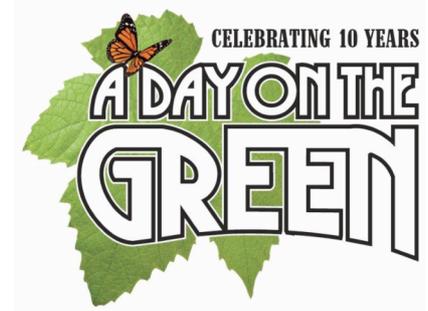


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# LIONEL RICHIE

## TOURING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND IN 2011!

with Special Guest Guy Sebastian

### **ROCHFORD WINES, YARRA VALLEY – SATURDAY APRIL 2**

Following his special AFL Grand Final performance in October, iconic performer **Lionel Richie** will be returning in March 2011 for a tour of Australia & New Zealand's finest indoor arenas and **a day on the green** wineries.

After leaving audiences in raptures on his sold out 2007 tour, Richie will be back to have everyone dancing in the vineyards at Rochford Wines, Yarra Valley on Saturday April 2 – with special guest, everyone's favourite fro Guy Sebastian.

This is the sixth and final **a day on the green** in the Yarra Valley for our landmark 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season and we couldn't think of a better way to end the celebrations.

In a career spanning over four decades, Lionel Richie has consistently bowled over critics and won legions of fans with his phenomenal repertoire of hits. Following his stint in popular 1970s funk band The Commodores, Lionel Richie was further propelled to fame with his self titled solo debut in the early 80s which led to him becoming a household name across the globe.

Richie's music, a phenomenal catalogue that includes infamous pop anthems 'Dancing On The Ceiling', 'All Night Long (All Night)' and powerful ballads 'Hello' and 'Endless Love', is universally renowned and widely beloved. The winner of multiple Grammy Awards, Lionel Richie's enduring vocals, smooth charm and mesmerizing stage presence have long rendered audiences in awe and continue to impress:

"By the show's close, not only is that deep, rich croon as effortless and powerful as ever, but Richie, having clearly saved the best for last, still has the energy to essay an extended, eyebrow-raising hip gyration to a disco megamix of his hits...Richie's every action is geared towards audience satisfaction and giving the crowd what they want." – *The Guardian* (4 stars)

"When he hit the heavy, heavy, horn-driven breakdown of 'All Night Long', his magnum opus, the venue erupted...This is your opportunity to rock out on the biggest stage with the best. Take it." – *The Age*

Richie's 2007 Australian tour, his first in 20 years, had audiences in raptures with the consummate professional winning over both fans and critics alike with his on stage charisma and hit-laden set list and this upcoming tour is sure to follow suit.

Supporting Lionel Richie on tour will be Australia's very own soulful pop star **Guy Sebastian**. Of the opportunity, Guy said: "Words can't describe how thrilled I am to be invited on Lionel's tour. He's a living legend and has always been an influence on me...I grew up with his music in my ears."

Guy has enjoyed notable success from his five previous studio albums and after completing a lengthy stint as a judge on X-Factor, is currently celebrating the release of *Twenty Ten* – his first

greatest hits set with the addition of two new songs and an acoustic compilation. The album debuted in the Top 10 on the ARIA Album Chart and was Sebastian's sixth consecutive release to do so.

Hot Adelaide quartet **Lowrider** will open the show. Two albums and hundreds of live shows later, Lowrider are a testament to the fact that the most integral part of being a successful band is making good music. With no gimmicks or special effects, this foursome have managed to build a solid reputation with their fusion of soul and funk, as evidenced on their most recent album 'Round The World'. With support slots on the Lupe Fiasco and Alicia Keys tours, Lowrider are ready to hit the big stage again.

Come and be serenaded by Lionel Richie on his tour of Australia and New Zealand in 2011, it is a show not to be missed and the perfect Christmas gift for yourself and your loved ones!

#### EVENT INFORMATION:

**a day on the green** is a fully licensed event. Strictly no BYO alcohol. Food will be available for purchase on site or BYO picnic. Picnic rugs & deck chairs are recommended. For all show, transport and accom details and playing times, go to [www.adayonthegreen.com.au](http://www.adayonthegreen.com.au).

#### TICKET PRICES:

Platinum (4 rows only): \$290 plus b/fee

Gold: \$220 plus b/fee

Silver: \$149 plus b/fee

General Admission: \$125 plus b/fee

For Concert and Dining Package call Rochford Wines (03) 5962 2119

#### TRANSPORT & ACCOM INFORMATION:

For coach enquiries, contact Melbourne On The Move 1300 558 686.

Accommodation enquiries to the Yarra Valley Information Centre on (03) 5962 2600

### **TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY DECEMBER 14**

from [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au) & 136 100 and [Rochfordwines.com](http://Rochfordwines.com) & (03) 5962 2119

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