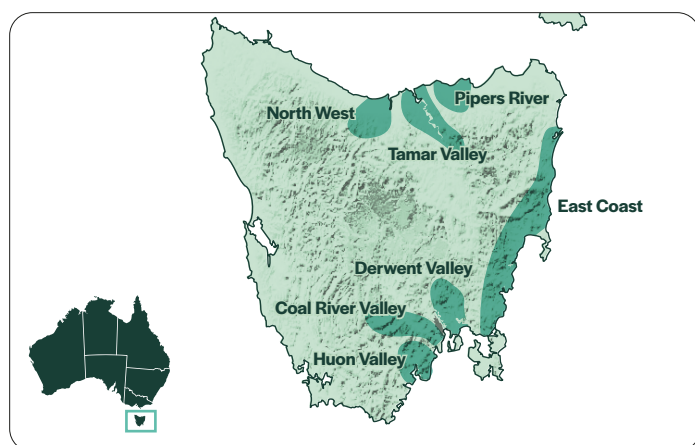




TASMANIA



Celebrated as one of Australia's finest cool-climate wine-growing areas, Tasmania is turning heads. The region produces some of Australia's most celebrated sparkling wines and is increasingly renowned for its refined still wines.

COOL CLIMATE

- Tasmania is one of Australia's premier cool climate regions, with its southern latitude balanced by long hours of sunshine.
- Overall the climate is cool temperate, with a distinct maritime influence from the cold Southern Ocean waters that surround it.
- Cold winters mean frost can be a risk.
- Southern Tasmania is cooler than the north, but is also drier with higher sunshine hours.

SOIL

Soil types vary greatly across Tasmania. These include ancient sandstones and mudstones, as well as alluvial soils from more recent river sediments and igneous rock of volcanic origin.

LATITUDE

43° 08' S

LONGITUDE

147° 33' E

TOTAL VINEYARD AREA

2,084 ha

GROWING SEASON RAINFALL

477 mm

MEAN TEMPERATURE

15.6 °C

ALTITUDE: LOW

10–330 m

SUB REGIONAL VARIATION

At over 68,000km², Tasmania is an island state and is itself the only officially recognised geographical indication (GI) for wine. However, informally it has seven distinct wine-growing areas: North West, Tamar Valley and Pipers River in the North, the East Coast in the East and Huon Valley, Derwent Valley and Coal River Valley in the South. Each of these distinct areas showcase variations in climate, soil and wine styles – highlighting how diverse Tasmania really is.

NOTEWORTHY VARIETIES

The cold waters surrounding Tasmania create the ideal growing conditions that inform the crisp, vibrant wines that are now sought both domestically and worldwide. More than 40% of production is sparkling wine – reflecting the advantages of a naturally pristine, cool environment. These are typically made from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay – both of which also make dazzling still wines. Beyond this, there are some really exciting wines made from Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Riesling.



1. Pinot Noir (43%)
2. Chardonnay (28%)
3. Sauvignon Blanc (11%)
4. Pinot Gris/Grigio (8%)
5. Riesling (6%)

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