

# TASTE Macedon Ranges Wine

## orword By James Halliday

Despite its close proximity to Melbourne - 50km as the crow flys, only an hour by car - the Macedon Ranges is one of Victoria's best kept wine secrets. Even if the discerning wine tourist arrives somewhere near its epicentre, it is a fair bet he/she will have seen only a few vineyards - unless, that is, they have the excellent map provided, particularly on the website, by the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association.

Even then, the ever changing topography will have provided its challenges, denying the visitor many expansive vistas. Paradoxically, this lies at the heart of the appeal of the Macedon Ranges. As you rise and fall, twist and turn, there is always something new or unexpected. It is tempting to simply say that thanks to altitude - 300 to 800m above sea level - this is a very cool region with the capacity to make some of Australian mainland's finest sparkling wines. But it's much more than that!

There are over 40 wineries profiled in this guide, it's not suprising the majority of them should nominate Pinot Noir as producing their flagship wine. Thereafter, it is a broad spread: Shiraz, Chardonnay, Sparkling, Riesling, Gerwűrztraminer, Pinot Gris, Nebbiolo, Lagrein and Cabernet Sauvignon, to name a few. Despite this varietal diversity, the cool climate has a unifying influence on the style of wines. They are more perfumed than their warm region counterparts; they are usually in the light to medium-bodied spectrum, with lower alcohol levels and finer tannins; where oak is used, it is kept in restraint; and finally, the natural acidity not only preserves the freshness of the wines, but increases the length of the palate and aftertaste.









#### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

For the most comprehensive information about the Macedon Ranges, call one of our friendly Visitor Information Centres

### Woodend 🔼 **VISITOR CENTRE**

High St, Woodend VIC Open 7 days, 9am - 5pm P: 5427 2033 or 1800 224 711

Daylesford Z VISITOR CENTRE

98 Vincent St, Daylesford Open 7 days, 9am - 5pm P: 5321 6123

Kyneton 🔽 **VISITOR CENTRE** 

High St, Kyneton VIC Open 7 days, 9am - 5pm P: 5422 6110 or 1800 244 711

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Main Rd. Lancefield Open 7 Days



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

01 GISBORNE PEAK WINERY 5428 2228 M-F: 11am - 4pm 69 Short Rd. Gisborne South

5427 0542

5348 5550

5427 1057

10am - 5pm

E: 535m S: Volcanic loams RF: 625mm 5ha S-S: 11am - 5pm WINES: Chardonnay, Lagrein, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Semillon, Sparking White, Blends

Enjoy estate wines matched with wood-fired pizza or taster's platte in a relaxed atmosphere. On-site accommodation gisbornepeakwines.com.au

02 GRANITE HILLS WINERY 5423 7273 11am - 6pm

1481 Burke and Wills Track, Baynton E: 550m S: Granitic sandy loam RF: 700mm 12ha WINES: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay Noir,

Gruner Veltliner, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Shiraz A devotee of Estate Grown, Made and Bottled wines. Twice awarded the RASV Victorian Trophy for Wines of Provenance.

**03 HANGING ROCK WINERY** 

88 Jim Rd, Newham E: 650m S: Weathered basalt RF: 750mm

WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon, Sparkling Macedon Specialising in estate grown Pinot Noir and Heathcote Shira

Halliday Wine Companion 5 Red Star winery and the largest in the region hangingrock.com.au

**04 PASSING CLOUDS** 

E: 742m S: Volcanic RF: 1100mm 5ha

WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sparkling, Shiraz and Cabernet Passing Clouds has been making wine that expresses a sense of place and time since 1974. Lunch Friday to Monday.

**05 ROWANSTON ON THE TRACK** 

5425 5492 2710 Burke and Wills Track, Glenhope E: 420m S: Volcanic RF: 600mm 8ha WINES: Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Merlot, Shiraz, Sparkling Blanc de

Noir, Sparkling Shiraz & Fortified wine Gentle traditional techniques produce our estate grown award winning wines.

Onsite B&B accommodation. rowanston.com

#### OPEN 4-5 DAYS A WEEK

**06 COBAW RIDGE (THURS-MON)** 5423 5227

31 Perc Boyers Lane, East Pastoria 10am - 5pm **E:** 620m **S:** Coarse granitic sand **RF:** 750mm 5ha S-S: 12pm - 5.30pm WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Lagrein

Est. 1985. Certified Organic/Biodynamic. Fifth Australian member of the elite French based 'La Renaissance des Appellations" cobawridge.com.au

**08 MOUNT CHARLIE WINERY (THURS-SUN)** 5428 6946

228 Mount Charlie Rd, Riddles Creek E: 445m S: Degraded granitic RF: 612mm 2ha

WINES: Bordeaux Quartet, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc, Sparkling Macedon, Tempranillo

Produces limited amount of high quality wines. Estate grown and produced. Contract wine making. Online sales. mountcharlie com au

37 PARAMOOR WINERY (FRI-MON)

439 Three Chain Rd. Carlsruhe **E:** 550m **S:** Sandy grey loam **RF:** 500mm 1.5ha

WINES: Riesling, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon, Rosé Vineyard platters each weekend (must be pre ordered) paramoor.com.au

38 CLEVELAND WINERY

E: 460m S: Sandy lime over clay RF: 550mm 5.5ha WINES: Brut, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz Resort offers Underground Cellar Door Experience, Restaurant, Accommodation, & caters to private events & conferences. Bookings required.

09 ZIG ZAG ROAD (THURS-MON) 5423 9390

201 Zig Zag Rd. Malmsbury

E: 500m S: Red volcanic RF: 725mm 4ha WINES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Rosé, Shiraz, Sparkling Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc An unirrigated vineyard, hand pruned and hand picked.

All red wines are estate grown and processed

ziazaawines.com.au

#### OPEN WEEKENDS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & BY APPT.

**10 BIRTHDAY VILLA** 101 Mollison St. Malmsbury E: 462m S: Red & black volcanic RF: 600mm 2ha

WINES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewűrztraminer A boutique vineyard established in 1976 in Malmsbury with views of the historic Malmsbury viaduct birthdayyilla com au

07 CLOUD 9 FARM 5423 5284 204 Gooch's Lane, Pipers Creek

E: 580m S: Granitic/volcanic 4ha WINES: Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot & Shiraz/Merlot, Pinot Noir Cheese: Grana (Parmesan style), White velvet (Camembert style), Cheddar A family run Cellar Door where we produce our own wine & cheese. Available for events Thursdays and Fridays

11 COPE-WILLIAMS WINERY 160 Glenfern Rd, Romsey

E: 565m S: Decomposed basalt RF: 800mm 6.5ha WINES: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Fortified,

cloud9farm.com.au

Pinot Noir, Sparkling Red & White Established in 1977 and became a leader in cold climate sparkling wine production

12 CURLY FLAT 5429 1956 22 WOMBAT FOREST VINEYARD 263 Collivers Rd, Lancefield

E: 540m S: Red volcanic basalt 13.4ha VINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris

Curly Flat produces wines reminiscent of the wines of Burgundy. Estate grown grapes vinified in multi-level winery

14 FONTANELLA WINES 0408 388 118 1225 Malmsbury Road, Glenlyon

E: 610m S: Red volcanic RF: 863mm 2ha WINES: Prosecco, Pinot Grigio, Rosé, Pinot Nero, Cabernet Merlot Fontanella wines is a family owned 5 acre boutique vineyard producing high quality, fontanellawines com au

**15 GLEN ERIN AT LANCEFIELD** 

200 Rochford Rd, Lancefield

E: 560m S: Silty loam over silty clay RF: 800mm WINES: Sparkling, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz A cosy cellar door experience; Restaurant @ Glen Erin is open weekends for lunch and dinner: accommodation available

16 GUILDEORD VINEYARD & CELLAR

6720 Midland Hwy, Guildford 11.30am - 5pm E: 300m S: Sandstone, slate, quartz RF: Variable, 3ha

WINES: Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Viognier, Chardonnay Vinevard. cellar door and restaurant where wild species, biodiversity, conservation and production of great local wines is our passion

guildfordvineyard.com.au 17 HESKET ESTATE (1st weekend of the month)

856 Romsey Rd, Hesket **E:** 660m **S:** Grey to red loam **RF:** 760mm 5.5ha WINES: Chardonnay, Gewűrztraminer, Pinot Noir,

Sparkling, Riesling, Heathcote Shiraz An immaculate vineyard setting on the sunny slopes of Mount Macedon, Also

**39 HUNTER-GATHERER** 

hesketestate.com.au

362 Pipers Creek-Pastoria Rd, Pipers Creek E: 580m S: Red Volcanic Basalt RF: 700mm 5ha WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sparkling, Riesling,

Shiraz, Sangiovese, Prosecco, Rosé Small-Batch, handcrafted wines from Macedon and Heathcote. Family friendly cellar door. Grazing platters available on weekends hawines.com.au

18 KYNETON RIDGE ESTATE 5422 7377 517 Blackhill Rd, Kyneton (Via Hallorans Ln) 11.30am - 5.30pm

E: 540m S: Granitic RF: 580mm 4ha WINES: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Sparkling

Macedon, Sparkling Shiraz Family winery producing handcrafted award winning wines. Weekend menu great pizza and casual food. All weather Cellar Door overlooking vineyard and stunning views kynetonridge.com.au

19 LIMESTONE TRACK VINEYARD 48 Limestone Track, Guildford

E: 410m S: Loam, clay and sandstone RF: 520mm 2.2ha WINES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Merlot, Chardonnay, Merlot, Rosé ,Shiraz

A family owned vinevard producing hand crafted wines from handpicked vines

25 LYONS WILL ESTATE (4th weekend of the month) 0412 681 940 60 Whalans Track, Lancefield

E: 540m S: Red volcanic, grey loam RF: 630mm 4ha WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Gamay

Nestled at the foothills of the Cobaw State Forest this winery proceduces quality wines with a minimalist approach. Cheese and charcuterie boards available Sat & Sun lvonswillestate.com.au 5427 4172

**44 MOUNT MACEDON WINERY** 

433 Bawden Rd, Woodend

E: 680m S: Clay loam RF: 850mm WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sparkling and more.

A boutique vineyard set on the western slopes of Mount Macedon, Enjoy panoramic views and a relaxed dining experience. Please call prior to the day of your visit to make a booking and to ensure the MMW grounds are open. mountmacedonwinery.com.au

**20 MOUNT TOWRONG VINEYARD** 4 Taylors Rd, Mount Macedon

E: 600m S: Light clay loam RF: 850mm

VINES: Prosecco, Nebbiolo, Chardonnay, Vivace and more Family operated vineyard and winery using sustainable and biodynamic principles to achieve the best possible quality. Our focus is on Italian varieties. Rustic Italian food

mounttowrong.com.au

**28 PARKSIDE WINERY ESTATE** 

308 Parks Rd. Lancefield E: 540m S: Red Volcanic RF: 670mm 1.5ha WINES: Sparkling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc

Set in an inviting country location. Parkside is all about great wine, good food and a relaxed atmosphere. All wines are grown and vinified at Parkside using traditional techniques with tastings offered in our family friendly, lovingly restored 1890s horse stables.

**21 SAILORS FALLS ESTATE** 

1073 Telegraph Rd, Sailors Falls E: 620m Š: Volcanic & grey loam RF: 875mm 1.5ha

WINES: Chardonnay, Gamay, Gewűrztraminer, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Rosé A small family vineyard in an idyllic bushland setting near Daylesford Stay at our villas, enjoy a spa bath and wood fire sailorsfallsestate com au

WINES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Sparkling

189 Springhill Rd. Denver (via Daylesford) **E:** 600m **S:** Red volcanic 2ha

Pinot Noir, Blanc de Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling Family owned vineyard & winery on the edge of the Wombat State Forest. Est 1997

"Deliberately small, producing a premium product" wombatforestwines.com

0408 799 187

0413 889 866

chantersridge.com.au

0400 194 361

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10am - 5pm

BY APPOINTMENT

36 BOTANICA ESTATE

5476 4457

5476 4266

11:30am - 4:30pm

0488 155 088

0419 036 581

5348 6626

1294 Romsev Rd. Hesket botanica-estate.com.au E: 630m S: Clay loam NES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sparkling, Pinot Meunier, Rosé, Gewűrztraminer

A Picturesque Vineyard and Gardens, both managed by hand by the owners. Premium Grape & Wine Producer from vines planted in 2004. 0427 511 341

23 CHANTERS RIDGE 440 Chanters Ln. Fern Hill

E: 650m S: Red volcanic RF: 650mm 2ha WINES: Pinot Noir, Rosé, Sparkling white and red

Boutique, family owned vineyard & Cellar Door, two acre garden also open to visitors

45 DOUBLE OAKS ESTATE 0433 762 629 104 Ashworths Road, Lancefield doubleoaks.com.au

E: 590m S: Red volcanic granitic RF: 630mm 2ha NES: Chardonnay, Rosé, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grüner Veltliner Family owned and run boutique winery producing elegant wines made only from the

finest handpicked grapes. 24 LANES END 5429 1760

885 Mt.William Rd, Lancefield lanesend.com.au **E:** 570m **S:** Volcanic/grey granitic **RF:** 600mm 2ha **WINES:** Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Rosé

Single vineyard wines produced from mature low yielding vines using wild yeasts and burgundian techniques. Online sales

**26 METCALFE VALLEY** 283 Malmsbury-Metcalfe Rd, Metcalfe E: 445m S: Soil granitic and basalt

WINES: Syrah, Viogner, Roussanne/Marsanne, Sauvignon Blanc Metcalfe Valley produces single-vineyard, cool climate wines in the Rhone style suited to our varietals 0407 821 049

> **27 MIDHILL VINEYARD** 1727 Romsey Rd, Romsey

E: 540m S: Red volcanic, clay loam RF: 730mm 2.5ha WINES: Chardonnay, Gewűrztraminer, Pinot Noir, Rosé, Sparkling Vineyard planted in 1993 producing premium fruit. Wines made under contract by Macedon winemakers. Online sales

**46 MOUNT MONUMENT WINES** 1399 Romsey Rd, Romsey mountmonumentwines.com

Vineyard planted in 1998. Online sales. 47 WILIMEE

E: 620m S: Grey loam over silica clays RF: 700mm 2.3ha

72 Powells Tk Lancefield E: 600m S: Cambrian soil RF: 600mm 4ha

WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Reisling

WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir Vineyard planted in 1982. Small family-run vineyard making great wine from hand picked fruit. Online sales.

NO CELLAR DOOR

**41 ATHLETES OF WINE** 0410 273 903 E: 540m S: Red volcanic RF: 670mm 0.6ha

**WINES:** Chardonnay, Pinot Noir Mature vineyard, low yield, minimal inte

**30 KILCHURN WINES** 5429 5666 kilchurnwines.com.au 144 Glenfern Rd. Romsev

31 LORD MALMSBURY VINEYARD 0417 325 773 Calder Hwy, Malmsbury lordmalmsburyvineyard.com.au E: 460m S: Red volcanio

WINES: Macedon sparkling, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Bordeaux style reds Planted in 1989, with a focus on green viticulture and wines with soul 34 PEGERIC 9354 4961

pegeric.com **45 PATRICKS VINEYARD** 0475 632 939

E: 650m S: Volcanic WINES: Pinot Noir Private vineyard located on the southern slopes of Cobaw State Forest overlooking Hanging Rock, specialising in high quality wines made with minimal intervention

**48 RILL HOUSE VINEYARD** 0414 235 062

E: 650m S: Red volcanic clay loam RF: 580mm 2.5ha WINES: Chardonnay, Fumé Blanc, Pinot Noir Cool climate, 30-year-old, family owned vineyard, producing premium wines from

hand-picked, single vineyard grapes. 35 SILENTWAY 0409 159 577

825 Monument Rd, Lancefield silentway.com.au E: 540m S: Degraded volcanic basalt RF: 720mm 1.6ha WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

Wines produced are in small quantities and express the soils they are grown in. **42 WILLOW RUN VINEYARD** 0419 611 444

191 Malmsbury Metcalfe Rd, Metcalfe

E: 445m S: Soil granitic basalt 11.5ha WINES: Shiraz, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

We specialise in the growing of high quality Shiraz grapes and are strictly a grape growing vineyard, not a wine producer

43 SHADOWFAX LITTLE HAMPTON VINEYARD 9731 4420 E: 700m S: Deep red caliban soil RF: 900mm 8ha shadowfax.com.au WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris

Shadowfax's flagship vineyard producing premium Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris, expressive of this unique high-altitude site