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## ROCK RESTAURANT TO CLOSE

One of the Hunter Valley's most celebrated restaurants will close this month, the result of an internal review of the hospitality division of the leading Hunter Valley wine company, Poole's Rock Wines.

ROCK Restaurant and its sibling Firestick Café will cease trading on 29 May 2011.

'The decision to close ROCK Restaurant and Firestick Café is obviously a great disappointment,' commented award-winning chef Andrew Clarke.

'We are however evaluating new directions with the view to restructuring and renovating the wine tourism facilities at the Post Office Vineyard in Pokolbin, which will continue to offer our customers very memorable wine experiences.'

Under the direction of Andrew Clarke and his dedicated team ROCK Restaurant became a Hunter Valley dining destination, a significant achievement that included a continuous three-year 'Two Hat' rating in the *Good Food Guide*, and numerous other industry accolades since the restaurant's establishment in 2006.

Andrew's talents have been applauded by many of Australia's top restaurant critics, industry colleagues and loyal dining customers, a contribution that was always highly praised and valued by Poole's Rock founder, the late David Clarke.

Poole's Rock Cellar Door is unaffected by the announcement and is Open Daily from 10am – 5pm (except major Public Holidays) for tastings and sales of the Poole's Rock Wines portfolio of award-winning wines, encompassing the Poole's Rock, Cockfighter's Ghost and Firestick labels.

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