

Victoria



Victoria is a small state in area compared to say, South Australia and NSW, and most of the state is within easy travel distance of Melbourne. Within this easily travelled zone there is a wealth and diversity of wine regions offering cool climates in 22 regions which produce excellent quality wines. Victoria's main wine producing region is the Rutherglen area which is known for their unique fortified wine styles like Muscat, highlighting the sweetest fruit flavours concentrated by long dry autumns. In the northeast, smaller Victorian wine regions are at Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula and the Geelong area. Some of Australia's biggest and most well known wineries are based in Mildura because of the favourable conditions for grape cultivation. In the Alpine Valleys region, autumn comes fast and vigneron and winemakers strive to ripen the fruit before the frosts, creating rich, complex wines that are produced through cool summers.



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9	Heathcote	20	Upper Goulburn
10	Henty	21	Yarra Valley
11	King Valley		

1 ALPINE VALLEYS

147km from Melbourne (2hrs)

Grape varieties include Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz.

2 BEECHWORTH

284km from Melbourne (3hrs)

The region's producers grow a range of varieties with, however, a focus on Shiraz, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay which revels in the cool climate. The region also produces Italian varietals (Amulet Vineyard, Castagna); fortifieds (Pennyweight) and Gamay (Sorrenberg).

3 BENDIGO

151km from Melbourne (1hr 45mins)

Perfumed Shiraz and well structured Cabernet Sauvignon are just two of the highlights of this region.

4 GEELONG

75km from Melbourne (55mins)

Although a young region it has a sound reputation for Shiraz, and a developing reputation for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

5 GIPPSLAND

The Gippsland region covers an area of 41,434 square kilometres, which covers 18% of the State of Victoria representing 42 towns including (distance from Melbourne): Mt Baw Baw Alpine Village – 157km; Metung – 314km; Mallacoota – 523km

Such a cool climate is suitable for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and it is these wine styles that have made their mark.

6 GLENROWAN

235km from Melbourne (2hr 30min)

Producing intensely flavoured wines and particularly renowned for its fortified wines but also produces rich styles of Shiraz and Chardonnay.

7 GOULBURN VALLEY

The Goulburn Valley is a huge area stretching from Seymour in central Victoria up to Echuca on the Murray River. Melbourne to Seymour – 111km (1hr 16mins); Melbourne to Echuca – 214km (2hrs 45 mins)

Full bodied Shiraz and rich Cabernet Sauvignon are consistent regional styles, along with the little known Marsanne.

8 GRAMPIANS

253km from Melbourne (3hrs)

While famous for its sparkling wine the mainstay of production is high quality table wine. The region grows Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

9 HEATHCOTE

118kms from Melbourne (1hr 34mins)

Shiraz is the region's soprano. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon all grow exceptionally well in the region, producing single variety and blended wines of intensity and opulence.

10 HENTY

374km from Melbourne (5hrs). The Henty region covers Portland, Heywood, Hamilton & Casterton

Riesling is made by all the wineries in the region. The three classic grape

varieties of Champagne – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier – account for more than half the total plantings, and are largely directed to Seppelt sparkling wine making.

11 KING VALLEY

282km from Melbourne (3hrs 16min)

Chardonnay has proved highly successful with its rich, yet mellow flavours and Cabernet Sauvignon is flavoursome and generous with soft tannins.

12 MACEDON RANGES

39km from Melbourne (55min)

The principle varieties are Chardonnay, Riesling, and in the reds, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Shiraz.

13 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

101km from Melbourne (1hr 40min)

The region's reputation is building around Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The red volcanic soils also grow a fine Shiraz.

14 MURRAY DARLING

The Murray-Darling vineyard region winds itself along the great Murray River including the following towns: Kerang, Wodonga (3 hours and 20 minutes) & Mildura (6 hours) from Melbourne

Producing table wines and fortifieds with an increasing proportion of production being devoted to premium wine especially Chardonnay.

15 PYRENEES

The Pyrenees region covers areas such as Avoca (184km) 2 hours, Beaufort (164km) 1 hours and 48 minutes and Lexton (161km) 1 hours and 50 minutes from Melbourne

Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sparkling Wines and Sauvignon Blanc.

16 RUTHERGLEN

292km from Melbourne (3hrs)

Two of the highlights from this region include the unique styles of fortified Muscat and Tokay.

17 STRATHBOGIE RANGES

163km from Melbourne (90mins)

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinots, Shiraz, Cabernets and Merlot are the key varieties grown.

18 SUNBURY

39km from Melbourne (34min)

Chief grape varieties are Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Shiraz.

19 SWAN HILL

337km from Melbourne (4hrs 13min)

Chardonnay is particularly successful. The region also has smaller boutique wineries who produce fine Cabernets, Shiraz, Chardonnay and Riesling as well as Italian varietals such as Durif and Sangiovese.

20 UPPER GOULBURN

132km from Melbourne (1hr 55min)

High quality Sparkling wine, Chardonnay and aromatic varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Gewürztraminer.

21 YARRA VALLEY

51km from Melbourne (60mins)

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Shiraz.