

What you need to know

Classic Kick-off Launch Party

Saturday Night April 11

Chalk Hill Wines — 5-9 PM

\$10 entry, free for kids 16 & under

Join us for this laid-back and fun launch event the night before the big parade. With cars prepared and tucked up for the night, Chalk Hill hosts our - New for 2026 - Classic Kickoff Launch Party.

Our kick-off launch party offers drivers, enthusiasts, locals and volunteers a chance to make the most of the weekend, celebrating Community, Automotive Classics and family fun at Chalk Hill Winery. Enjoy a viewing of rare and classic cars, auctions, wine, food, music, entertainment and a family fun atmosphere whilst experiencing Chalk Hill's stunning views at this pre-parade event.

View the Parade

Sunday from 11am

Free — Main Road McLaren Vale

From 11 am to 12 pm (approximately)

Spectators line the streets from Kangarilla Road to the McLaren Vale Information Centre to see hundreds of beautifully finished vintage, classic and loved vehicles.

Choose your spot for the main street parade to enjoy the period dress up and styled fashion.

Cars Food Music

Choose your favourite mix of delightful dishes, lively music and Classic Cars. Our winery and brewery hosts have prepared an entertaining afternoon of food and music to accompany their visiting participating motorists.

McLaren Vale becomes a motoring and lifestyle mecca for all, with a dozen mini car shows with partnering family fun. Choose your favourites or visit them all.

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20th Running
12 April 2026



CLASSIC
KICK-OFF
Chalk Hill Wines
Sat 11 April, 5-9PM

CAR PARADE
Main Road
Sun 12 April, 11AM

CARS FOOD
MUSIC
Local Wineries
Sun 12 April, 12PM

The wine district of McLaren Vale will be the place to be on Sunday 12 April 2026.

The township will buzz with hundreds of classic and rare cars, vintage fashions, our great local wines and a mouth watering selection of gourmet foods.

Whether enjoying the passion of motoring, relaxing with family or celebrating the 'Vale' lifestyle, join thousands of locals, car enthusiasts and visitors to the region to enjoy this community-driven event.

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The 2026 Vintage and Classic is proudly supported by these host venues:



Cars: Supercars, Lamborghini, Ferrari, Maserati
Music: Full Cream - Acoustic, Jazz and Party Hits.
Food: The Paella Man with Lloyd Brothers Pizzas and Regional Platters.



Cars: Chrysler, Sigma, Mitsubishi, Nissan/ Datsun
Food: Jamiacan Me Eat



Cars: Jag, Peugeot, Renault
Music: Joe Amputch
Food: Mexican Madness



Cars: Falcon, Capri, Escort, Fords
Music: Cal Williams Jr blues singer, song writer & guitarist
Food: Signor Arrostiticini- Italian skewers & local produced platters



Cars: Morris, Mini, Rover, Triumph
Music: Erin Jae & Alex Aurae
Food: EK Pizza, Platters and courtyard menu



Cars: Buick, Packard, Pontiac, Holden, Corvette, SMASA, Chevy
Music: Stuart & Scott Duo
Food: Dough Balls The Pizza Place; Wood-fired pizza, grazing boards & gelato



Cars: BMW, Porsche, VW, Saab, Mazda, Volvo
Music: Graham Brown & friends
Food: Chimichurri Grill



Cars: Mustangs, Cruising Classics, Cadillac
Music: Glen Skuthorpe
Food: Pie boxes, Gourmet Paninis, Cheese Platters, Ice Cream Truck



Cars: Zephyr, Austin, Zodiac, Sporting car club
Music: Meg Carlin acoustic guitarist & vocalist
Food: Zorbas Yiros



Cars: MG, Fiat, Italian
Music: Ebony and Dillon
Food: Butchers Platters



Cars: Custom display of unique and interesting cars
Music: Live Music
Food: Cucina di Strada

Our Winery and Brewing Partners are ready to host you with some of the finest McLaren Vale experiences available. Check vintageandclassic.com.au for details and schedule.

McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic

The first event, held in April 2006, was named Vintage and Classic, inspired by the yearly grape harvest ('vintage') and the region's famed fine wines. We used this name to attract both historic and classic vehicle owners to the event in McLaren Vale, a favourite destination of many car clubs.

Now in its 20th running, the event has become a highlight for car enthusiasts and the McLaren Vale community.

Each year, it draws thousands of visitors from South Australia and interstate, especially Victoria, making it a signature regional festival.

More than a car parade, the Vintage and Classic celebrates community spirit, where entrants and guests enjoy the region and each other's company after the parade.

McLaren Vale's History

The McLaren Vale District was surveyed in 1839 by Government Surveyor John Wingate McLaren, after whom the area is named.

In late 1839, settlers Charles Hewett and William Colton from Devonshire took up land here. The villages of Gloucester (1850) and Bellevue (1854) developed within the township.

Early life centred on farming cereal crops. In the 1850s, many left for the Victorian Goldfields or new land elsewhere in the state.

Vineyards emerged as an alternative crop, alongside a large dried fruit industry producing currants, prunes, apricots, and almonds.

These industries have mostly given way to expanding vineyards. Today, over 90 wineries offer cellar door sales and tastings, producing many world-class wines.

