



# UNEARTH VICTORIA'S PYRENEES

The premium wine region on Ballarat's doorstep

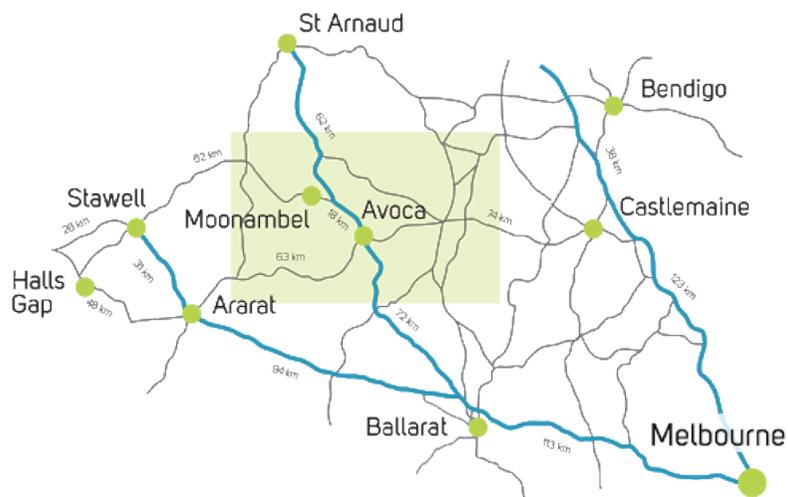
You'll be surprised. Less than two hours from Melbourne, the Pyrenees Wine Region in Western Victoria is the home of award-winning wines and the spectacular untamed ranges that give this region its name. Picture yourself rounding a corner on a quiet country road to discover another vineyard or cellar door, another stunning view.

The Pyrenees Wine Region is the sort of place you can visit on a day trip or quite happily potter around for a week – however long you manage to stretch your trip out for, you can't really help but have your fair share of delicious food and locally produced wine.

The region is a wine lover's delight. You can meet the winemakers at dozens of cellar doors, pick up a bottle or two or enjoy a true paddock to plate experience.

Eating and drinking isn't all there is to do here – it's a gorgeous part of the country, with great spots to picnic, bushwalk, mountain bike and 4WD in the Mount Cole and Pyrenees State Forests. Come and unearth the Pyrenees for yourself.

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## Unearthed Red ½ doz Tasting Notes

### Summerfield 2017 Tradition

James Halliday 95

The Tradition is a perfectly balanced blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and like the other single varietals of 2017 it has benefited greatly from the long slow ripening season. The blend has great elegance with blackberries, cherries, raspberries and violets on the nose supported by sweet fruits and a wonderfully structured palate.

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### 2019 Dogrock Grenache

Fruit was hand harvested mid-March and gently crushed into an open fermenter. No additions were made to the wine and fermentation was conducted by wild yeast. The must was hand plunged for the first 2 days and then gently pumped over as required until basket pressed after 9 days. The resulting wine has vibrant fruits and red jelly baby aromas. The palate has a textural backbone with savoury complexity and elegant softness and will continue to grow in bottle. A small portion of our estate Shiraz was added to help provide middle palate weight. A beautifully perfumed wine from our extraordinary estate block.

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0409 280 317 | [dogrock.com.au](http://dogrock.com.au)

### Chapoutier 2018 Shay's Flat Vineyard Sangiovese

The fruit was destemmed and transferred into a stainless-steel tank where it was kept cool. Within a few days the indigenous yeasts started fermentation and the cap was managed through pump overs, twice daily for a period of 4 weeks to maximise the polymerisation of tannins. During maturing, the wine was transferred into larger format oak – to retain the fruit and savoury character of the wine. The French oak consisted of half old puncheons with the remaining oak consisted to be neutral – another process used to capture the primary fruit character of the wine. The maturation process lasted approx. 10 months.

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### 2019 Peerick Shiraz

Wild yeast fermented, 20% whole bunch. Contains 2% Viognier. Matured in 15% new and 1-5-year-old French oak. Layered, elegant, full bodied and fruit forward. Juicy vibrant dark stone fruit, black cherry, blackberry and raspberry with chocolate, coffee bean influences and touch of spice. Silky tannins. Medium+ length. Truly moreish.

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### Sallys Paddock 2016 Sasha Cabernet

Made from fruit provided from expert Pyrenees growers, different microclimates, soil textures and vineyard practices give this wine a huge range of flavours and characteristics, while maintaining the unique cool climate Pyrenees style. This classical, powerful cabernet sauvignon, shows eucalyptus and pepper spice, rich and sumptuously fruity with dark berry fruits and savoury spices. The powerful tannin structure makes a sumptuous, rich wine that is savour and balanced with a depth of character and flavour that make it easy to match with lots of different foods or just to enjoy on its own.

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### Blue Pyrenees 2017 Merlot

The Victorian Pyrenees region is one of the few regions in Australia capable of producing consistent and distinctive high-quality Merlot. The 2016 / 2017 grape growing season provided some winter rains, a cool spring & summer with valuable rains, then a warm dry autumn to finish the red grapes. Displaying definitive varietal and regional character, this wine was produced from selected parcels of grapes sourced only from our estate vineyard. The Blue Pyrenees Merlot 2017 was fermented for 1 week on skins in open fermenters and 2 weeks on skins in closed fermenters, giving 2 very different fruit characters, before careful pressing and subsequent maturation for 18 months in mature French oak barriques, before final blend selection in 2019.

A vibrant soft mouthful of fresh plum-like fruit complemented by forest floor flavours of mint leaves, earth and cedar wood. Medium-bodied with a firm structure from the fine grain tannins, this Merlot is memorable for its freshness and lingering ripe fruit flavours that invite immediate drinking, however, some cellaring time will also reward those who are patient.

*"Blue Pyrenees Estate is consistently one of the best red wine producers in the country – to say nothing of its superb sparkling wines. The prices are a gift."*

HUON HOOKE, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD and GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE MAGAZINE, 2015.

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