



MURRAY DARLING

AUSTRALIA'S
HEARTLAND REGIONS



LATITUDE	GROWING SEASON RAINFALL
34° 10'S	159 mm
LONGITUDE	MEAN TEMPERATURE
142° 07'E	25.5 °C
TOTAL VINEYARD AREA	ALTITUDE: LOW
16,068 ha	19–134 m

VITICULTURE HUB

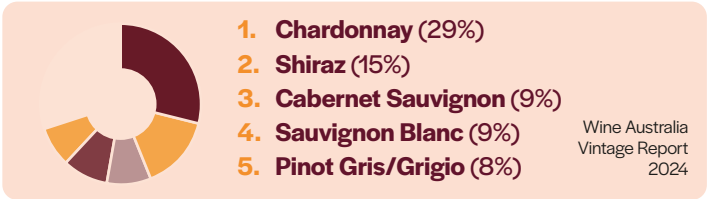
Much like its other heartland cousins, the Murray Darling has experienced a resurgence of wine production, combining structural prowess and boutique spirit to become a deeply cultural and economically prosperous region.

SWAN HILL

Swan Hill is considered a fully independent wine region with its own GI, however it is often grouped with the larger Murray Darling region to its north-west. Similar to its sister region, Swan Hill benefits from a warm climate and its accompanying bounty of harvest, focusing on smooth Shiraz, flavoursome Chardonnay as well as heat-tolerant varieties such as Vermentino and Durif.

NOTEWORTHY VARIETIES

Murray Darling has a history of classic varieties with Chardonnay being the most important. Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon are also widely planted. Like the Riverland, alternative varieties are showing tremendous promise.



Straddling the Murray River in northwest Victoria and western New South Wales, the Murray Darling is a vast region. Combined with Swan Hill immediately to the southeast, it is the third-largest wine-growing region in Australia after Riverland and Riverina.

CONTINENTAL CLIMATE

- The continental influence is strong, with high shifts in diurnal temperature ranges .
- Hot, with long sunshine hours, low humidity and negligible growing season rainfall, making irrigation essential.
- Disease pressure remains low throughout the year

SOIL

- Variable ranging from brown to red-brown loamy sand, sandy loam or loam with some clay and calcareous sub soils
- Overall, the soil supports vigorous growth and high grape yields.

