

Media Release

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## The Rees Hotel Queenstown's First True South Culinary Series Dinner of 2016: With Fine Wines from Misha's Vineyard Wines.



The Rees Hotel Queenstown is delighted to announce its first **True South Culinary Series Dinner** for the year will be held on 1 April 2016, partnering with **Misha's Vineyard Wines**, one of New Zealand's top 20 producers. Ben Batterbury, Executive Chef at The Rees Hotel who has been pairing food with Misha's Vineyard wines for some years now, will bring his finely honed culinary skills to craft an eight course degustation menu from the best of Central Otago's produce, to complement a selection of eight exquisite wines from Misha's Vineyard vintages.

Ben, Executive Chef at The Rees since 2009, is a multi award winning culinary expert with a polished repertoire that includes French and English fusion recipes mingled with the flavours of New Zealand. Ben has a love of using supreme quality ingredients and seasonal Southern produce he personally sources from local producers wherever possible.

To celebrate Misha's Vineyards 10<sup>th</sup> vintage milestone, Andy and Misha Wilkinson, estate owners, and winemaker Olly Masters, one of NZ's most acclaimed winemakers and judges, will delve into their library stocks to showcase their entire range of wines, sharing the best varietal across 9 vintages. This stunning array of wines will include the first wine ever produced from their site, (which was never offered for sale), an array of wines that have won some of the highest international accolades and wines that have been designated 'classic wines' of New Zealand (see wine list below).

### **The Rees Hotel & Misha's Vineyard Culinary Series Dinner**

**Date:** Friday 1st April 2016  
**Time:** 6:30pm pre dinner drinks, 7pm dinner commences  
**Where:** The Rees Hotel Queenstown's True South Dining Room  
**Tickets:** \$NZ135 per person

OR

### **The Rees Hotel Accommodation Package:**

Including one night's accommodation in an Executive Lake View Hotel Room, Misha's Vineyard dinner experience for 2 people, breakfast for 2 people, complimentary Wi-Fi and movies: \$NZ665.00 [Extra night/s: NZ\$395 per room]

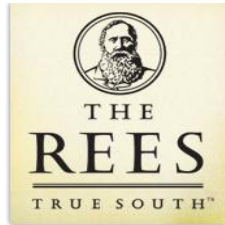
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**True South Dining room is one of only seven top tier NZ restaurants to receive the *US Wine Spectator Award of Excellence 2015* and also in 2012, 2013 and 2014. April 1 Misha's Vineyard Dinner at The Rees Queenstown: you'd be a fool to miss it!**

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## More about The Rees Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand

[The Rees Hotel Queenstown](#) blends chic five star accommodation with all the comforts of home and the service and facilities of an elite international hotel. Situated on the absolute lakefront, The Rees' terraced construction delivers complete privacy and showcases panoramic views overlooking Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables Mountains in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Its landmark restaurant is the True South Dining Room. Executive Chef [Ben Batterbury](#) was selected as an Ambassador Chef in the 2012, 13 & 14 in the NZ Beef & Lamb Excellence Awards, winner of *Best Ora King Salmon Dish in New Zealand 2014* and in 2015 was one of only two NZ chefs to participate at Australia's premier food and wine event, the prestigious Noosa International Food & Wine Festival.

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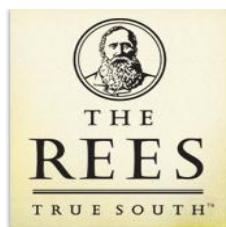
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## More about Misha's Vineyard Wines

[Misha's Vineyard](#), found on the spectacular 57-hectare vineyard site on the edge of Lake Dunstan, in Central Otago, achieved success quickly after being named as one of **New Zealand's Top 20 Producers** by *Decanter*, UK within just a few vintages. Now just 10 years on, Misha's Vineyard wines are found in leading hotels and restaurants in more than 20 countries around the world.

<http://www.mishasvineyard.com>



The Rees Hotel/ Misha Vineyard dinner wines	The accolades/stories
1. Misha's Vineyard 'The Audition' Pinot Noir 2007 (red wine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> vintage of this wine.</li> <li>• Was never for sale but given to sommeliers &amp; potential distributors.</li> <li>• Rated 92/100 by Bob Campbell MW.</li> </ul>
2. Misha's Vineyard The Gallery Gewurztraminer 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> vintage of this wine.</li> <li>• It won GOLD at Air NZ Wine Awards and was a top 100 wines in Gourmet Traveller Wine (Australia).</li> <li>• Rated 93/100 by Bob Campbell MW</li> </ul>
3. Misha's Vineyard Lyric Riesling 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> vintage of our dry Riesling. This wine is exported to certain countries and only produced in tiny volumes.</li> <li>• Rated 93/100 by Bob Campbell MW</li> </ul>
4. Misha's Vineyard The High Note Pinot Noir 2010 (or Verismo 2010)(red wine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of our best vintages of Pinot Noir.</li> <li>• The High Note 2010 won Gold in Oct 2015 at the London International Wine &amp; Spirit competition – one of only a handful of Pinots from around the world at this top int'l show.</li> <li>• Rated 95/100 by Bob Campbell MW</li> </ul>
5. Misha's Vineyard Dress Circle Pinot Gris 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was selected to represent New Zealand in the Tri Nations Wine Challenge as one of the best examples of NZ Pinot Gris</li> <li>• One of our best vintages of this wine</li> <li>• Rated 95/100 by Bob Campbell MW</li> </ul>
6. Misha's Vineyard The Starlet Sauvignon Blanc 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated of any New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc according to Robert Parker/The Wine Advocate (USA) at 91/100</li> <li>• Wine was shown at <i>Icon Wines of the World</i> – at the Saatchi Gallery in London in Feb 2015 as one of NZ's best wines</li> </ul>
7. Misha's Vineyard Impromptu Pinot Noir 2013 (red wine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just launched – this is our earlier drinking style of Pinot Noir</li> <li>• Just rated 90/100 by Bob Campbell MW</li> </ul>
8. Misha's Vineyard Limelight Riesling 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sneak preview of this icon wine as it's not released. But this is probably our best vintage of this wine!</li> <li>• Limelight Riesling is now a Classic Wine of New Zealand – according to Michael Cooper's <i>Guide to New Zealand Wine</i></li> <li>• Limelight Riesling (&amp; Lyric Riesling) are in Bob Campbell MW's Top 12 NZ Rieslings list</li> </ul>
9. Misha's Vineyard The Cadenza Late Harvest Gewurztraminer 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just about to be released, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> vintage of this new dessert style wine. (It's a very limited production).</li> <li>• The 2014 scored 95/100 from Bob Campbell MW – but we think this vintage is even better!</li> <li>• A sneak preview of this icon wine as it's not released. But this is probably our best vintage of this wine!</li> </ul>