

# Marist Wine and Dine



## The Hermitage – Marist Brothers Mittagong

### Day Trip Package: (groups of 20 people or more)

The Hermitage at Mittagong invite you to visit our picturesque property and enjoy a home cooked meal, a tasting of boutique wines made from our cool climate vineyard and stroll through the historic property. The package is open to friends and families from the Marist network. It provides a great opportunity to learn more about the Mission of the Marist Brothers past and present.

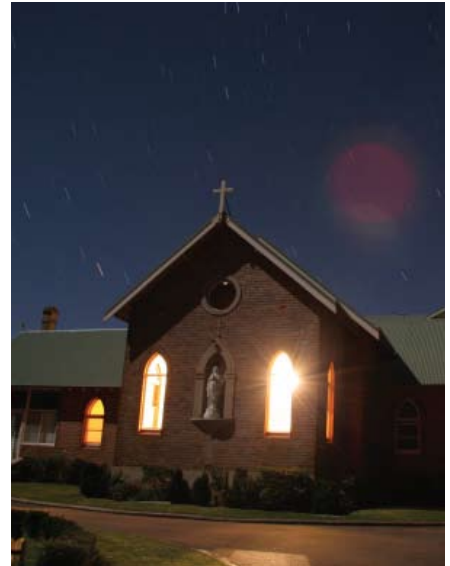
Marists settled at Mittagong 100 years ago. The property was named Our Lady of the Hermitage, echoing Marcellin's first house of training in France, a place of international Marist pilgrimage to the present day. It was initially established as a Novitiate, with a Juniorate, a boarding school to prepare those planning to enter the Novitiate, being transferred to Mittagong ten years later.

For almost 70 years, Mittagong was used exclusively for the formation of those desiring a religious life. Then, 30 years ago the Juniorate closed and the development of Year 12 retreats saw the old boarding school transformed into the Marist Centre (Le Rosey). Ten years later the Novitiate relocated to Sydney and the vacated Novitiate, rich in the formation of young Marists, became the Farmhouse (Lavalla).

Mittagong is a working farm and vineyard, run by the Brothers. Originally a dairy farm, the property raises up to 100 head of beef cattle and grows 13 hectares of grapes. Grapes are supplied to local wineries and a percentage is bought back, labelled and sold at The Hermitage's cellar door.

### A Suggested itinerary includes:

1. Travel to the Southern Highlands on a Coach departing
2. Sydney at 9:00 am for a 10:30 arrival
3. Morning Tea of freshly baked scones and jam
4. Stroll around the historic property and grounds of the Hermitage
5. Wine Tasting of Marist Brothers premium cool climate wines
6. A visit to the Cellar Door where wines and other merchandise will be available for purchase
7. Home cooked lunch including warm soup, salads and pasta in the dining room next to a warm log fire
8. Depart by coach for either Bowral or Berrima for coffee and afternoon tea
9. Return to Sydney at 3:00 pm for 4:00 arrival



### Cost:

**Coach Hire:** \$400.00 - \$500.00

**Hermitage:** \$25.00 includes morning tea, lunch and wine tasting

### Contact:

Br Michael Akers - Director ~ Marist Brothers Hermitage

Br Francis Elvidge - Vingeron

**Telephone:** (02) 4872 1911 - Mobile 0417 997 656

### Marist Brothers Hermitage:

Old South and Bong Bong Roads, Mittagong NSW 2575

Phone: 02 4872 1911 Fax: 02 4871 1991

Web: [www.thehermitage.org.au](http://www.thehermitage.org.au) ~ Email: [wine@thehermitage.org.au](mailto:wine@thehermitage.org.au)