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From rich, ripe reds to elegant whites, the wines from Bendigo's gold-bearing soils are a wine lover's treasure. Consider a local drop at your function in the region or as a team discover rare gems hidden in the picturesque hills and valleys of the region.

The first vines were planted in the region in 1856 just after the start of the massive gold rush which brought tens of thousands of hopeful diggers from all over the world.

They came with a lust for gold, but also the wine and food knowledge of Europe and it was only a few years before the judges at the 1873 Vienna Exhibition were heard to exclaim of Bendigo's early Hermitage that "no Colonial wine can be that good".

Today the Bendigo Winegrowers have proudly placed this region of Victoria at the centre of winemaking excellence.

More than thirty boutique wineries offer a welcoming cellar door experience and chances are you'll even meet the winemaker who'll be keen to chat about the latest vintage.

A number of wineries have dining facilities, perfect for lunch or dinner functions as part of your event.

To find out more visit **www.bendigowine.org.au** and feel free to call any winery in the region to talk about event possibilities.