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A New Taste of Luxury in Wine Country: Clayfields Hunter Valley Unveils Exclusive Adults-Only Villas and Artisan Honey Experiences in Pokolbin

POKOLBIN, NSW — The Lower Hunter Valley has welcomed a distinctive new addition to its luxury accommodation landscape with the official launch of Clayfields Hunter Valley. Set within a secluded 30-acre estate on the acclaimed Around Hermitage Trail, the newly rebranded property combines high-end, adults-only seclusion with an active, on-site apiary for artisan honey production.

Located just off Hermitage Road, Clayfields offers a rare dual-experience for discerning travelers: absolute rural privacy behind secure gates, situated just minutes from Pokolbin's most celebrated cellar doors and restaurants.

The estate features two expansive, bespoke luxury villas—**The Lakeview King Villa** and the pet-friendly **Valley View King Villa**. Each one bedroom villa boasts nearly 150 square meters of indoor-outdoor living space designed for year-round indulgence, featuring private heated outdoor Jacuzzis, indoor freestanding spa baths, soaring dual-sided wood-burning fireplaces, and gourmet country breakfast hampers.

Behind the transformation of the estate is proprietor Stanford Deveraux, who, alongside partner and Beekeeper Mike Wilkins, traded the fast-paced city landscape for the soil of Pokolbin. Driven by a deep respect for sustainable land stewardship and a passion for boutique hospitality, Deveraux sought to create a sanctuary that felt less like a commercial hotel and more like a deeply personal, retreat..

"We didn't just want to build another place to sleep in the Hunter Valley; we wanted to create an authentic, grounded experience that reflects the true soul of this region," says Deveraux.

"Pokolbin is our home, and Clayfields is a labor of love. We designed these villas for guests who need to completely slow down, disconnect from the noise, and reconnect with nature without sacrificing an ounce of luxury."

Beyond the luxury accommodation, what truly sets Clayfields apart is its thriving Clayfields Artisan Honey. Working hives are scattered throughout the property's native bushland and old-growth trees, where resident bees forage on seasonal botanicals and rich Ironbark blossoms.

Guests of the villas are immersed in the sweet results from the moment they arrive, greeted with complimentary jars of raw, cold-extracted honey in their gourmet breakfast provisions. During their stay, guests can enjoy private guided honey tasting experiences, learn about the fascinating mechanics of small-batch sustainable beekeeping, and sample

unique seasonal harvests directly from the estate's hives—including specialty infusions and pure honeycomb.

Whether utilising Clayfields as a luxurious central base to explore the Around Hermitage food and wine trail, or retreating to the estate to watch the sun set over the valley from a private spa, visitors are invited to experience a new standard of personalized, farm-to-table luxury.

Bookings for the luxury villas and private honey experiences are now open.

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