

the granite belt
alternative wine trail



strangebird

Capture a
Strangebird
today

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Beyond chardonnay. Beyond shiraz. (Although both do brilliantly here), there are the Granite Belts magnificent alternative varietal wines. Our Strange Birds. Pursue the strange birds and discover wines youve never tasted. Wines that delight the senses and quench your desire for something new and exciting.

To be called an alternative a variety must represent not more than 1% of the total bearing vines in Australia as defined by the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation. Enjoyed in Europe for generations these alternative varieties are now emerging as Australian favourites due to their ability to match perfectly with food. Capture a Strange Bird and take it home today.

INTRODUCING OURstrangebird WHITE WINES

sounds like...

Al-var-ee-n-yo

Alvarinho

Sh'er-non-blank

Chenin Blanc

Fee-ah-no

Fiano

Geh-ver-ts-tra-mee-na

Gewurztraminer

Maa-sahn

Marsanne

Petit Manseng

Petit Manseng

Roussane

Roussane

Sil-var-na

Sylvaner

Ver-del-oh

Verdelho

Ver-men-tee-no

Vermentino

Yee-on-yay

Viognier

comes from...

Alvarinho

Portugal (known as Albarino in Spain)

Character: Aromatic, peaches and apricots, usually light

Chenin Blanc

Central Loire Valley, France

Character: Steely green apple flavours, light, fresh, crisp styles or sweeter peach & pineapple

Fiano

Campania, south of Rome, around Naples

Character: Fresh and lively with hints of spice

Gewurztraminer

Alsace, France

Character: Highly aromatic, rose petal, musk & lychee, spicy & fruity rather than complex

Marsanne

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Petit Manseng

SW France, Jurancon & the Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh

Character: Aromatic, can be produced as a crisp, truly dry wine or late harvest dessert wine

Roussane

France, Northern Rhone Valley

Character: Pear, floral, herbal tea with age

Sylvaner

Germany, also Alsace France, Switzerland & Italy

Character: Light dry neutral white wine, Late harvest styles rich & luscious

Verdelho

Portugal

Character: Intense flavours with hints of lime and honeysuckle

Vermentino

Mediterranean islands of Sardinia and Corsica

Character: Fresh floral nose with citrus and pear juice, Dry, rich and robust

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THE GRANITE BELT WINE REGION ITS A DIFFERENT COUNTRY!

Not far to the south-west of Brisbane, lies an elevated region of dramatic beauty. The Granite Belt. Its part of Queensland and yet its a different country, with log fires in winter and mild, low humidity summers. Due to the longer growing season, award-winning wines of elegance and complexity are produced. Wines as individual as a fingerprint.

The wineries of the Granite Belt offer a personal, unhurried wine experience. At our friendly cellar doors you may meet the people who hand-craft the regions remarkable wines or grow the luscious fruit. And taste superb alternative varietals our Strange Birds as well as many award-winning mainstream wines such as chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, merlot and shiraz.

Plan your voyage to a different country some time soon.

INTRODUCING OURstrangebird RED WINES

sounds like...

Bar-bear-ah

Barbera

Doo-riff

Durif

Gratz-ee-ar-no

Graciano

Mahl-bek

Malbec

Monty-pull-eh-no

Montepulciano

Moor-vedr

Mourvedre

Neb-ee-oh-lo

Nebbiolo

Nero d'Avola

Nero d'Avola

Per-tee-ver-doe

Petit Verdot

Pee-ro-tagh

Pinotage

Sag-ran-teenno

Sagrantino

Salm-joe-vay-zay

Sangiovese

Sap-a-ra-vee

Saperavi

Tan-nat

Tannat

Temp-ra-nee-oh

Tempranillo

comes from...

Barbera

Piedmont region of Italy

Character: Rich fruit & licorice flavours, robust & concentrated, high tannins & alcohol

Durif

South-eastern France (little remains)

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Graciano

Spain, Rioja and Navarra regions

Character: Intense aromatic properties and good acidity, powerful finish of blackberry and vanilla

Malbec

All red meat dishes especially Spanish and Italian, grilled venison and lamb tajines

Character: Dark purple colour, perfumed damson & violet aromas, blackberry flavours

Montepulciano

Spain around Cataluna & Valencia, widely planted in south-east France

Character: Also known as Mataro. When young hints of herbs & blackberries, ages to leather & game

Mourvedre

Game meat and duck dishes

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Nebbiolo

Hearty meat dishes, spiced beef casserole & salami

Character: Aromas of roses & tar, violets, leather & dried fruits, complex with high tannins & acidity

Nero d'Avola

Piedmont region of Italy

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Petit Verdot

Hearty meat dishes, spiced beef casserole & salami

Character: Spicy savoury aromas with dark berries. Rich, full palate, firm tannins

Pinotage

South Africa

Character: Rich with red berry bramble & savoury flavours

Sagrantino

Lamb shanks & beef casseroles

Character: Intense colour, fragrant aroma of violets, black fruit & firm tannic structure

Sangiovese

Central Italy

Character: Full bodied, fruity, spicy flavours

Saperavi

Georgia, former Soviet Union

Character: Richly coloured, high acid wine suitable for extended aging

Tannat

South-west France, Madiran

Character: Intensely coloured and strongly tannic, capable of very long life

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Spain, regions of Rioja & Ribera del Duero

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THE GRANITE BELT WINE REGION IS KNOWN FOR:
Cool climate wines - Alternative Varieties
A boutique wine experience & unique terroir

OPENING HOURS
These times are generally correct, however occasionally wineries may need to close for vineyard/winery management or other reasons, during advertised opening times. They dont want to disappoint you, so to be sure they are open, just give them a call to check.

LEGEND
1 Winery location
Strange Bird wineries
Café or restaurant
Accommodation available



THE GRANITE BELT WINERIES

We have listed some of our Strange Bird Alternative Varieties below but there are many more to try. We are also known for our outstanding mainstream varieties such as cool climate shiraz, merlot & cabernet sauvignon, luscious chardonnay, semillon, sauvignon blanc and sparkling wines. You will need more than a weekend to sample them all.

A-Z CELLAR DOORS

- 30 **Balancing Rock Wines** 221 Old Wallangarra Road, Wyberba (0407 127 902)
- *Petit Verdot, Sagrantino, Verdelho, Viognier*
- Open Fri-Mon 10-4pm, 7 days school & pub hols. www.balancingrockwines.com.au
- 23 **Ballandean Estate Wines**, 354 Sundown Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1226
- *Durif, Fiano, Nebbiolo, Saperavi, Shiraz, Sylvaner, Viognier*
- Open 7 days 9-5pm www.ballandeanestate.com
- 4 **Boireann Winery** 26 Donnellys Castle Rd, The Summit (07) 4683 2194
- *Barbara, Cabernet Merlot, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Shiraz, Shiraz Viognier, Tannat*
- Open Fri-Mon 10-4pm www.boireannwinery.com.au
- 19 **Bungawarra Wines** 181 Bents Rd, Ballandean (07) 46841128
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Gewurtztraminer, Malbec, Muscat, Semillon, Shiraz*
- Open 7 days 10-4pm www.bungawarrawines.com.au
- 8 **Casley Mount Hutton Winery** 94 Mt Hutton Rd, Stanthorpe (07) 4683 6316
- *Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Verdelho, Viognier*
- Open Fri-Mon 9.30-4.30pm & pub hols www.casleywines.com
- 31 **Girraween Estate** 41 Hickling Lane, Wyberba (07) 4684 3186
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz*
- Open Sat-Sun & public holidays 10-5pm www.girraweenestate.com.au
- 22 **Golden Grove Estate** 337 Sundown Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1291
- *Barbara, Durif, Malbec, Mourvedre, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo, Vermentino*
- Open Sat 9-5pm Sun-Friday 9-4pm www.goldengroveestate.com.au
- 20 **Granite Ridge Wines** 157 Sundown Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1263
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Verdelho* - Open 7 days 9-5pm www.graniteridgewines.com.au
- 1 **Heritage Wines of Stanthorpe** Granite Belt Drv, cnr School Rd, Cottonvale (07 4685 2197)
- *Chardonnay, Fiano, Marsanne, Pinot Gris, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Verdelho*
- Open Mon-Fri 10-4pm Sat-Sun 9-5pm www.heritagewines.com.au
- 25 **Hidden Creek Winery & Café** 2271 Eukey Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1383
- *Cabernet Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Shiraz, Shiraz Viognier, Verdelho* - Open Mon & Fri 11-3pm, Sat-Sun 10-4pm www.hiddencreek.com.au
- 14 **Jester Hill Wines** 292 Mount Stirling Rd, Glen Aplin (07) 4683 4380
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot, Roussanne, Sangiovese, Shiraz, Verdelho* - Open 7 days 10-5pm www.jesterhillwines.com
- 24 **Just Red Wines** 2370 Eukey Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1322
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Merlot, Shiraz, Shiraz Viognier, Tannat*
- Open 7 days 10-5pm Closed September www.justred.com.au
- 16 **Masons Cellar Door Café Deli** 27850 New England Hwy, Ballandean (07) 4684 1341
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Verdelho*
- Open Fri-Mon 10-5pm www.masonswines.com.au
- 29 **Pyramids Road Wines** 25 Wyberba Lane, Wyberba (07) 4684 5151
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Mourvedre, Petit Verdot, Shiraz, Verdelho*
- Open 7 days 10-4.30pm www.pyramidsroad.com.au
- 7 **Qld College of Wine Tourism** 22 Caves Rd, Stanthorpe (07) 4685 5050
- *Chardonnay, Marsanne, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Tempranillo, Verdelho, Viognier*
- Open 7 days 9-4pm (closed public holidays) www.qcwt.com.au
- 6 **Ravens Croft Wines** 274 Spring Creek Rd, Stanthorpe (07) 4683 3252
- *Chardonnay, Petit Verdot, Pinotage, Pinot Grigio, Tempranillo, Verdelho*
- Open Fri-Sun & long weekends 10.30-4.30pm www.ravenscroftwines.com.au
- 9 **Ridgemill Estate** 218 Donges Rd, Stanthorpe (07) 4683 5211
- *Chardonnay, Riesling, Saperavi, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Viognier*
- Open Mon-Sat 10-5pm Sun 10-3pm www.ridgemillestate.com
- 5 **Robert Channon Wines** Bradley lane off Amiens Rd, Amiens (07) 4683 3260
- *Cabernet Sauvignon Chardonnay, Malbec, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Verdelho*
- Open Mon, Tues, Fri 11-4pm Sat-Sun 10-5pm www.robertchannonwines.com
- 17 **Rumbalara Estate Wines** 137 Fletcher Rd, Glen Aplin (07) 4684 1206
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Shiraz, Verdelho, Viognier*
- Open 7 days 10-5pm www.rumbalarawines.com.au
- 12 **Savina Lane Wines** 61 Savina Lane, Severnlea (07) 4683 5258
- *Fiano, Graciano, Montepulciano, Petit Manseng, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Viognier*
- Open Sat-Sun 10-4pm - www.savinalanewines.com.au
- 3 **Summit Estate** 291 Granite Belt Drv, Thulimbah (07) 4683 2011
- *Chardonnay, Malbec, Marsanne, Petit Verdot, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Verdelho*
- Open Frid-Sat 10-8pm check website for other times www.summitestate.com.au
- 27 **Symphony Hill Wines** 2017 Eukey Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1388
- *Alvarinho, Fiano, Gewurtztraminer, Montepulciano, Nero d'Avola, Pinor Noir, Saperavi* - Open 7 days 10-4pm www.symphonyhill.com.au
- 21 **Tobin Wines** Ricca Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1235
- *Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Tempranillo, Verdelho* - Open 7 days 10-5pm www.tobinwines.com.au
- 26 **Twisted Gum Wines** 2253 Eukey Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1282
- *Black Muscat, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Semillon, Shiraz, Verdelho*
- Open Sat-Sun 10-4pm www.twistedgum.com.au
- 18 **View Wines** 60 Zambelli Rd, Ballandean (07) 4684 1139
- *Alvarinho, Merlot, Petit Manseng, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, SSB*
- Please phone for further details www.sancerreestate.com.au
- 11 **Whiskey Gully Wines** 25 Turner Rd, Severnlea (07) 4683 5100
- *Black Muscat, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Colombard, Malbec, Shiraz*
- Open 10-5pm Fri-Tues or by appointment www.whiskeygullywines.com.au

