

The first grapes were planted in the Bendigo region in 1856 just after the start of the massive gold rushes which brought tens of thousands of hopeful diggers from all over the world to seek their fortunes.

They brought with them a lust for gold, but also the wine and food knowledge of Europe and it was only a few years before the judges at the 1873 Vienna Exhibition were heard to exclaim of Bendigo's early Hermitage that "no Colonial wine can be that good".

Today regular visitors to the Bendigo region fondly refer to it as 'The Winemakers' Region' since the majority of the wineries in the area are family owned. Most have the winery and cellar door outlet set amongst the vines from which the wine is made and visitors will often meet the winemakers, sleeves rolled up, tending their vines or working in the winery.

The climate of Central Victoria is Mediterranean-like, with spring rain and long hours of summer sunshine. These conditions are ideal for growing Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The region is justly famous for its rich, ripe and deeply flavoured varietal wines.

Take the time to experience and explore a selection of more than 30 cellar doors in the region.



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## Our Annual Wine Events

### Bendigo Winemakers Festival

*Held every Easter Sunday  
Castlemaine Botanical Gardens*

Stunning garden setting with more than 30 wineries represented, in many cases by the winemakers themselves. A chance to sample the best wines of the region.



### Bendigo Heritage Uncorked

*Held every second weekend in October  
Bendigo Central Business District*

Bendigo's iconic moveable feast event showcases the best of Bendigo - local wine, quality restaurants and grand gold rush architecture.



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# Bendigo Rich Ripe Reds



Your guide to  
our cellar doors.



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### Open 7 Days

- 1 Kangderaar Vineyard 5438 8292
- 7 Water Wheel Vineyards 5437 3060
- 8 Connor Park Winery 5437 5234
- 9 Sandhurst Ridge Winery 5435 2534
- 12 Balgownie Estate 5449 6222
- 16 Bendigo Wine Estate 5439 7444
- 20 Chateau Doré Winery 5439 5278
- 23 Big Hill Vineyard 5435 3366
- 29 Harcourt Valley Vineyards 5474 2223

### Open Weekends & Most Weekdays

- 2 Blanche Barkly Wines 5438 8223
- 4 Glenalbyn Winery 5438 8255
- 11 Marong Vineyard 5435 2473
- 15 Avonmore Estate 5432 6291
- 17 Rivergate Wines 5439 7367
- 18 Mandurang Valley Winery 5439 5367
- 22 Chateau Leamon 5447 7995

### Open Weekends & Public Holidays (or by arrangement at other times)

- 3 Passing Clouds 5438 8257
- 5 Old Loddon Wines 5437 3197
- 6 Pondalowie 5437 3332
- 14 Wellbush Vineyard 5448 8515
- 21 Lynnevale Estate 5439 3635
- 24 Belvoir Park Estate 5435 3075
- 25 Bullock Creek Vineyard 5435 3207
- 27 Butterfly Crossing 5474 2567
- 28 BlackJack Vineyards 5474 2355
- 30 Langanook Wines 5474 8250
- 32 Nuggetty Vineyard 5475 1347
- 33 Chaperon Wines 5435 7427

### Open By Appointment

- 10 Burnt Acre Vineyard 5435 2519
- 13 BRIT Winery 1300 554 248
- 19 Tannery Lane Vineyard 5439 3227
- 26 Sutton Grange Winery 5474 8277
- 31 Lake Cairn Curran Vineyard 5476 2523

### No Cellar Door

- Black Estate Vineyard 5442 8048
- Glenwillow Vineyard 5448 4711
- Knots Wines 0417 391 622
- Newbridge Wines 0438 210 330
- Sanctuary Hill 5443 2624
- Sheer Drop Wines 0417 244 410
- Turners Crossing 0427 843 528

