

Around Hermitage: Our Heritage & History

Of course, we all know that the Hunter Valley is the oldest wine region in Australia, with vines dating back to the 1820s and an international reputation for exceptional wines.

Around Hermitage – our specific sub region of the Hunter Valley, is grouped along some 35 kilometres of road encompassing the creek beds of Rothbury and Jump Up Creeks and the hills of the Belford Dome and Sweetwater.

The area includes Hermitage Road, Pokolbin and all roads off it including Old North and Deasys Roads plus parts of McDonald's, Broke and Sweetwater Roads.

Early plantings here date to the late 1800's and by the latter part of the 19th century four families had established vineyards in the area: the Tyrrell, Tulloch, Wilkinson & Drayton families.

Around Hermitage is home to generational wine making to dynasty vignerons and to champions of the Hunter Valley.

But we cannot speak of the history of the Hunter without acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, the Wonnarua people, and celebrating the incredible Biaime Cave. With Aboriginal art which depicts the Biaime dreaming; telling how Biaime came down from the sky to create rivers, mountains, and forests in the area this is a sacred space.

Surrounded by natural treasures and being located only 30kms from the Biamie Cave, Around Hermitage is rich in history, heritage and culture – blending tradition with innovation in wine making, dining and produce.

Antiques, artists and architectural insights are plentiful in this pocket of Pokolbin too – with collections to treasure, admire and acquire available at many stops along the way.

A visit to Around Hermitage will satisfy your appetite for the finest quality Hunter Valley wine, cheese, chocolate, olives and local delicacies, whilst quenching your thirst for knowledge and sense of community.

For more details on the Around Hermitage Wine & Food Trail and how best to explore the area, visit aroundhermitage.com.au

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