

Mornington Peninsula Wineries



The Mornington Peninsula lies within the Port Phillip Zone just an hour South from Melbourne. The Peninsula is bordered by Port Phillip Bay to the West, Westernport Bay to the East and Bass Strait to the South. The region has a hills district rising 250 metres above sea level. Arthur's Seat, the highest point on the Peninsula at 314 metres, provides great views of the Peninsula and Port Phillip Bay.

The wine region takes in the whole peninsula starting at Mt Eliza just below Frankston. The main towns amongst the vineyards are Dromana, Red Hill South, Merricks and Moorooduc. The region's reputation is building around Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The red volcanic soils also grow a fine Shiraz. Other varieties grown include Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

The region has a history agricultural production supplying the Melbourne markets with fruit, berries, vegetables and herbs. It is also an important recreation and tourist area mainly servicing the Melbourne population who flock to the area on weekends and holidays.

This is a modern wine region. There was a dabbling in viticulture in the late 1800s and then in the 1950s but it wasn't until Baillieu Myer of Myer stores planted vines in the early 70s did the region kick off as a commercial wine producer. Many vineyards and wineries followed, most of them small, producing boutique wines and tapping into the tourism market with cellar doors and fine restaurants. There are now more than 170 wineries in this region.

Harlan Coach Tours can arrange a tour of some of these wineries for you. Either, you suggest to us the wineries that you would like to visit, or allow us to make the selection for you. Various types of luncheons can be arranged at any of the wineries or perhaps a barbeque at somewhere like Sorrento.

We recommend visiting a maximum of four or five wineries in a day and by restricting your group numbers to less than 20 passengers we can use a smaller bus allowing us access to a wider range of wineries.

INCLUDES:

Lunch & Tasting Fees
Bus Travel

FARES per PERSON

\$99.00 – min 15 Passengers
\$130.00 – min 8 Passengers
(Travelling in a 13 or 20-seat Bus)