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.



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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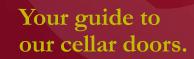
For other Bendigo information or accommodation assistance please call 1800 813 153 or visit www.bendigotourism.com



# Bendigo Rich Ripe Reds



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#### Open 7 Days

	1	Kangderaar Vineyard	5438 8
	7	Water Wheel Vineyards	5437 3
	8	Connor Park Winery	5437 5
	9	Sandhurst Ridge Winery	5435 2
η	12	Balgownie Estate	5449 6
Ĭ	16	Bendigo Wine Estate	5439 7
	20	Chateau Doré Winery	5439 5
	23	Big Hill Vineyard	5435 3
	29	Harcourt Valley Vineyards	5474 2

#### **Open Weekends & Most Weekdays**

2	Blanche Barkly Wines	5438 82
4	Glenalbyn Winery	5438 82
1	Marong Vineyard	5435 24
15	Avonmore Estate	5432 62
17	Rivergate Wines	5439 73
18	Mandurang Valley Winery	5439 53
22	Chateau Leamon	5447 79

## **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	

- 32 Nuggetty Vineyard
- 33 Chaperon Wines

#### **Open By Appointment**

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

#### No Cellar Door

Black Estate Vineyard	5442
Glenwillow Vineyard	5448
Knots Wines	0417 39
Newbridge Wines	0438 21
Sanctuary Hill	5443
Sheer Drop Wines	0417 24
Turners Crossing	0427 84

