

the granite belt alternative wine trail



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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 you've never tasted. Wines that delight the senses and quench your desire for something new and exciting.

To be called an alternative 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 OUR STRANGEBIRD WHITE WINES

Wine Name	Sound	Origin	Character	Serve with	Tastes like...
Alvarinho	Al-var-ee-nyo	Portugal (known as Albarino in Spain)	Aromatic, peaches and apricots, usually light	Seafood, poultry	
Chenin Blanc	Sher-non-blank	Central Loire Valley, France	Steeley green apple flavours, light, fresh, crisp styles or sweeter peach & pineapple	Light creamy chicken and fish	
Fiano	Fee-ah-no	Campania, south of Rome, around Naples	Fresh and lively with hints of spice	Seafood, poultry, pork or veal	
Gewurztraminer	Gel-ver-ts-tra-mee-na	Alsace, France	Highly aromatic rose petal, musk & lychee, spicy & fruity rather than complex	Indian and Thai	
Marsanne	Maa-sahn	northern Rhone Valley of France	Mineral edge, citrus & peach when young, rich honeysuckle & jasmine when aged	Pork & veal, lobster in cream sauce	
Petit Manseng	Petit Manseng	Sw France, Jurancon & the Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh	Aromatic, can be produced as a crisp, fruity dry wine or late harvest dessert wine	Asian dishes, seafood	
Roussane	Roussane	Northern Rhone Valley	Pear, floral, herbal tea with age	Chicken, pork, veal, pate	
Sylvaner	Sil-var-na	Germany, also Alsace France, Switzerland & Italy	Light dry neutral white wine. Late harvest styles rich & luscious		
Verdelho	Ver-del-oh	Mediterranean Islands of Sardinia and Corsica	Fresh floral nose with citrus and pear juice. Dry, rich and robust	Seafood and light meats	
Vermentino	Ver-men-tee-no	Portugal	Intense flavours with hints of lime and honeysuckle		
Viognier	Ve-on-yay	Dalmatia taken by ancient Romans to Rhone Valley France	Aromas of apricot and peach, candied peel and spice, rich & complex	Creamy chicken, rich seafood, crab, scallops, apricot stuffed pork	

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 OUR STRANGEBIRD RED WINES

Wine Name	Sound	Origin	Character	Serve with	Tastes like...
Barbera	Bar-bee-ah	Piedmont region of Italy	Rich with red berry bramble & savoury flavours	Red meats, duck & venison	
Durif	Doo-riff	South-eastern France (little remains)	Rich fruit & licorice flavours, robust & concentrated high tannins & alcohol	Pizza and Antipasto	
Graciano	Gratz-ee-ah-no	Spain, Rioja and Navarra regions	Dark purple colour, perfumed damson & violet aromas, blackberry flavours	All red meat dishes especially Spanish and Italian, grilled venison and lamb tajines	
Malbec	Mahl-bek	Spain around Catalonia & Valencia, widely planted in south-east France	Also known as Matara. When young hints of herbs & blackberries, ages to leather & game		
Montepulciano	Monty-pull-ee-ah-no	Central Italy	Pepper & spice, soft tannins, often enjoyed young, but ages well		
Mourvedre	Moo-vedr	Spain around Catalonia & Valencia, widely planted in south-east France	Also known as Matara. When young hints of herbs & blackberries, ages to leather & game		
Nebbiolo	Neb-ee-oh-lo	Piedmont region of Italy	Aromas of roses & tar, violets, leather & dried fruits, complex with high tannins & acidity		
Nero d'Avola	Nero d'Avola	Avola region of Sicily	Spicy savoury aromas with dark berries. Rich, full palate, firm tannins		
Petit Verdot	Per-tee-ver-doe	Bordeaux, France	Intense colour, fragrant aroma of violets, black fruit & firm tannic structure		
Pinotage	Pee-no-tee-ahf	South Africa	Rich with red berry bramble & savoury flavours		
Sagrantino	Sag-ran-tee-no	Central Italy	Full bodied, fruity, spicy flavours		
Sangiovese	Sahn-joe-vay-zay	Central Italy	Rich with red berry bramble & savoury flavours		
Saperavi	Sap-a-ra-vee	Georgia, former Soviet Union	Richly coloured, high acid wine suitable for extended aging		
Tannat	Tan-nat	South-west France, Madiran	Intensely coloured and strongly tannic, capable of very long life		
Tempranillo	Temp-ra-nee-oh	Spain, regions of Rioja & Ribera del Duero	Medium bodied, lush texture. Black cherry fruits with savoury characters.		

GRANITE BELT WINE TRAIL MAP

THE GRANITE BELT IS A SCENIC THREE-HOUR DRIVE SOUTH-WEST OF BRISBANE. ITS PART OF QUEENSLAND AND YET ITS A DIFFERENT COUNTRY!



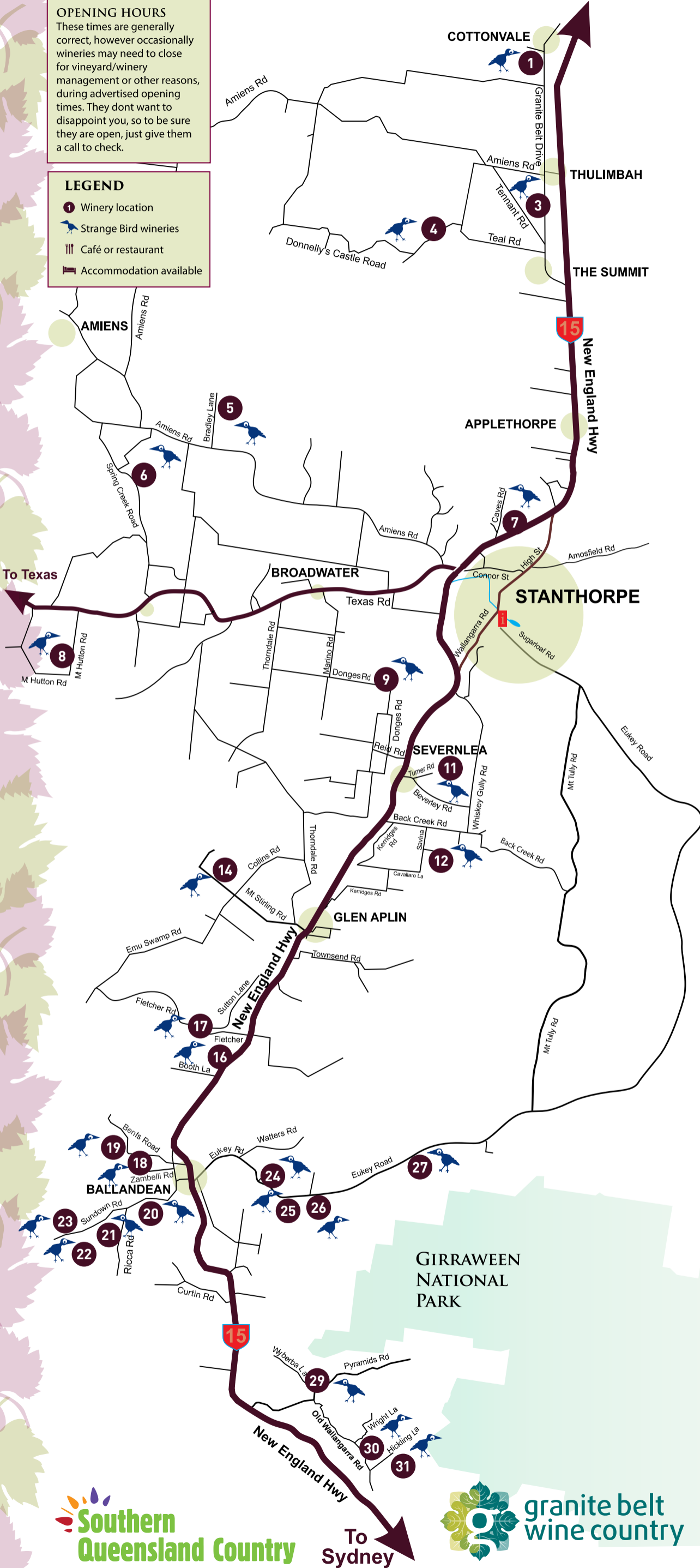
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THE GRANITE BELT WINE REGION IS KNOWN FOR:
Cool climate wines - Alternative Varieties
A boutique wine experience & unique terroir

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 don't want to disappoint you, so to be sure they are open, just give them a call to check.

LEGEND
 Winery location
 Strange Bird wineries
 Café or restaurant
 Accommodation available

To **Brisbane**
Sirromet Wines
Mt Cotton



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.

- 30** **Balancing Heart Vineyard** 221 Old Wallangarra Road, Wyberba. 1300 000 221
Verdelho, Viognier, Petit Verdot, Sagrantino
10:00 - 4:30, 7 days | www.balancingheart.com.au
- 23** **Ballandean Estate Wines** 354 Sundown Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1226
Fiano, Moscato Giallo, Sylvaner, Viognier, Malvasia, Durif, Nebbiolo, Saperavi, Malbec
9:00 - 5:00, 7 days | www.ballandeanestate.com
- 4** **Boireann Wines** 26 Donnelly's Castle Road, The Summit. 07 4683 2194
Barbera, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Tannat, Mourvedre
10:00 - 4:00, Fri-Mon | www.boireannwinery.com.au
- 19** **Bungawarra Wines** 181 Bents Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1128
Gewurtztraminer, Malbec
10:00 - 4:00, 7 days | www.bungawarrawines.com.au
- 8** **Casley Mount Hutton Winery** 94 Mt Hutton Road, Greenlands. 0427 099 981
Verdelho, Viognier, Petit Verdot
9:30 - 4:30, 7 days | www.casleywines.com
- 31** **Girraween Estate** 41 Hickling Lane, Wyberba. 07 4684 3186
Petit Verdot
10:00 - 5:00, Sat, Sun, public holidays | www.girraweenestate.com.au
- 22** **Golden Grove Estate** 337 Sundown Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1291
Vermentino, Barbera, Durif, Malbec, Mourvedre, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo
Open 6 days 10am to 4pm (closed Wed). | www.goldengroveestate.com.au
- 20** **Granite Ridge Wines** 157 Sundown Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1263
Verdelho, Tempranillo, Petit Verdot
9:00 - 5:00, 7 days | www.graniteridgewines.com.au
- 1** **Heritage Estate Wines** 747 Granite Belt Drive, Cottonvale. 07 4685 2197
Fiano, Marsanne, Vermentino, Verdelho, Mourvedre, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo
10:00 - 4:00, 7 days | www.heritageestate.wine
- 25** **Hidden Creek Winery** 2271 Eukey Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1383
Verdelho, Viognier, Tempranillo
10:00 - 4:00, Sat, Sun or by appointment | www.hiddencreek.com.au
- 14** **Jester Hill Wines** 292 Mt Stirling Road, Glen Aplin. 07 4683 4380
Verdelho, Rousanne, Sangiovese, Petit Verdot
10:00 - 5:00, 7 days | www.jesterhillwines.com.au
- 24** **Just Red Wines** 2370 Eukey Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1322
Tannat
10:00 - 5:00, 7 days | www.justred.com.au
- 16** **Mason Wines** 27850 New England Highway, Ballandean. 07 4684 1341
Verdelho, Petit Verdot
10:00 - 4:00, Sat, Sun | www.masonwines.com.au
- 29** **Pyramids Road Wines** 25 Wyberba Lane, Wyberba Via Ballandean. 0432 849 212
Verdelho, Mourvedre, Petit Verdot
10:00 - 4:30, 7 days | www.pyramidsroad.com.au
- 7** **QCWT** 22 Old Caves Road, Stanthorpe. 07 4685 5050
Albarino, Marsanne, Verdelho, Tinta Cao, Petit Verdot, Tempranillo
9:00 - 4:00 Tue-Thu, open late Fri & Sat, closed public holidays
www.qcwt.com.au
- 6** **Ravens Croft Wines** 274 Spring Creek Rd, Greenlands. 0414 978 783
Verdelho, Pinotage, Petit Verdot, Tempranillo, Sangiovese
10:00 - 4:30, Fri, Sat & Sun | www.ravenscroftwines.com.au
- 9** **Ridgemill Estate** 218 Donges Road, Severnlea. 07 4683 5211
Verdelho, Viognier, Tempranillo, Saperavi
10:00 - 5:00, 6 days, 10-3pm Sunday | www.ridgemillestate.com
- 5** **Robert Channon Wines** 32 Bradley Lane, Amiens. 07 4683 3260
Verdelho
Mon, Tue, Fri 11-4. Sat Sun 10-5pm | www.robertchannonwines.com
- 17** **Rumbalara Estate** 137 Fletcher Road, Glen Aplin. 07 4684 1206
Verdelho, Viognier
10:00 - 5:00, 7 days | www.rumbalarawines.com.au
- 12** **Savina Lane Wines** 61 Savina Lane, Severnlea. 0419 723 755
Fiano, Manseng, Viognier, Graciano, Montepulciano, Tempranillo
By appointment only | www.savinalanewines.com.au
- 3** **Summit Estate Wines** 291 Granite Belt Drive, Thulimbah. 07 4683 2011
Albarino, Malbec, Marsanne, Petit Verdot, Tannat, Tempranillo
10-Late Fri-Sat. Check website for other days | www.summitestate.com.au
- 27** **Symphony Hill Wines** 2017 Eukey Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1388
Albarino, Verdelho, Viognier, Vermentino, Gros Mansang, Petit Verdot, Montepulciano
10:00 - 4:00, 7 days | www.symphonyhill.com.au
- 21** **Tobin Wines** 34 Ricca Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1235
Verdelho, Tempranillo
10:00 - 5:00, 7 days, ring for booking | www.tobinwines.com.au
- 26** **Twisted Gum Wines** 2253 Eukey Rd, Ballandean. 07 4684 1282
Verdelho, Mourvedre
10:00 - 4:00, Sat, Sun, book via website | www.twistedgum.com.au
- 18** **View Wine by Sancerre Estate** 60 Zambelli Road, Ballandean. 07 4684 1139
Alvarinho, Petit Manseng
Tastings by appointment please call to make a booking
www.sancerreestate.com.au
- 11** **Whiskey Gully Wines** 25 Turner Lane, Severnlea. 07 4683 5100
Malbec
10:00 - 5:00, Fri-Tuesday, ring for booking | www.whiskeygullywines.com.au

