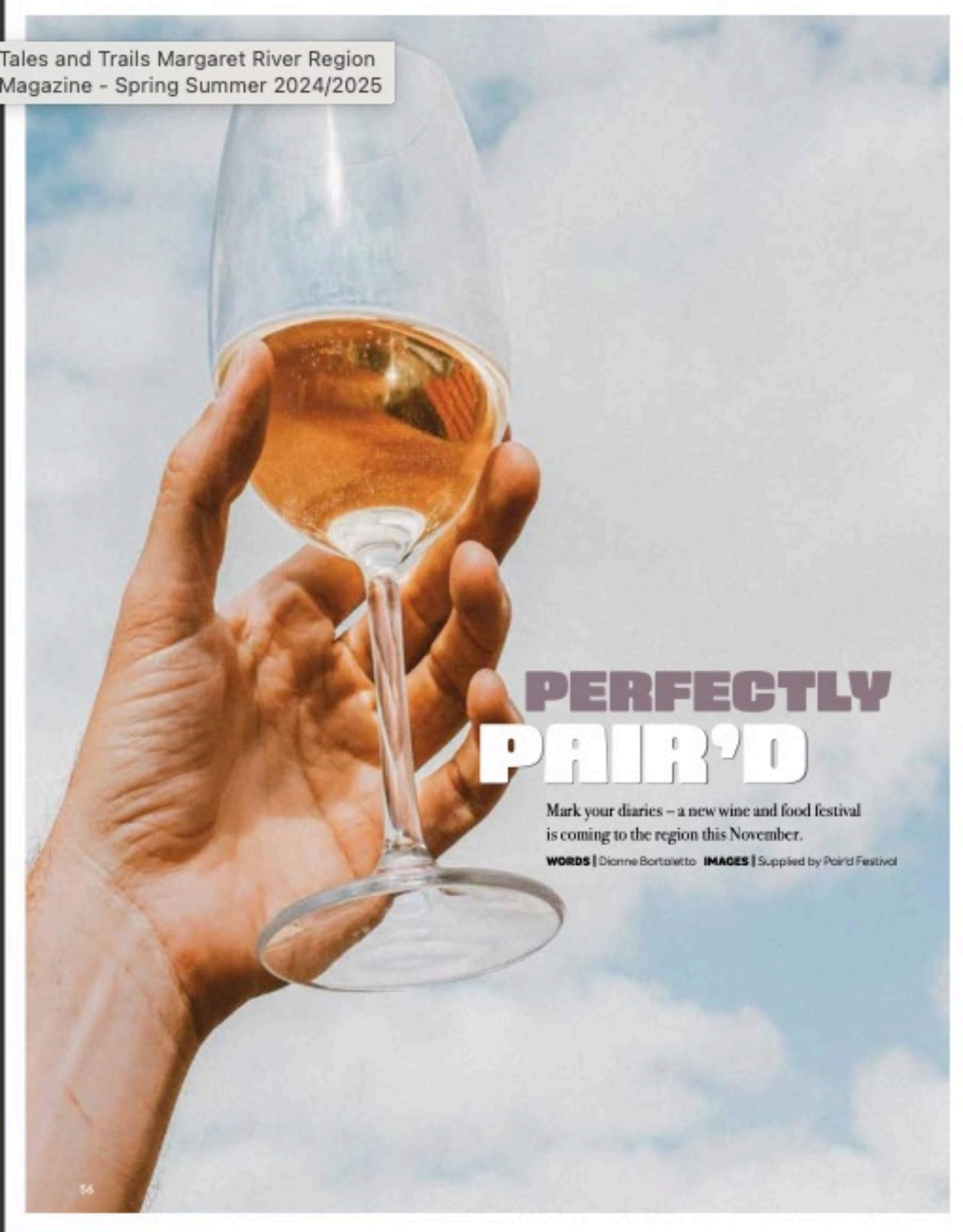


A close-up photograph of a hand holding a tall, slender wine glass filled with a golden, bubbly liquid, likely sparkling wine. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers gently gripping the stem. The background is a soft-focus view of a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is elegant and celebratory.

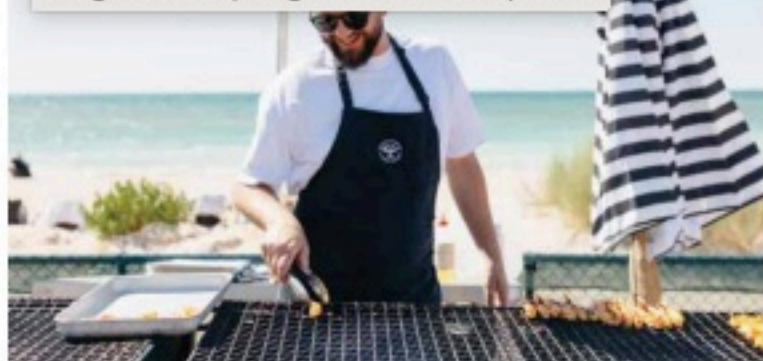
PERFECTLY PAIR'D

Mark your diaries – a new wine and food festival
is coming to the region this November.

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Margaret's Beach Club

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A trip to the Margaret River Region will always offer both the expected and the unexpected. While you can count on outstanding wine from experienced winemakers paired with superb produce prepared by worldly chefs, it's the unexpected pairings of the region's landscape that consistently deliver fortuitous surprises.

It only takes one glimpse of the towering Boranup Karri Forest transitioning to the cliffs of Contos Beach, or the red earth of Injidup Beach blending into the myriad blues of the Indian Ocean, to see why our slice of paradise is the perfect location for Western Australia's newest homegrown festival - **Pair'd Margaret River Region**.

With excitement growing, the four-day celebration promises a unique mix of 28 events from 14 to 17 November this year.

We spoke to Festival Director Hannah Pike, who is excited to bring to life the 'wine first' celebration created through the lens of a sommelier with an emphasis on local offerings. The festival program features an array of events suited to every palate, from those new to the world of wine to seasoned connoisseurs. Festivalgoers can look forward to in-depth wine tastings, Michelin-starred dining events, beach clubs with DJs, sunset experiences, Nature's Table lunches, engaging workshops, vibrant soirees, live music, and so much more.

"We are calling it a wine and food festival



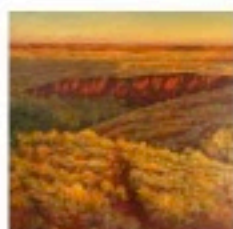
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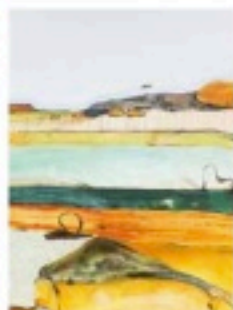
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Nature's Table



Howard Park Cellar Door

because celebrating the region and its wine is central to what we're doing," Ms Pike said.

"Just as a Sommelier puts forward the best pairings of wine to food, Poird is doing the same by linking the story of the wine with the soil on which it comes from."

"We're putting forward the best pairings of the region with its people, its people with the story of place, the story of place with the wine, the wine with the food, the food with the music."

Now, all that's left is to curate your festival weekend and select your cherry-on-top events - or should we say, the juiciest grapes out of the bunch?

Choose your perfect pairing

The manicured lawns of **Howard Park** will transform into a boutique wine festival, showcasing 15 of the region's finest wineries pouring their best drops, including rare museum

releases, throughout the weekend. Guests will have the chance to meet the winemakers behind the bottles through masterclasses and deepen their knowledge with insights from wine experts. Additionally, the stunning Howard Park Wine Chapel will host a special event featuring exclusive, under-the-table tastings of wines not generally available to the public.

Experience **Castle Rock Beach** like never before - literally! For one weekend only, this



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iconic Margaret River Region beach transforms into a chic European-style beach club. Imagine the glamour of the south of France blended with the charm of Italy's Positano, complete with rows of stylish umbrellas and luxurious day beds, DJs, mouthwatering seafood platters, elegant bistro seating, and a lively pop-up bar. This will be an unforgettable coastal escape.

Chow's Table and House of Cards are joining forces to host an Asian Hawker Style Feast, featuring vibrant street-style dishes straight from the wok, grill, and fryer. Adding to the excitement, Chow's Table Owner and Head Chef Mai Chow, known for his innovative take on Malaysian and Chinese cuisines, has invited his Tetsuya's alumni, Dan Hong and Rosheen Coull, to join him in the

South West for this special collaboration.

The trio worked together under the renowned Testuya Wakuda OAM who is celebrated as one of Australia's most revered chefs, mastering the skill of marrying French techniques with the Japanese philosophy of using natural, seasonal flavours.

The festival will also showcase a dinner series across **Leeuwin Estate, Vasse Felix, Voyager Estate** and **Wills Domain**, featuring collaborations with visiting chefs, most of them boasting a Michelin star or two.

For the well-versed wine lovers, there will be some serious wine events such as a Global Sparkling Tasting at **Howard Park**, an International Chardonnay Tasting at **Cullen**

Wines, and an International Cabernet Tasting at **Cape Mentelle**.

For those looking for something more hands-on, join a wine-tasting and pottery workshop at **Hopps Wines**, or indulge in mozzarella-making wine tasting at **Juniper Estate**. The festival will also feature an alfresco lunch among the karri trees at **Tanah Merah**, a free closing street party on Margaret River's main street, and so much more.

Prepare to explore the region and its exceptional produce like never before this spring. Discover more and purchase tickets at palatmargaretriver.com.au