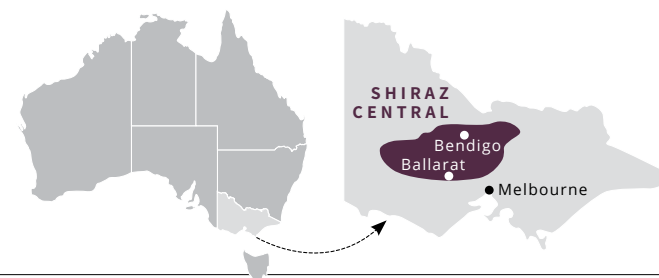


# Shiraz Central

The wild heart of Victoria's highlands is just waiting to be discovered. Sample distinctive cool-spiced shiraz, meet pioneering winemakers, explore spectacular national parks and say hello to native wildlife



## GOOD TO KNOW

120 cellar doors  
Outstanding national parks and wildlife experiences  
Intersects parts of two touring routes: the Great Southern and the Sydney–Melbourne

The naturally rugged and diverse Shiraz Central wine route stretches from the north west of Melbourne and is home to a distinct cool-spiced Australian shiraz. Just a short drive from the city are the rolling hills of the Macedon Ranges or Heathcote – from there, explore onwards to the Grampians (Gariwerd) or Pyrenees regions or the areas around the gold-rush cities of Bendigo and Ballarat. Here, visitors experience surprising cellar doors, uncover classic Australian bush landscapes, witness kangaroos in their natural surrounds or share a yarn with pioneering winemakers who aren't afraid to do it their way.

## Cellar doors

- **Seppelt**  
At the forefront of Australian winemaking for 160 years, with tours of underground heritage-listed cellars.
- **Tahbilk**  
This highly awarded winery is the oldest in Victoria, with a truly pioneering history and proud family connection.
- **Sutton Grange Winery**  
Located near the city of Bendigo, this winery cultivates vines using organic and biodynamic methods.
- **Tellurian**  
Family owned winery with a passion for shiraz in the heart of Heathcote.

### MORE NOTEWORTHY WINERIES:

- **Mount Langi Ghiran**
- **Sally's Paddock**
- **Mitchelton**
- **Granite Hills**

## Where to stay

**Royal Mail Hotel** – luxury accommodation near the Grampians (Gariwerd) attached to one of Australia's leading restaurants.

**The Provincial** – sumptuous rooms or apartments set within Ballarat, offering access to many parts of the region.

**Balgownie Estate** – glamping in luxury safari tents among the vines just outside the gold-rush city of Bendigo.

**Clifftop at Hepburn** – take in the breathtaking views from this architecturally designed delight near to mineral spas.

## Food and wine experiences

**Variety abounds in the region** – anything from fine dining at some of Australia's top regional restaurants to coffee and snacks at cafés within numerous villages.

**Wickens** – regarded as regional Victoria's top dining destination, located at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld.

**The Lake House in Daylesford** – pioneering destination dining at its best.

**Masons of Bendigo** – this city favourite delights diners with an innovative menu that features locally sourced produce.

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