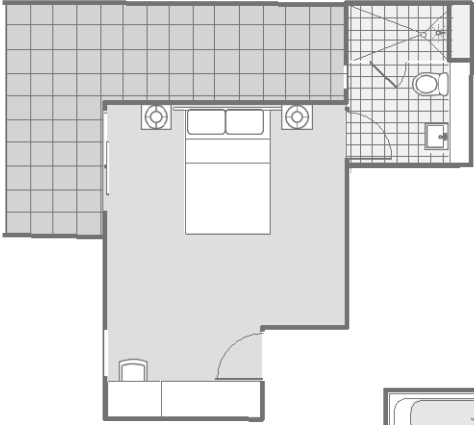


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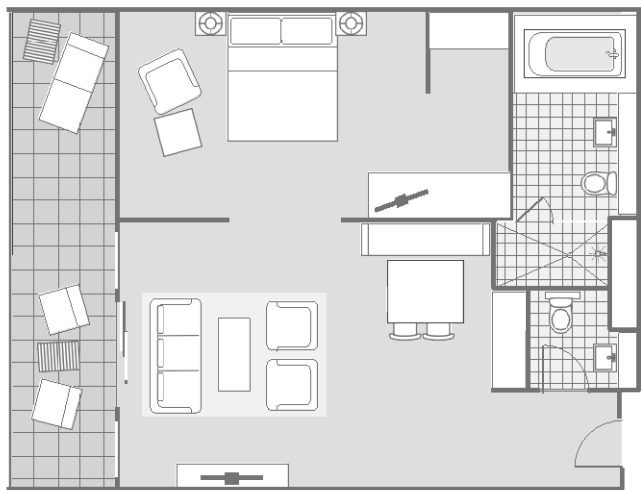
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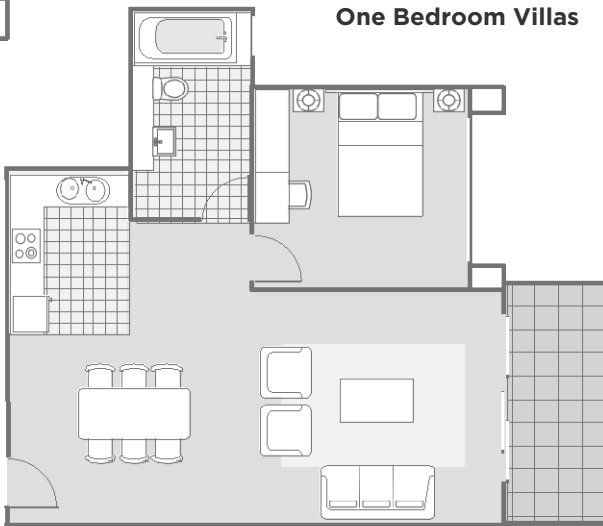
King Room



Suite with Jet Bath



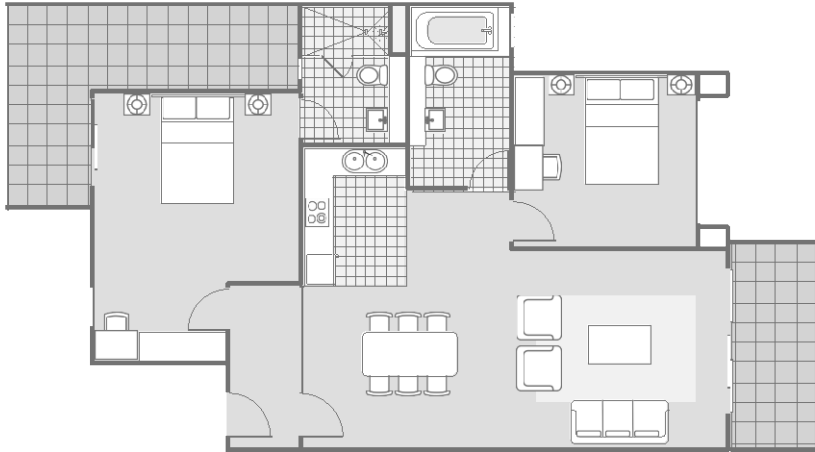
One Bedroom Villas



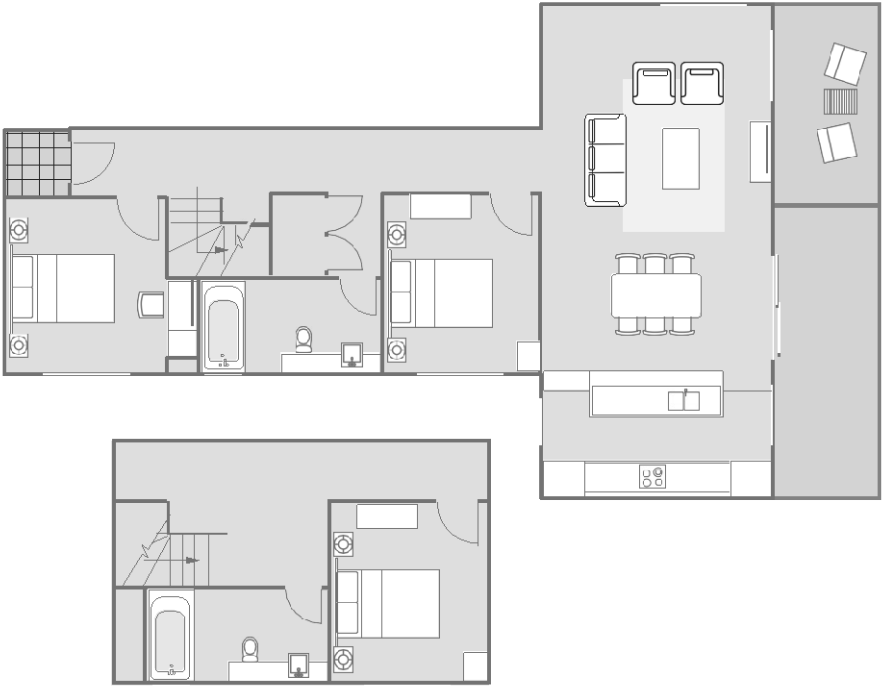
SAMPLE FLOORPLANS

ACCOMMODATION

Two Bedroom Villas



Three Bedroom Villas



SAMPLE FLOORPLANS

RESORT MAP

Rydges Resort Hunter Valley offers world class facilities and activities to suit everyone.

1. Resort lobby, reception, concierge, bike hire, wine tours
2. Resort pool, water park, sauna & spa
3. The Haven Pool, a unique adults-only space designed for relaxation
4. Amber's of Lovedale
5. Ubika Spa & Resort Gym
6. Redsalt Restaurant
7. Vista Lounge
8. Lovedale Bar + Grill & Lovedale Deck
9. Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley
10. Hunter Valley Conference & Events Centre
11. Exhibition Suite
12. Guest Laundry & ice machine
13. Hunter Valley Golf Club, Pro Shop lessons, golf drop-off point
14. Activities lawn, beach volleyball, bocce, croquet, giant chess, soccer nets
15. Water Dragons Kids Club & ferris wheel
16. Dragons Express train & station
17. Kids carousel



RESTAURANTS AND BARS



Redsalt Restaurant

Bringing the Hunter Valley to life.

Redsalt Restaurant is a premium dining experience located in the heart of the Hunter Valley. We have an uncompromising focus on enhancing excellent produce, in particular its meats, by the use of beef sourced direct from the region's very best producers. Using the time honoured and mastery skill of dry ageing, Redsalt Restaurant produces maximum tenderness and superior flavour.

Embracing the region through every encounter. Indulge with an award-winning Hunter Valley wine to start matched with one of our signature protein's cooked to your perfection. Graze on recommended accompaniments to share including butter and honey glazed carrots, sautéed mushrooms with sherry vinegar and garlic, plus many more. Finish the evening with a delectable dessert, served with a local sweet wine or specially crafted cocktail.



Vista Lounge

Cure that spontaneous cocktail craving.

Take delight in the fine selection of cocktails, whiskey, wine, and champagne; all served with a subtle Vista style. Enjoy something that won't overpower, but lend itself to the unique qualities of the Hunter Valley.

Complement your drinks with our gourmet bar menu.

Vista features tasty sharing plates such as Peking duck spring rolls, Char Siu pork belly and more. Cap off your night with one of our delectable desserts or enjoy a Hunter Valley cheese platter.



Lovedale Bar + Grill, Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley

Lovedale Bar + Grill is a place for all.

It's a bar and a restaurant with the Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley right next door. Lovedale Bar + Grill is where tasty meals are made, drinks run cold, and conversation flows.

Relax on the large outdoor Lovedale Deck or the comfy chairs indoors. Experience friendly service and try one of the Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley's crafty creations, including the famous Lovedale Lager.

FOOD PHILOSOPHY

We believe there are three key ingredients when creating original, beautifully crafted meals:

- 1. Regionally sourced, fresh produce**
- 2. Meticulous attention to detail**
- 3. Food created with a sense of pride**

When we create a new dish, we draw upon the experiences you will receive when tasting and enjoying, whether sitting down in groups, roving in breaks or on the run between sessions. Our menus have been created for you.

Hunter Valley Wine Matched to Your Event.

Home to over 150 world-recognised wineries producing a wide array of fine wines reflective of their origin. Today, the Hunter Valley is one of Australia's most famous wine regions, evident since its foundation.

Our wine list is seasonally rotated to showcase the different styles and regions in the Hunter.

Supporting Local and Fresh.

Let us take you on a culinary journey through the Hunter Valley and New South Wales regions. Embracing regional food and wine in what we do, we strive to support local Hunter producers and suppliers.

Our chefs source the best seasonal ingredients from producers, farmers and winemakers across the region and state.





GOURMET FOOD & WINE EVENTS

Harvest Hunter

A festival, a gathering, and a place for the Hunter region to congregate and celebrate you and your business.

A globally exclusive concept, **Harvest Hunter** brings interactive live cooking stations, live entertainment, locally recognised chefs sharing their favourite recipes and the region's most outstanding wineries and producers.

- Authentic cellar doors showcasing award-winning wines
- Live cooking stations by recognised chefs
- Live entertainment to create an atmosphere
- Local producers sharing their produce of fresh bread, olives and more

Choose **Harvest Hunter** and have the best of the Hunter Valley at your fingertips.

Eat Street

Take your delegates through a theatrical and interactive street market by selecting four below stalls put together by our inhouse culinary team, including theming.

Stall Options Include:

- Bao shack
- The nasi
- Wok this way
- Soup kitchen
- Ming's dynasty
- Dojo
- Desserts

RESORT EXPERIENCES

Hunter Valley Golf Club

Enjoy a spectacular 18-hole, par-71 course set amongst the Hunter Valley's world-famous vineyards. With experiences available for small, medium and large groups of up to 120 people. The Pro Shop is equipped with everything you need for your group's hire or purchase.

Ubika Spa

Ubika is derived from the Ancient Indian Sanskrit meaning 'to grow'. The Ubika Spa menu features a diverse selection of therapies for both men and women that help regenerate and restore - whether it's an energising body scrub, muscle-melting hypnotic back massage or results-oriented facial. The instant you step into our Spa, time will slow down.

Resort Pool & Haven Pool

If you want to simply relax and unwind, the resort's two fully serviced outdoor pools are the perfect place to do so with sun beds, furniture and umbrellas.

Tennis And Basketball

The resort boasts three artificial grass tennis courts and one basketball court, which we can reserve for your group.

Gymnasium

Balance out all the gourmet food, cheese platters and fine wine with complimentary access to our onsite gym. The centre is fully equipped with cardio equipment, rowing machines, weights, change rooms, showers and lockers.





RESORT EXPERIENCES

Walking Trail

Experience the nature of the Hunter Valley. Stroll along our creek trail, walk throughout the scenic vineyards, or set out for a lengthy hike through our sprawling estate.

Water Park

Located next to our resort pool, the young and young at heart can enjoy our water park, the only of its kind in the Hunter Valley.

Volleyball, Bocce And Giant Chess

Located on the activities lawn, your group can enjoy a range of active and passive activities with all the gear needed for a fun time.

Water Dragons Kids Club

Water Dragons Kids Club is a fully supervised and dedicated mini resort for our younger guests. Our purpose-built facility is staffed by childcare professionals with years of experience in keeping little faces smiling with many group activities to keep your children happy when you need to network.

Amber's Of Lovedale

The boutique store, located at the resort entrance, is your one-stop-shop for Hunter Valley giftware, refreshments, everyday essentials and resort accessories.

Games Room

Our games room is located next to the resort pool, an ideal place for big and little kids. Equipped with classic and the latest arcade games, our games room is guaranteed to provide hours of fun.

AUDIO VISUAL & TECH

Scene Change

Scene Change is one of Australia's leading audiovisual companies, winning multiple product and services awards in the Meetings & Events Australia National Award's.

Their achievements place Scene Change in the Meetings Industry Hall of Fame. Their Hunter Valley branch operates in-house at Rydges Resort Hunter Valley and has built a technological showpiece from the ground up.

Every piece of equipment in the hotel and Conference and Event Centre is state-of-the-art, delivering quality service beyond that of any other AV company in Australia.

They offer Rydges Resort Hunter Valley's clients a relentless focus on show quality and crew skilled in making presenters feel comfortable in the stage environment.

VIDEO | AUDIO | LIGHTING | STAGING

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A photograph of the Rydges Resort Hunter Valley entrance at dusk. The building features a large, covered entrance with a stone and wood facade, illuminated from within. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

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