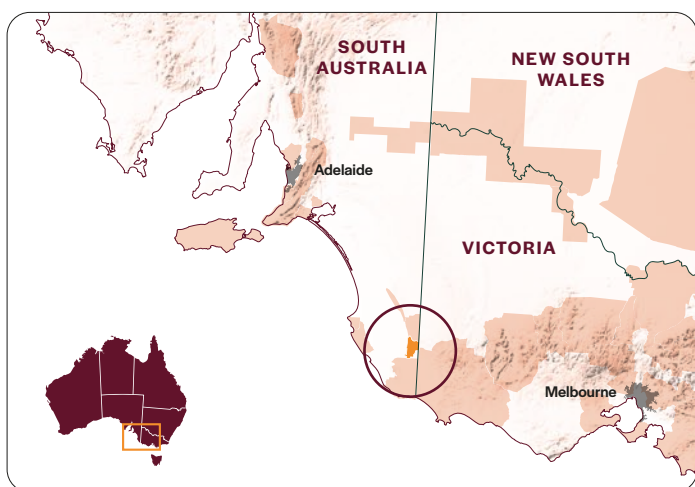




# COONAWARRA



Coonawarra is one of Australia's most internationally celebrated wine regions, famous for its vivid red soil and world-class red wines.

## MARITIME CLIMATE

- Dry, warm summers with cool nighttime temperatures
- Cold winters
- Winter-dominated rainfall
- Consistent cloud cover helps to reduce temperatures

## SOIL

Coonawarra is famous for its red cigar-shaped strip of terra rossa. This iron-rich clay sits atop a ridge of free-draining limestone, below which sits an ancient reservoir of pure water. This tiny stretch of land is among the most valuable patches of earth in the Australian wine community. Other soils include heavier black and brown rendzina clays and sandy loams.

### LATITUDE

37° 32'S

### GROWING SEASON RAINFALL

260mm

### LONGITUDE

140° 83'E

### MEAN TEMPERATURE

20.1°C

### TOTAL VINEYARD AREA

5,784ha

### ALTITUDE: LOW

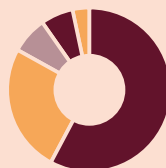
50–110m

## OCEAN INFLUENCE

Although Coonawarra sits 100km inland, it unusually exhibits a maritime-influenced climate. This is due to a special ocean phenomenon called the Bonney Upwelling: an upwelling of very cold water from deep in the Southern Ocean that rises to the surface just off the coast. The Bonney Upwelling occurs through the latter part of the growing season, moderating the climate and strengthening cooling on-shore sea breezes. The flat terrain from the coast to Coonawarra means this ocean influence extends inland, making Coonawarra much cooler than its latitude may suggest.

## NOTEWORTHY VARIETIES

Red varieties reign supreme in Coonawarra, where the soils, climate and winemaking techniques combine to produce medium-bodied to full-bodied wines that are approachable when young and have exceptional ageing qualities. The region also produces a smaller number of excellent white wines, including Chardonnay and Riesling.



1. **Cabernet Sauvignon** (55%)
2. **Shiraz** (24%)
3. **Merlot** (7%)
4. **Chardonnay** (6%)
5. **Sauvignon Blanc** (3%)

