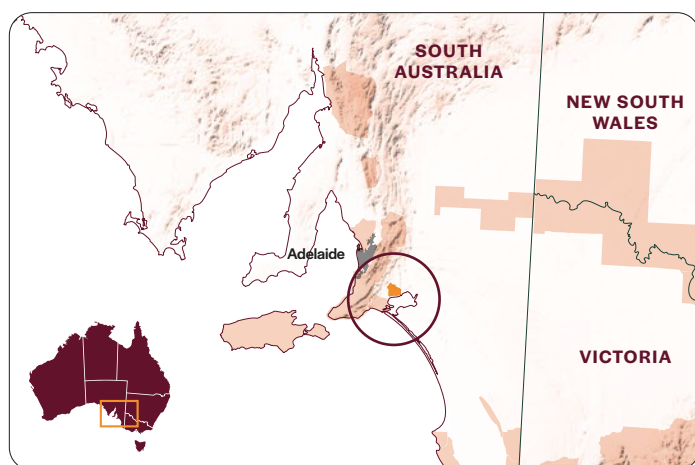




LANGHORNE CREEK



Langhorne Creek is the power behind some of Australia's best red wines. It is a humble, hardworking region with a long history of producing quality grapes and premium wines.

MODERATE MARITIME CLIMATE WITH MEDITERRANEAN INFLUENCES

- Cooling winds from Lake Alexandrina and the Southern Ocean moderate daytime temperatures and keep nights cool during the growing season.
- Warm summers and sunny days, moderated by the cooling southerly winds.
- Cool winters and low winter rainfall with low frost risk.

SOIL

Langhorne Creek sits on an ancient natural floodplain with nutrient-rich soils. Alluvial soils alongside the rivers are deep, friable, brown or red soils, and produce wines that are fuller-bodied but rounder and softer. Away from the rivers, soils are mostly sand over clay, which produce more intense, structured wines.

LATITUDE

35° 33' S

LONGITUDE

139° 04' E

TOTAL VINEYARD AREA

6,069 ha

GROWING SEASON RAINFALL

169 mm

MEAN TEMPERATURE

21.5 °C

ALTITUDE: LOW

10–50 m

IRRIGATION

Langhorne Creek is the only region in Australia that uses natural floodwaters for irrigation in the traditional flood plain area of the region. Because it is largely comprised of flat plains, the region receives winter floods from the eastern Adelaide Hills. A system of levies and channels holds the water until it saturates the soil when it is then released via 'floodgates' to enable downstream neighbours to benefit from it. This reduces the need for irrigation later in the growing season.

NOTEWORTHY VARIETIES

Langhorne Creek is red wine country, known for producing wines that have good body and texture while being soft and approachable. Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon are the superstars of the region, producing richly flavoured, generous yet elegant styles with the best having the capacity to age for many years. Langhorne Creek has also become known as Australia's foremost region for growing and producing Malbec. This fruit-forward, full-bodied red wine has often been used in blends, but is fast gaining ground as a standalone variety.



1. Shiraz (38%)
2. Cabernet Sauvignon (29%)
3. Chardonnay (10%)
4. Merlot (9%)
5. Riesling (3%)

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