

2016

DIARY OF DELIGHTS

FOOD, WINE, DESIGN,
FASHION AND OPERA.
CHOOSE YOUR DATE
FOR A VERY SPECIAL
WEEKEND AWAY.

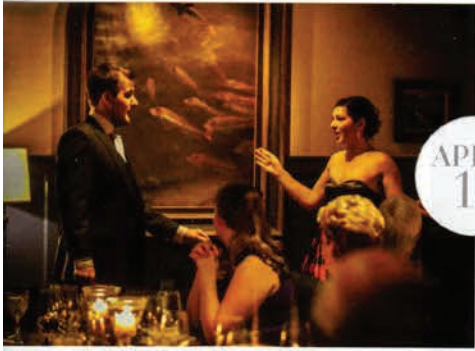
AN EVENING WITH KAREN WALKER

Huka Lodge, Taupo

Designer Karen Walker's clothes can be found in 38 countries and her international fan base includes the likes of Charlize Theron, Adele, Lena Dunham, Lorde, Christina Hendricks, Gigi Hadid and Rihanna. Sit in on an informal Q&A session as style maven Michal McKay talks to the designer about her career and what inspires her, and then continue to enjoy Karen and Michal's company over a five-course gourmet dinner.

MAY
21





APRIL
16

FRENCH OPERA, FRENCH WINES

Huka Lodge

The operatic arias of French composers are celebrated together with some of France's finest wines at this gala Huka Lodge event. Master of ceremonies Jonathan Alver has devised a programme of music presented by singers from the NZ Opera School. Jean-Christophe Poizat, from Maison Vauron, meanwhile, presents a personal selection of fine wines from Burgundy to complement dishes at a five-course dinner created by executive chef Paul Froggatt.



JUNE
24 & 25

WINEMAKERS' WEEKEND

Huka Lodge

Michael Brajkovich, a Master of Wine whose family founded Kumeu River, and Tim and Judy Finn of Nelson's Neudorf Vineyards, are guest hosts at these two evening events. Each evening features a five-course dinner prepared by executive chef Paul Froggatt, one hosted by Brajkovich and the other by the Finns. A chance to hear behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes from two premier New Zealand wine producers and enjoy fine food with elegant wines.



AUG
5 & 6

THE ART OF LIVING

Huka Lodge

Huka Lodge's Art of Living weekends bring together knowledgeable folk who share their passions and insights. Kim Helas, from Passion For Paper, shares her love of fine stationery, exquisite paper and writing accessories; Murray Crane, of Crane Brothers, holds forth on "Sartorial Elegance" and contemporary tailoring; Partridge Jewellers presents timepieces by Jaeger-LeCoultre; and Olivia McLeavey, who runs the Peter McLeavey Gallery in Wellington, talks about the gallery and the New Zealand contemporary art scene.



SEPT
3

LOUIS ROEDERER CHAMPAGNE DINNER

Huka Lodge

Louis Roederer's New Zealand ambassador, French-born Ben Longhurst, hosts a dinner celebrating champagne from House of Roederer, makers of the sublime Cristal. Chef Paul Froggatt will present five spectacular dishes designed to complement and enhance the characteristics of each of the Louis Roederer cuvées served during the evening. The event is complimentary for guests staying at Huka Lodge.



OCT
1

ATA RANGI BIG RED DINNER

Huka Lodge

Hosted by the founders of much-celebrated Ata Rangī, Clive Paton and Phyll Pattie, this is an opportunity to savour their stunning big red 2013 releases – Juliet Syrah, Célèbre and their signature Pinot Noir, one of only two New Zealand wines ever bestowed with Grand Cru status. Dinner is the creation of renowned Sydney chef Guillaume Brahimī, while Gilles Mereau, from La Fromagerie, will conduct a tasting of classic, artisan and rare cheeses from the Loire Valley and the Franche-Comte region.