



LUXURY MEETS
MINIMALIST
INDUSTRIAL
CHIC AT ROSS
FARM

Polperro Farmhouse

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THE LOCATION A 1950s three-bedroom brick farmhouse has been re-imagined as a swanky weekender. On the same property as Polperro Wines' lovely restaurant, it's the ultimate winery escape, accessible by a quiet bush road but an easy trip to the Red Hill shops.

THE PLACE The Hecker Guthrie interior appears so effortlessly retro-chic that you know it took ages to craft. It's supremely comfortable with three double bedrooms, two bathrooms and a bright, appealing kitchen with a fancy coffee machine and lovely crockery. The house is set in a large garden with mature trees, expansive lawns and an outdoor kitchen.

THE EXPERIENCE This is a stage set for perfect moments; perhaps reclining in a robe on the 1950s-style sofa, leafing through a Phaidon tome, the sunset artfully framed through the windows, while a handsome friend makes aperitifs at the drinks trolley.

DON'T MISS A night spouting aphorisms around the firepit while a T-bone sizzles on the barbie.

The next morning, take a 10-minute wander to Hothut, Polperro's own yoga studio.

FROM \$2000 for a two-night minimum stay. *Dani Valent*

Ross Farm

84 Hewett St, Meeniyan;
0408 991 872; rossfarm.com.au

THE LOCATION This country escape is just under two hours' drive from Melbourne, amid the rolling green pastures of South Gippsland on the way to Wilsons Promontory.

THE PLACE Three separate spaces have been lovingly built from scratch by interior designer Andrea Moore and her handy craftsman dad, Lindsay, on the

site of an old dairy farm. There you'll find the one-bedroom Cabin, two-bedroom Barn and three-bedroom Dairy, each a minimalist, modern vision of industrial chic. It's a strikingly original project that recycles existing materials – raw wood, linen, steel, glass and concrete – to create a pseudo-Japanese-meets-Aussie aesthetic.

THE EXPERIENCE Stoke the pot-bellied fire, chill on the leather lounge, open a bottle of wine and cook your own feast in the well-equipped kitchen. If you're expecting all the bells

and whistles of a polished hotel chain you might be disappointed, but this is arguably one of the most inspiring and original accommodation offerings in Australia. Groups can rent the whole place for \$850 a night.

DON'T MISS Nearby Meeniyan is a relaxed, friendly town with several great food options, including the upscale Meeniyan Pantry & Cellar, a delicatessen/restaurant/bottle shop which can provide meals at Ross Farm during your stay.

FROM \$217 a night, two-night minimum stay. *Michael Harry*

