

# TASTE Macedon Ranges Wine

## Foreword By James Halliday

Despite its close proximity to Melbourne – 50km as the crow flies, 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 35 wineries profiled in this guide - it's not surprising the majority of them should nominate Pinot Noir as producing their flagship wine. Thereafter, it is a broad spread: Shiraz, Chardonnay, Sparkling, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, 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 the 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.



### OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**01 GISBORNE PEAK WINERY** **5428 2228**  
69 Short Rd, Gisborne South Mon-Fri: 11am–4pm  
E: 535m S: Volcanic loams RF: 625mm 5ha Sat-Sun: 11am–5pm  
WINES: Chardonnay, Lagrein, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Semillon, Sparkling White, Blends  
Enjoy estate wines matched with wood-fired pizza or taster's platter in a relaxed atmosphere.  
On-site accommodation. [gisbornepeakwines.com.au](http://gisbornepeakwines.com.au)

**02 GRANITE HILLS WINERY** **5423 7273**  
1481 Burke and Wills Track, Baynton 11am–5pm  
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. [granitehills.com.au](http://granitehills.com.au)

**03 HANGING ROCK WINERY** **5427 0542**  
88 Jim Rd, Newham 10am–5pm  
E: 650m S: Weathered basalt RF: 750mm 8ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Sparkling Macedon  
Established in 1983, we're considered one of the Macedon Ranges contemporary pioneers. Specialising in estate grown Pinot Noir and Sparkling Macedon. Iconic views, 20+ wines for tasting, local tasting plates and estate grown beef. Sculpture Exhibition from Oct-Apr. [hangingrock.com.au](http://hangingrock.com.au)

**04 PASSING CLOUDS** **5348 5550**  
30 Roddas Lane, Musk 10am–5pm  
E: 742m S: Volcanic RF: 1100mm 6ha  
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 Thursday to Monday. [passingclouds.com.au](http://passingclouds.com.au)

### OPEN 4-5 DAYS A WEEK

**38 CLEVELAND WINERY** **5429 9000**  
55 Shannons Rd, Lancefield  
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 and caters to private events & conferences. Bookings required. [clevelandwinery.com.au](http://clevelandwinery.com.au)

**12 CURLY FLAT (FRI-MON)** **5429 1956**  
263 Collivers Rd, Lancefield 12noon–5pm  
E: 540m S: Red volcanic basalt 13.4ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris  
Estate grown Chardonnay and Pinot Noir at an altitude of 540 metres. Tastings held in Vintage Hall, the 1880's homestead. [curlyflat.com](http://curlyflat.com)

**08 MOUNT CHARLIE WINERY (THURS-SUN)** **0439 866 946**  
228 Mount Charlie Rd, Riddells Creek 10am–6pm  
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.net.au](http://mountcharlie.net.au)

**44 MOUNT MACEDON WINERY (THURS-SUN)** **5427 4172**  
433 Bawden Rd, Woodend 11.30am–4.30pm  
E: 680m S: Clay loam RF: 850mm Fri & Sat evening: 5.30pm–late  
WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sparkling and more. Or by appointment  
A boutique vineyard set on the western slopes of Mount Macedon. Enjoy panoramic views and a memorable dining experience. Please visit our website to make your reservation. [mountmacedonwinery.com.au](http://mountmacedonwinery.com.au)

**09 ZIG ZAG ROAD (THURS-MON)** **5423 9390**  
201 Zig Zag Rd, Malmsbury 11am–5pm  
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. [zigzagwines.com.au](http://zigzagwines.com.au)

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

**52 ATTWOODS WINES (FRI-SUN)** **0493 081 712**  
260 Green Gully Rd, Glenlyon Fri: 11am–4pm  
E: 500m S: Quartz, basalt, clay RF: 700mm 2.5ha Sat: 11am–5pm  
WINES: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Nebbiolo, Pet-Nat Sun: 11am–4pm  
Boutique producers specialising in cool climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, with vineyards in both Ballarat and the Macedon Ranges. Passionate grape growers and wine makers, we're striving for true cool climate wines reflective of vintage and terroir. [attwoodswines.com.au](http://attwoodswines.com.au)

**06 COBAW RIDGE (SAT-SUN)** **5423 5227**  
31 Perc Boyers Lane, East Pastoria W/end:12noon–5.00pm  
E: 620m S: Coarse granitic sand RF: 750mm 5ha  
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](http://cobawridge.com.au)

**11 COPE-WILLIAMS WINERY** **5429 5595**  
221 Ochiltrees Rd, Romsey 10am–5pm  
E: 565m S: Decomposed basalt RF: 800mm 6.5ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Fortified, Pinot Noir, Sparkling  
Est 1977 and a leader in cold climate sparkling wine production [copewilliams.com.au](http://copewilliams.com.au)

### 16 GUILDFORD VINEYARD: GVC WINES (SAT-SUN)

6720 Midland Hwy, Guildford 12.30am–5pm  
E: 300m S: Slate, sandstone, quartz, mud shales RF: Varies a lot 3ha  
WINES: Viognier, Chardonnay, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sparkling & Piquette.  
All estate grown & made (from 2022 vintage) regenerative farming, biodynamic practices. Long-lunches 12.30pm–5pm. Tasting by Appointment. Contact M: 0411 253 506. [guildfordvineyard.com.au](http://guildfordvineyard.com.au)

**17 HESKET ESTATE WINERY** **5427 0707**  
856 Romsey Rd, Heskett 11.30am–4.30pm  
E: 660m S: Grey to red loam RF: 760mm 2.5ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Noir, Macedon Sparkling, Riesling, Rose, Heathcote Shiraz and Heathcote Sangiovese  
A contemporary cellar door in a parkland garden setting overlooking an immaculate vineyard. Traditional minimum approach to wine making. [hesketestate.com.au](http://hesketestate.com.au)

**39 HUNTER-GATHERER** **0407 821 049**  
362 Pipers Creek-Pastoria Rd, Pipers Creek 12pm–5pm  
E: 580m S: Red Volcanic Basalt RF: 700mm 5ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pet Nat, Riesling, Rosé, Sangiovese, Shiraz, Sparkling, Sparkling Shiraz  
Small-Batch, handcrafted wines from Macedon and Heathcote. Family friendly cellar door. Grazing platters available on weekends. [hgwines.com.au](http://hgwines.com.au)

**18 KYNETON RIDGE ESTATE** **0408 841 119**  
517 Blackhill Rd, Kyneton (Via Hallorans Ln) 11am–5pm  
E: 540m S: Granitic RF: 580mm 4ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Sparkling Pinot Chardonnay, Sparkling Shiraz  
Family winery producing wine from the Macedon Ranges and Heathcote. Newly renovated cellar door and cafe with pizza, share plates and beautiful views. [kynetonridge.com.au](http://kynetonridge.com.au)

**25 LYONS WILL ESTATE (2ND & 4TH W/END)** **0412 681 940**  
60 Whalans Track, Lancefield 11am–5pm  
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 produces quality wines with a minimalist approach. Cheese and charcuterie boards available Sat & Sun. [lyonswillestate.com.au](http://lyonswillestate.com.au)

**20 MOUNT TOWRONG VINEYARD** **0488 155 088**  
4 Taylors Rd, Mount Macedon 10am–5pm  
E: 600m S: Light clay loam RF: 850mm  
WINES: Prosecco, Nebbiolo, Chardonnay, Vivace and more  
Family operated vineyard and winery using sustainable farming practices and principles to achieve best possible quality. Our focus is on Italian varieties. Rustic Italian food served. [mounttowrong.com.au](http://mounttowrong.com.au)

**37 PARAMOOR WINERY (SAT-SUN ONLY)** **5427 1057**  
439 Three Chain Rd, Carlsruhe 10am–5pm  
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](http://paramoor.com.au)

**28 PARKSIDE WINERY AND FARM (OCT-APR)** **0493 253 612**  
308 Parks Rd, Lancefield 12noon–5pm  
E: 590m S: Red Volcanic RF: 670mm 1.5ha  
WINES: Sparkling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc  
Parkside is a feast for the senses - boutique wines matched by breathtaking country views all within the grounds of the historical Parkside homestead. Our restored Clydesdale horse stables host visitors for tastings on weekends. [parksideestate.com.au](http://parksideestate.com.au)

**22 WOMBAT FOREST VINEYARD** **0408 799 187**  
189 Springhill Rd, Denver 11am–5pm  
E: 600m S: Red volcanic 2ha  
WINES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Sparkling Pinot Noir, Blanc de Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Rose, Verdelho, Pinot Gris  
Family owned vineyard & winery on the edge of the Wombat State Forest. Est 1997. "Deliberately small, producing a premium product". [wombatforestwines.com](http://wombatforestwines.com)

### BY APPOINTMENT

**24 LANES END** **5429 1760**  
885 Mount William Rd, Lancefield  
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. [lanesend.com.au](http://lanesend.com.au)

**26 METCALFE VALLEY** **0450 319 874**  
283 Malmsbury-Metcalf Rd, Metcalfe  
E: 445m S: Soil granitic and basalt  
WINES: Syrah, Viogner, Roussanne/Marsanne, Sauvignon Blanc  
Metcalf Valley produces single-vineyard, cool climate wines in the Rhone style suited to our varietals. [truthoterror.com.au](http://truthoterror.com.au)

**46 MOUNT MONUMENT WINES** **0421 058 166**  
1399 Romsey Rd, Romsey  
E: 620m S: Grey loam over silica clays RF: 700mm 2.3ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Riesling  
Vineyard planted in 1998. Online sales. [mountmonumentwines.com](http://mountmonumentwines.com)

### 53 NORTHERN HOPE WINERY **0437 984 313**

69 Mount William Rd, Lancefield  
E: 730m S: Red Volcanic RF: 600mm 1ha  
WINES: Pinot Noir, Shiraz  
Family owned vineyard & winery, focused on crafting a selection of wines that reflect the soils. Small batch, minimal intervention, hand pruned and hand picked. Online sales. [northernhope.com.au](http://northernhope.com.au)

**56 RED HARE ESTATE VINEYARD** **0417 11 66 77**  
1225 Daylesford-Malmsbury Rd, Denver  
E: 620m S: Red Volcanic  
WINES: Prosecco, Pinot Gris, Pinot Nior  
Small estate vineyard, picturesque setting, vegan friendly. Will be opening weekends in 2022. [RedHareEstate.com.au](http://RedHareEstate.com.au)

### NO CELLAR DOOR

**41 ATHLETES OF WINE** **0410 273 903**  
44 Boundary Rd, Romsey  
E: 540m S: Red volcanic RF: 670mm 0.6ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir  
Mature vineyard, low yield, minimal intervention, minimal chemicals [athletesofwine.com.au](http://athletesofwine.com.au)

**50 BINDI WINES**  
E: 500m S: Predominately Ordovician sandstone, mudstone and quartz over clay with some eroded volcanic soils RF: 700 8ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir [bindiwines.com.au](http://bindiwines.com.au)

**54 COLD ACRE** **0422 806 484**  
720 Three Chain Rd, Newham  
E: 580m S: Volcanic Clay RF: 700mm  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Viogner  
The vineyard is set on 40 acres on a north facing slope overlooking the Cobaw Ranges. Pat and Shell are a husband & wife team producing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Viogner. The vineyard was established in 2006, with additional plantings in 2021 and the first release of the wines in 2022. [coldacre.com.au](http://coldacre.com.au)

**30 KILCHURN WINES** **5429 5666**  
144 Glenfern Rd, Romsey [kilchurnwines.com.au](http://kilchurnwines.com.au)

**31 LORD MALMSBURY VINEYARD** **0417 325 773**  
Calder Hwy, Malmsbury  
E: 460m S: Red volcanic  
WINES: Macedon sparkling, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Bordeaux style reds  
Planted in 1989, with a focus on green viticulture and wines with soul. [lordmalmsburyvineyard.com.au](http://lordmalmsburyvineyard.com.au)

**27 MIDHILL VINEYARD** **0409 408 977**  
1727 Romsey Rd, Romsey  
E: 540m S: Red volcanic, clay loam RF: 730mm 2.5ha  
WINES: Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Noir, Rosé, Sparkling  
Vineyard planted in 1993 producing premium fruit. Wines made under contract by Macedon winemakers. Online sales. [midhillvineyard.com](http://midhillvineyard.com)

**55 PLACE OF CHANGING WINDS** **0409 408 977**  
E: 500m S: Clay shot through with Bullengarook gravel (sandstone, quartz, quartzite) RF: 750mm  
WINES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir [placeofchangingwinds.com.au](http://placeofchangingwinds.com.au)

**34 PEGERIC**  
WINES: Pinot Noir and Riesling  
Dry grown, close planted vineyard. Multi International Trophy winning. [pegeric.com](http://pegeric.com)

**51 RILL HOUSE VINEYARD** **0414 235 062**  
610 Spring Hill Rd, Spring Hill  
E: 650m S: Red volcanic clay loam RF: 800mm 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. [rillhouse.com](http://rillhouse.com)

**43 SHADOWFAX LITTLE HAMPTON VINEYARD** **9731 4420**  
E: 700m S: Deep red caliban soil RF: 900mm 8ha  
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 [shadowfax.com.au](http://shadowfax.com.au)

**35 SILENTWAY** **0409 159 577**  
825 Monument Rd, Lancefield  
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. [silentway.com.au](http://silentway.com.au)

## 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**   
**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

**Lancefield**   
**INFORMATION OUTLET**  
Main Rd, Lancefield  
Open 7 Days



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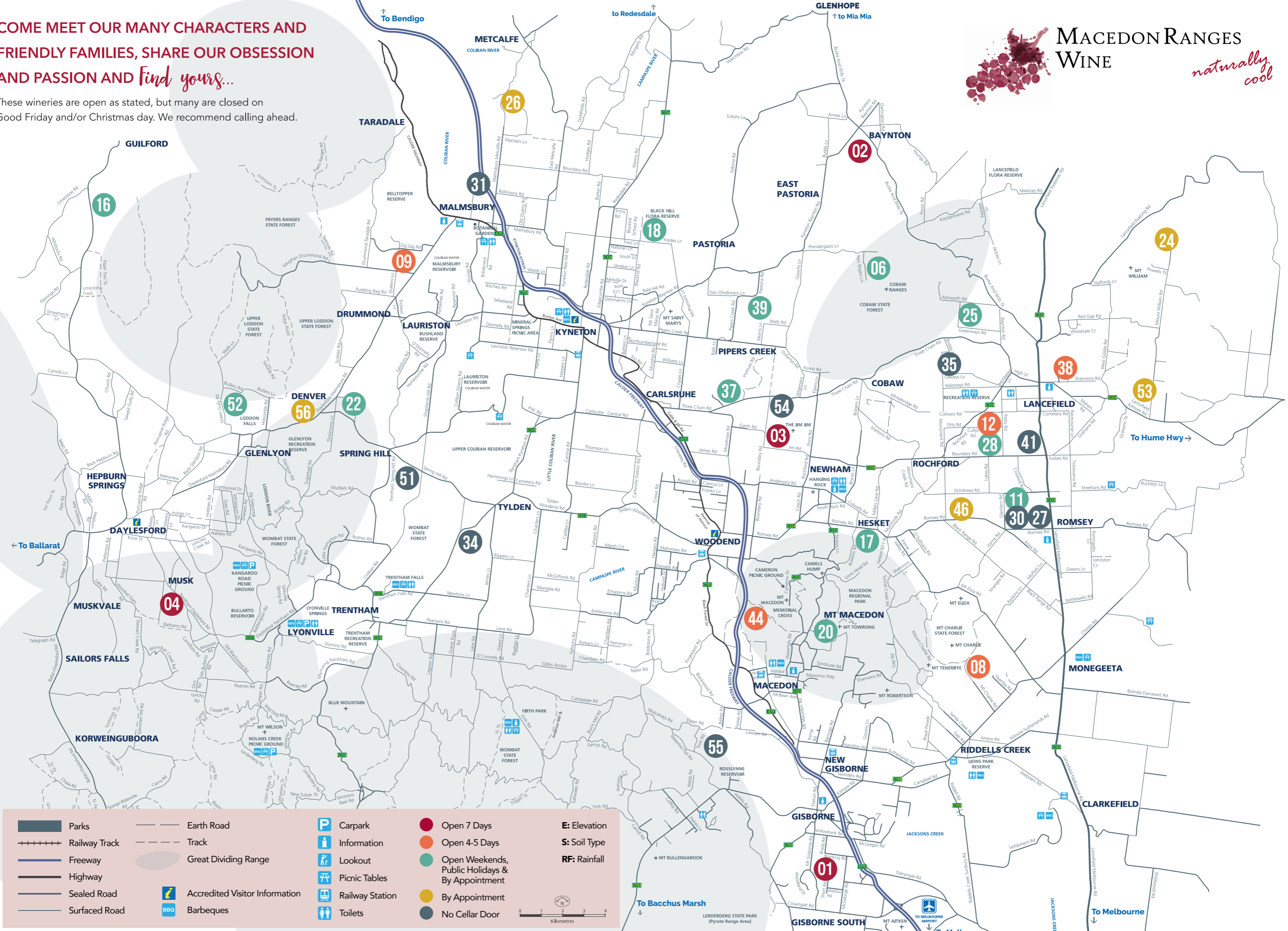
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These wineries are open as stated, but many are closed on Good Friday and/or Christmas day. We recommend calling ahead.



Parks	Earth Road	Carpark	Open 7 Days	E: Elevation
Railway Track	Track	Information	Open 4-5 Days	S: Soil Type
Freeway	Great Dividing Range	Lookout	Open Weekends, Public Holidays & By Appointment	RF: Rainfall
Highway	Accredited Visitor Information	Picnic Tables	By Appointment	
Sealed Road	Barbeques	Railway Station	No Cellar Door	
Surfaced Road		Toilets		