# the granite belt alternative wine trail



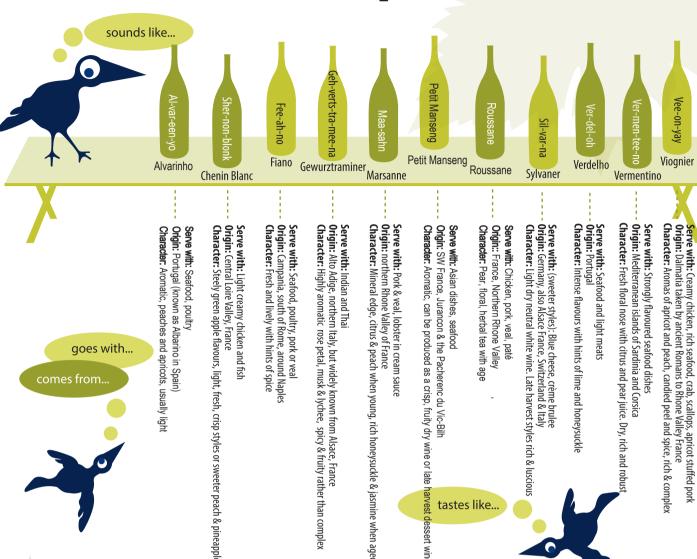
# **Capture a** Strangebird today

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Beyond chardonnay. Beyond shiraz. (Although both do brilliantly here), there are the Granite Belts magnificent alternative varietal wines. Our Strange Birds. Pursue the strange birds and discover wines youve never tasted. Wines that delight the senses and quench your desire for something new and exciting.

To be called an alternative a variety must represent not more than 1% of the total bearing vines in Australia as defined by the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation. Enjoyed in Europe for generations these alternative varieties are now emerging as Australian favourites due to their ability to match perfectly with food. Capture a Strange Bird and take it home today.

### Introducing our strange bird White Wines



#### THE GRANITE BELT WINE REGION ITS A DIFFERENT COUNTRY!

Not far to the south-west of Brisbane, lies an elevated region of dramatic beauty. The Granite Belt. Its part of Queensland and yet its a different country, with log fires in winter and mild, low humidity summers. Due to the longer growing season, award-winning wines

of elegance and complexity are produced. Wines as individual as a fingerprint.

The wineries of the Granite Belt offer a personal, unhurried wine experience. At our friendly cellar doors you may meet the people who hand-craft the regions remarkable wines or grow the luscious fruit. And taste superb alternative varietals our Strange Birds as well as many award-winning mainstream wines such as chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, merlot and shiraz.

Plan your voyage to a different country some time soon.

## Introducing our strange bird red Wines



Serve with: Pizza and Antipasto **Origin:** Piedmont region of Italy **Character:** Fruity light cherry to weighty sour-cherry, rounded, plummy, low acid & tannins **Origin:** South-eastern France (little remains) **Character:** Rich fruit & licorice flavours, robu erve with: Game & red meat dishes

Serve with: All red meat dishes especially Spanish and Italian, grilled venison and lamb tajines Origin: Spain, Rioja and Navarra regions **Character:** Intense aromatic properties and good acidity, powerful finish of blackberry and vanilla

Serve with: Grilled game, red meats & pasta
Origin: South-west of France, but widely grown in Argentina
Character: Dark purple colour, perfumed damson & violet aromas, blackberry flavours Character: Pepper & spice, soft tannins, often enjoyed young, but ages well Origin: Central Italy Serve with: Grilled meat, lamb, Bolognese sauce and pasta **Origin:** Spain around Cataluna & Valencia, widely planted in south-east France **Character:** Also known as Mataro. When young hints of herbs & blackberries, ages to leather & game erve with: Game meat and duck dishes **Character:** Spicy savoury aromas with dark berries. Rich, full palate, firm tannins **Character:** Intense colour, fragrant aroma of violets, black fruit & firm tannic structure erve with: Hearty meat dishes, spiced beef casserole & salami

Character: Aromas of roses & tar, violets, leather & dried fruits, complex with high tannins & acidity

**Serve with:** Hearty meat dishes, spiced beef casserole & salami **Origin:** Piedmont region of Italy

Serve with: Lamb shanks & beef casseroles **Character:** Rich with red berry bramble & savoury flavours Character: Full bodied, fruity, spicy flavours **Character:** Fresh, fruity flavours of strawberry with a little spice **Drigin:** Georgia, former Soviet Union **Character:** Richly coloured, high acid wine suitable for extended aging serve with: Red meats, duck & venison Serve with: Pizza, pasta, truffles **erve with:** Pizza Margarita, Italian-style pork, veal or chicken **rigin:** Italy, the latin blood of jove goes with... comes from tastes like.

Serve with: Tapas, cured ham, herbed meat & smoked sausages Origin: Spain, regions of Rioja & Ribera del Duero Character: Medium bodied, lush texture. Black cherry fruits with savoury characters

**Character:** Intensely coloured and strongly tannic, capable of very long life

GRANITE BELT TRAIL MAP The Granite Belt IS A SCENIC THREE-HOUR DRIVE south-west of Brisbane. ITS PART OF QUEENSLAND AND YET ITS A DIFFERENT COUNTRY! www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au

