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• ABOUT •

Established in 1998, Shadowfax is a boutique winery dedicated to creating high quality and hand-crafted wines. Our renowned varieties include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Shiraz as well as a selection of highly limited, single-vineyard wines.

We have been awarded five red stars in the Halliday Annual Wine Companion for over 12 consecutive years. To receive a five red star rating, each winery must have at least two wines rated at 95 points or above, and have held a five-star rating for the previous two years.



2020 Halliday Annual Wine Companion

“ Five red stars are only awarded to the wineries that regularly produce wines of exemplary quality. ”

● REGIONS ●

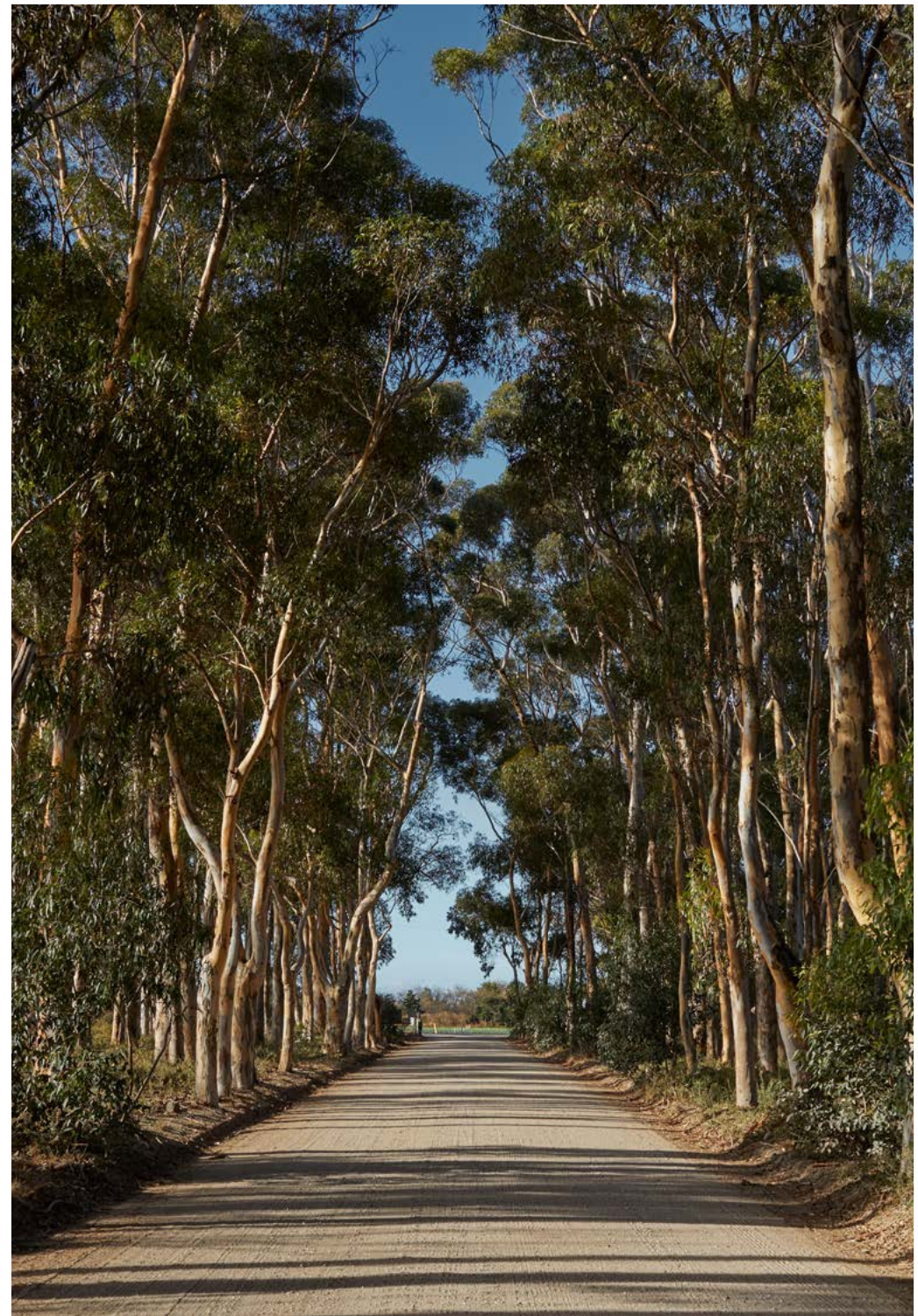
Shadowfax has a premium focus on the cool climate regions of Victoria, which provide the perfect climate to produce wines with poise and balance that are recognised as premium quality.

MACEDON RANGES

This is the coolest mainland wine region in Australia and vineyards are located along either side of the Great Dividing Ranges, between 400 and 750m above sea level, seeking the optimum interaction of soil, topography, aspect and climate. Here, the days are cool and the nights cooler. Snow falls here every winter and a cooling breeze blows through spring and summer. Our Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive here as the fruit ripens in the autumn, accumulating extraordinary flavour and retaining excellent acidity and a fine tannin structure.

PYRENEES

At Shadowfax, we thrive to find the balance of power, spice and poise in our wines and our Shiraz from the Pyrenees is no exception. The inland location at the foothills of the Pyrenees mountain range creates cool nights and warmer dry days, which are perfect conditions to grow Shiraz. The wines always have natural spicy aromas with a generous mouth filling palate and long fine tannins.

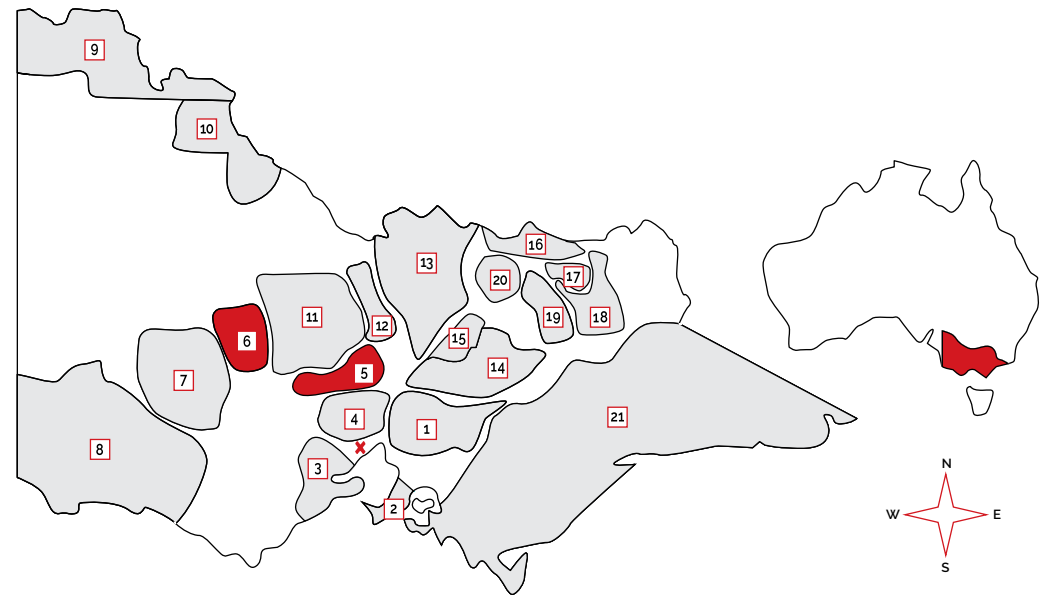




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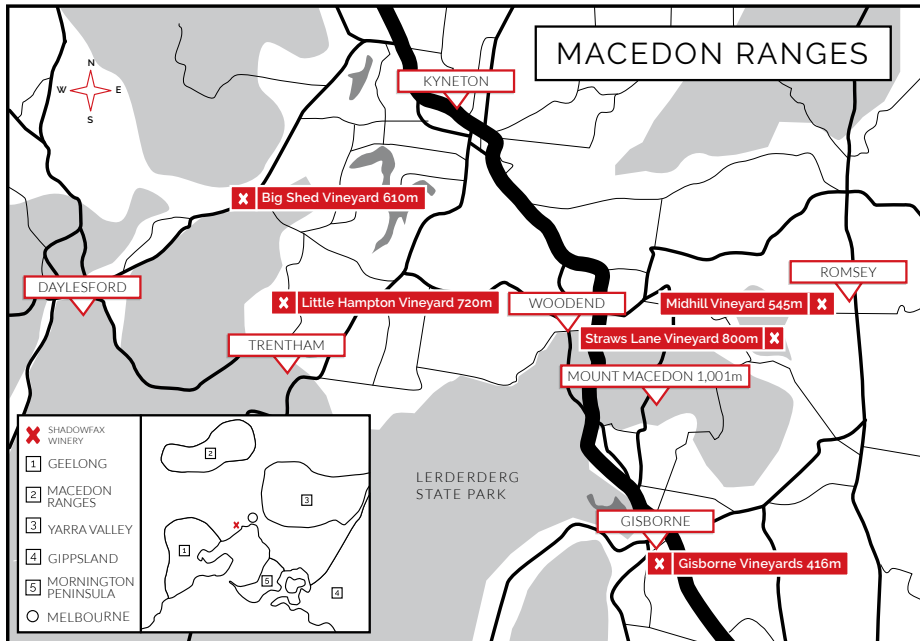
PORT PHILLIP

The home of the Minnow and Shiraz, our vineyard was planted in deep rich red soil in 1998. Rainfall is typically 450-500mm annually and the vines are dry grown. Warm days and cool nights during the growing season are perfect for our Mataro, Mondeuse, Grenache, Shiraz and Carignan. Red grapes typically have spice aromatics and vibrant red fruits on the palate.



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| 1 Yarra Valley | 6 Pyrenees | 11 Bendigo | 16 Rutherglen | 21 Gippsland |
| 2 Mornington Peninsula | 7 Grampians | 12 Heathcote | 17 Beechworth | |
| 3 Geelong | 8 Henty | 13 Goulburn Valley | 18 Alpine Valleys | |
| 4 Sunbury | 9 Murray Valley/Mildura | 14 Upper Goulburn | 19 King Valley | |
| 5 Macedon Ranges | 10 Swan Hill | 15 Strathbogie Ranges | 20 Glenrowan | |

• VINEYARDS •



LITTLE HAMPTON

This single vineyard site at Little Hampton near Trentham, sits at 730m above sea level, which is one of the coolest in the Macedon Ranges. Deep red volcanic loams, over hard basalt outcrops, gives Little Hampton a unique balance between aromatics and power. One of the coolest vineyard sites in the country, it forces us to farm with the utmost precision. The original plantings of Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris continue produce exceptional fruit, of which the Pinot Noir forms our flagship Little Hampton Pinot Noir. New plantings on the property have expanded the vineyard to Chardonnay and further clones of Pinot Noir, with new and exciting wines yet to come from Little Hampton.





• VINEYARDS •

STRAWS LANE

Planted in the 1980s to Pinot Noir and Gewurztraminer, this close planted vineyard is perched on the north side of Mt Macedon and almost kisses the clouds at 800m above sea level. The vines grow on a north-facing granite outcrop, producing grapes with great acid and fragrance. A truly unique site among those in the Macedon Ranges.

MIDHILL

The red volcanic soils are slightly acidic and well drained, excellent for vine health. In winter, frosts are common and light snow sometimes occurs. During the ripening season the site is subject to summer heat from the north winds, but being on the Great Dividing Range, cool nights often occur promoting retention of flavour, tannin and acid in the berries. The resulting wines have a good natural balance and are made with minimal intervention.

• WINEMAKER •

No stranger to the world of winemaking, Alister Timms grew up on his family's vineyards on the Bellarine Peninsula, planting vines at the age of 10.

After studying Oenology at the University of Adelaide, Alister joined Shadowfax as assistant vineyard manager. He then spent time managing his family's winery, Kilgour Estate and travelled to Italy to spend two vintages in Tenuta di Valgiano in Tuscany.

Alister later returned to Shadowfax to manage the winery's vineyards and establish the new Little Hampton estate in the Macedon Ranges before becoming Chief Winemaker in 2017.



WE WANT THE VINEYARD TO
DO THE TALKING, USING THE
WINEGLASS AS ITS STAGE.

-Alister Timms, Chief Winemaker





• WINEMAKING •

At Shadowfax, we ferment all our wines with natural yeast using a blend of new and old French oak barrels to impart different nuances in the wines.

Careful selection from six French coopers add intrigue and complexity to our wines.

Our barrels are kept in our underground cellar at a constant 16°C. This is the perfect ageing temperature for our reds to rest and mature, resulting in a silkier palate, and our whites to retain freshness and vibrancy.

This attention to detail during the winemaking process ensures that our wines are of the highest quality.

• WINES •

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

Our single vineyard wines reflect the site at which they are grown. Whether it be Little Hampton, Midhill or Straws Lane, we only pick from the finest parts of these vineyards to showcase their unique microclimates and soil profiles. Focused winemaking and vineyard techniques allow the wine to reveal itself in the glass, with finesse and unique individuality.

REGIONAL WINES

Our regional wines – Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz - are created from sourcing the finest fruit from three of the best wine regions in Victoria; Port Phillip, the Macedon Ranges and the Pyrenees. The wines are perfect expressions of the vineyards in which they are grown, demonstrating their own unique characteristics and complexities.

MINNOW WINES

Our Minnow wines are unadulterated by using no new oak and minimal intervention in the winery, giving the wines vibrancy, purity and drinkability. All grapes are from the Winery vineyard, from southern French varietals such as Grenache, Mataro, Carignan, Syrah, Mondeuse and Roussanne. As with all the wines in the Shadowfax range, the grapes are hand-picked, hand-grown and hand-made.





• SINGLE VINEYARD WINES •



LITTLE HAMPTON PINOT NOIR

Raspberry, plum and cherry sap fruits fall immediately onto the palate. Complexed with game meats, graphite and some white pepper. A focused and mineral core has drive, vibrancy and poise. Fine and lacey tannins frame the complex cardamom spice and subtle fruits. The wine has energy and lift that can only be seen in high altitude, cool climate Pinot Noir.



K ROAD SHIRAZ

Anise spice and black olive characters fill the palate. Hints of cured meats add depth. A brooding wine with dusty tannins is combined with notes of cinnamon and dark cherry fruit. This K Road Shiraz will develop well over time, gaining further complexity.



MIDHILL CHARDONNAY

White peach fuzz and grapefruits spill immediately onto the palate. Lime and sherbert acidity provide focus and length. A concentrated palate is long and intense yet continually develops, whilst grapefruit pith phenolics add further complexity and structure. A great example of cool climate Macedon Ranges Chardonnay.

• REGIONAL WINES •



PYRENEES SHIRAZ

Satsuma plums and blackcurrant fruits explode onto the front palate. Pepper spices and cinnamon add further intrigue. Fine but firm tannins build through the palate leading to a crescendo of flavours that resonate with the drinker long after the wine has left ones lips. A full bodied wine with great length and depth.



PORT PHILLIP/HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ

Plump blackberry and plum give warmth and depth whilst fine, grown tannins give balance and structure. Pops of currants and lively acidity bring freshness to the palate, Earth and bramble linger in the background. The finish is dry and long but with an energy that gives lift and vibrancy to the wine. A pristine example of dry grown Victorian Shiraz that will age with distinction for many years.



MACEDON RANGES PINOT NOIR

Fruits and spice appear immediately. The generous palate has breadth and expanse, yet shows poise from seams of grown ripe tannins. There are complexities galore with clove and Campari spice interacting with brooding fruits and violet nuances. The palate is long and persistent yet light on its feet, bringing you back for more. A fine example of cool climate Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir.





• REGIONAL WINES •

MACEDON RANGES CHARDONNAY



White nectarine and grapefruits spill immediately onto the palate. These fruit flavours are augmented with wild ferment characters such as slivered almond and choux pastry. The wine shows generosity with hints of lemon curd and spice. Some alcohol warmth is framed by natural grapefruit pith and toasted barrel complexity. The flowing palate is long and intense yet continually develops through your first, second and third glass.

MACEDON RANGES PINOT GRIS



A rich, powerful palate of fig, waxy almonds and sherbet-like acidity. Textured and mouth-filling, the fruit is strong, long and beautifully defined. These fruit flavours are complexed with barrel ferment characters such as nougat. The fruits are enveloped with fine grapefruit pith texture giving extra intrigue.

CUVEE X



The finely structured palate is balanced and has excellent fruit sweetness. Raspberry notes are complexed with sherbet and minerality. Time on lees has added texture and interest. The finish is long and persistent as all great bubbly should be.

• MINNOW WINES •



MINNOW GRENACHE MATARO

A fun and vibrant palate has plum and blue fruits at its core. Dried apricots add another element. The tannins are raspy and long giving the wine a savoury crunch and lovely texture and drive. The bright and lingering palate remains fresh, lending itself to that second or third glass.



MINNOW ROUSSANNE

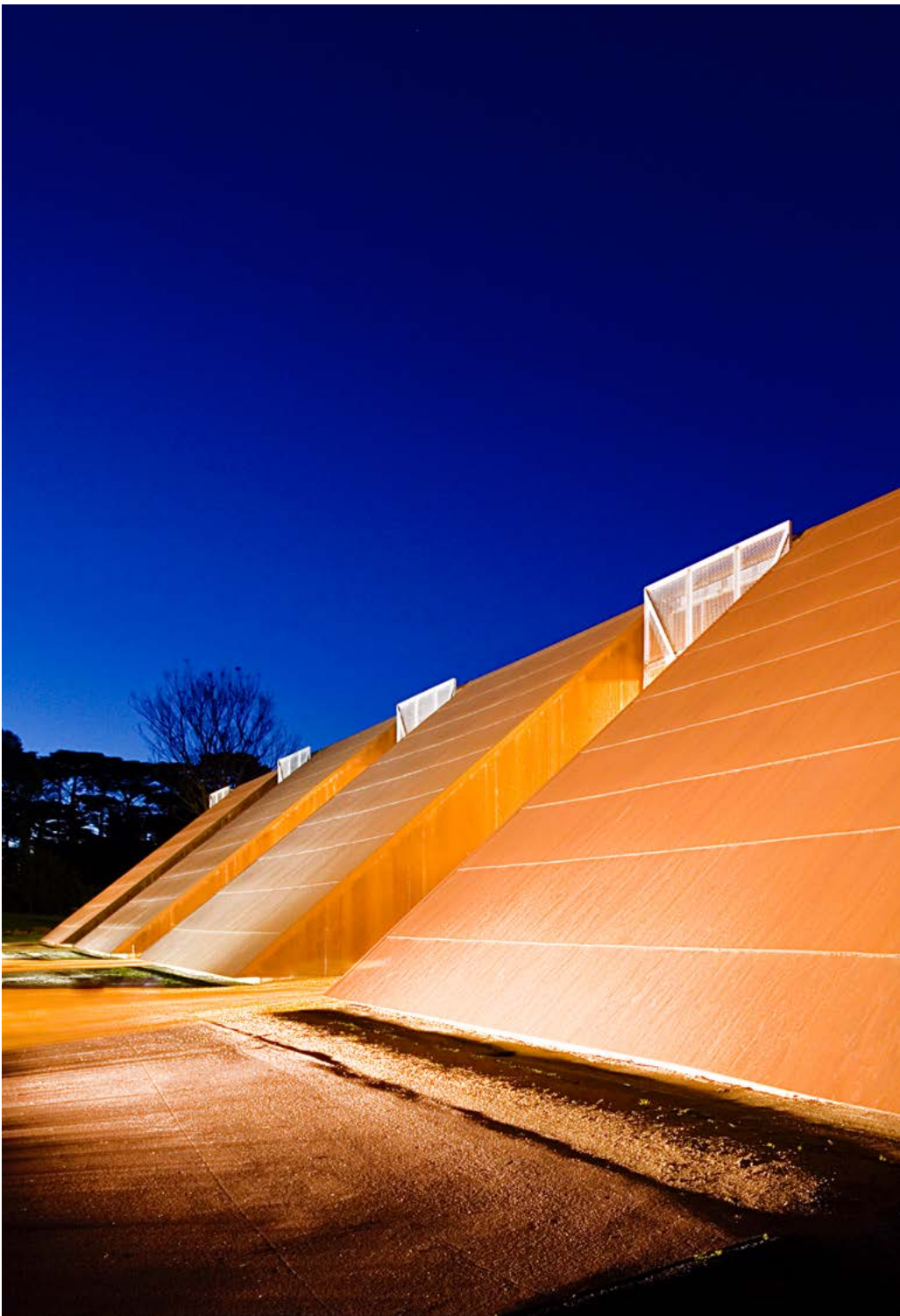
Orange fruits explode with hints of marzipan on the palate, which are complexed with a touch of ginger spice. There is a great mineral core with lovely gravelly texture and a mouth watering saline crunch.



MINNOW ROSÉ

A generous mouth filling palate shows rich peaches and cream that flows on and on. The high pH gives the wine lovely mouth-coating texture and warmth. The palate is long and flowing with oodles of flavour. The fine lacy tannins frame the wine and the fine acidity keeps the palate fresh and crunchy.





• ENDORSEMENTS •

Shadowfax has been recognised as one of Australia's most consistent premium wine producers. We are one of the first choices of Australia's top restaurants and wine bars including the world's top 50 restaurants and Three Chef Hatted restaurants. Recent awards include:

- Five red stars for over 12 consecutive years by James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion.
- 96 Points (Little Hampton Pinot Noir) - Real Review Huon Hooke
- 96 Points (2018 Macedon Pinot Gris) - Real Review Huon Hooke
- 94 Points (Macedon Pinot Noir) - Real Review Huon Hooke
- Gold Medal - Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2019, October 2019
- Gold Medal - Royal Sydney Wine Show 2019, August 2019
- 93 Points (2018 Macedon Pinot Gris) - James Halliday
- 94 Points (2018 Minnow Roussanne) - James Halliday
- 93 points (2018 Minnow rosé) - James Halliday
- 95 Points (2017 Macedon Chardonnay) - James Halliday

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