

alpine road



2023 VICTORIA CIENNA

The Great Alpine Road stretches across Victoria's North-East, from the country town of Wangaratta over the Victorian Alps to the coastal settlement of Bairnsdale. The Alpine Road range of wines takes you on a similar journey. Visit a favourite place or discover an exciting new destination along a road less travelled.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage will go down as not only one of the latest on record, but also one of the most challenging in recent memory. A third La Niña event in a row made for a much cooler and wetter spring followed by a cool summer and autumn with small rain events that certainly kept us on our toes. Whilst the weather made for some stressful and busy periods, we were able to harvest everything at optimum ripeness.

MULTI-REGION FRUIT SOURCING

The Alpine Road range exemplifies our pursuit of intense, consistent and clear varietal expression. This is achieved across vintages by blending and crafting wines from fruit sourced from different regions within Victoria.

VARIETY & STYLE

Cienna is an Australian-developed grape variety, created by the CSIRO in 1972 to thrive in our climate. A cross between Spain's Sumoll and France's Cabernet Sauvignon, it is naturally disease-resistant and achieves excellent sugar ripeness, soft tannins, and generous fruit weight. Unlike some sweeter styles of Cienna, our winemaking approach highlights its plush, ripe fruit and vibrant varietal character, balancing softness with freshness on the palate – perfect for those who enjoy fruit generosity without a sweet finish. Fermented to dryness and carefully matured, our Cienna is a relaxed and distinctive style - true to the spirit of discovery that defines our Alpine Road range.

WINE

Our Cienna has a wonderful and enticing nose of dark strawberry, blackberry and blueberry fruits. On the palate ripe and juicy flavours of dark plums, blackberries and figs are layered with complex white pepper, oak and liquorice characters. A wine with generosity of spirit, structure and persistence on the finish. Enjoy this wine with a traditional Greek style Moussaka.

ALC/VOL: 14.0% pH: 3.72 TA: 5.81 g/L VEGAN FRIENDLY

PACKAGING

Our packaging pays homage to history of the Great Alpine Road and the original Tobacco Road label while introducing a fresh colour palette and layered textures. It is a celebration of the journey of joyful discovery that is reflective of our Alpine Road wines.

WINEMAKER
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