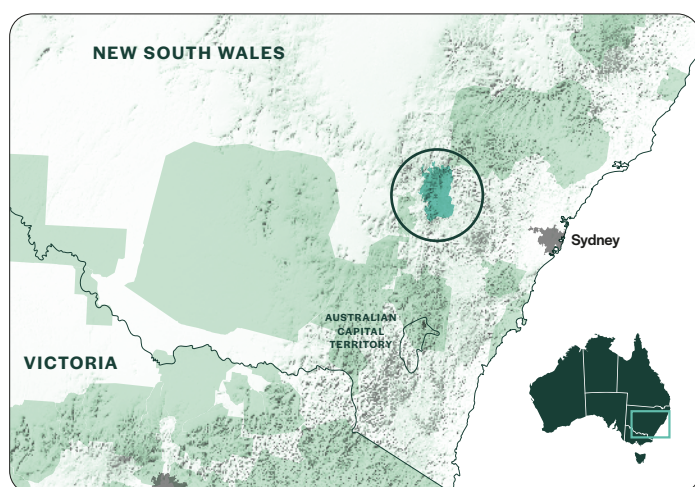




# ORANGE



## LATITUDE

33° 39'S

## GROWING SEASON RAINFALL

429mm

## LONGITUDE

149° 06'E

## MEAN TEMPERATURE

21.6°C

## TOTAL VINEYARD AREA

1,075ha

## ALTITUDE: VERY HIGH

600–1046m

Orange is Australia's highest altitude wine region, known for its exemplary cool-climate wines. Compared to other Australian regions, Orange's wine story is short, but it has blossomed at an impressive speed.

## COOL, CONTINENTAL CLIMATE

- Strongly influenced by elevation
- Mild to warm summers with very cool nights
- Cold winters: risk of frost and snow
- Clear skies and high elevation lead to high UV levels, resulting in increased flavour and phenol levels in the grapes

## SOIL

Orange sits atop an extinct volcano, Mount Canobolas, and the rich volcanic soils are a mix of deep clays and clay loams. These soils are typically basalt-based but there is also limestone at some lower elevation sites.

## ALL ABOUT ALTITUDE

Orange is Australia's highest wine region, with vineyards stretching from 600m to more than 1,000m above sea level. It also happens to be the only one in the country that's defined by elevation – the requirement being that vineyards must sit at 600m or higher to be classed as part of the Orange GI. The 500m rise across the GI creates a highly variable heat summation and allows for a wide spectrum of red and white varieties to be grown.

## NOTEWORTHY VARIETIES

Classic varieties like Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon are the stars, but an impressive number of alternative varieties are also strong performers. Wines generally embody the signature cool-climate style, ranging from light to medium in body, with pronounced fruit flavours and a high level of natural acidity.



1. Shiraz (23%)
2. Chardonnay (24%)
3. Cabernet Sauvignon (13%)
4. Sauvignon Blanc (12%)
5. Merlot (10%)

