

“Tantalising tastes, brilliant bouquets ...
... be sure to **Savour every drop!**”



The Margaret River Wine Region has become one of the great wine-producing regions of the world, but it doesn't stop there with the emergence of some equally impressive boutique breweries.

Wine Varieties

The Mediterranean style climate means vineyards are not affected by extreme summer and winter temperatures creating perfect growing conditions for a range of grape varieties. The region is perhaps best known for its Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet blends, but it is also the producer of some of Australia's best Chardonnay. Varieties such as Shiraz and Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc blends have gained increasing attention in recent years and there is a host of new varieties emerging such as Mourvedre, Grenache, Sangiovese and Voignier.

Wine Tasting

There are over 120 wine producers in the region, most of which have Cellar Doors allowing you to taste their range of wines. Cellar Doors range from small, rustic affairs to impressive feats of architecture and design. Tasting wines is easy once you know how – just follow the basic guidelines of swirl, sniff, sip and savour. Don't be afraid to ask the cellar door staff to take you through the tasting and explain the wine to you.

Many wines are only available at Cellar Door – a point worth remembering if you are looking for something unique to take home.

Breweries

Dotted in amongst the vineyards are equally impressive boutique breweries producing hand-made traditional style brews with Indian, German and English influences. As well as the traditional lager, there are some more experimental styles to tantalise the tastebuds including chocolate and chilli beer!

Winery and Brewery Tours operate daily, so be sure to book your seat today!

If you are not sure where to start, or are looking for a safe and fun way to explore the wineries and breweries of the region, *Taste the South* (see page 42) offers full day winery and brewery tours with pick-up from your accommodation.

For a comprehensive list of wineries and breweries in the region, refer to the map in the centre of this Guide.

