

Biking Around Our Vineyards

The following are suggested day-trip routes from Alexandra. i-site Visitor Centre. Approximate distances indicated. Remember to phone the open by appointment vineyards you want to visit beforehand. Several local firms specialise in bike hire.



Western (Earnsclough) Circuit (full journey 27.5km)
Head south over the bridge via SH8. Turn right into Earnsclough Rd. Visit *Dry Gully* (2.2 km) and *Como Village*. Turn right into Conroys Rd for *Blackridge* vineyard (6 km). Continue along Earnsclough Rd to *Earnsclough Road* vineyard (10.4 km). Divert up Fraser Rd to *Two Paddocks* (12.8) (A stop at Fraser Domain picnic area is an option). Return to Earnsclough Rd and continue to *Fansdun* (16.2km) and over the Bridge to *Clyde and Clyde Village* vineyard (18 km). Return to Alexandra via the Clutha Riverside walking/ cycling track which begins just upstream of the Clyde Bridge (see map).

Eastern Circuit (full journey 29 km)
Follow route through Alexandra to *Hintons* (1.4 km). Travel along Dunstan Rd. Turn right and visit the cluster of vineyards along *Hillview Rd.* (5.8km return). Return to and continue along *Dunstan Rd* to *Shaky Bridge* vineyard (8.7 km). Turn left onto *Airport Rd* visiting *Perseverance* and *Alexandra Wine* vineyards (11.6 km). Turn right onto SH8 and then left onto *Muttontown Rd* and into *Clyde* township. Visit *Clyde Village* vineyard (16.2 km). Travel along *Hazlett St.* Cross SH8 onto *Springleave Rd.* Turn right into *Letts Gully Rd.* Visit *Hawkdun Rise* and *Creyland Ridge* vineyards (24.3). Continue down to SH85. Turn right and return to Alexandra.

Our Towns

Clyde and Alexandra both began as rough and ready goldrush towns in 1862. Alexandra has become the basin's commercial centre and Clyde has retained an attractive historic precinct.

Accommodation & Dining

Clyde and Alexandra both offer a range of accommodation options (hotels, motels, B&B/homestays and holiday parks), as well as a range of cafes and restaurants. There is also B&B/homestay accommodation in rural areas of the Basin.



Part of the historic precinct at Clyde

A Great Many Other Attractions

Besides the Wine Trail the Alexandra Basin offers you many other complementary activities:

- **Golfing** at our Clyde and Alexandra courses.
- **Biking**: From the gentle Otago Central Rail Trail to full-on mountain trails (several local firms specialise in bike hire).
- **Fishing** on local lakes, dams and rivers
- **Taking to your feet**: From gentle riverside walks to energetic workouts on the surrounding mountain ranges.
- **History**: museums, historic buildings and goldfields sites.
- **Watersports**: lakes, rivers and Alexandra's Aquatic Centre.
- **Winter ice skating** on our ice rinks and dams.

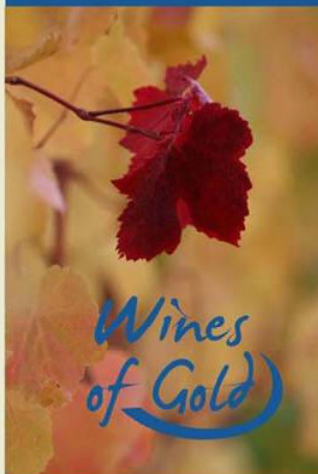
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Note: *Feraud* and *Feraud's Monte Christo* winery images courtesy of *Central Stories Museum & Art Gallery*, Alexandra, NZ

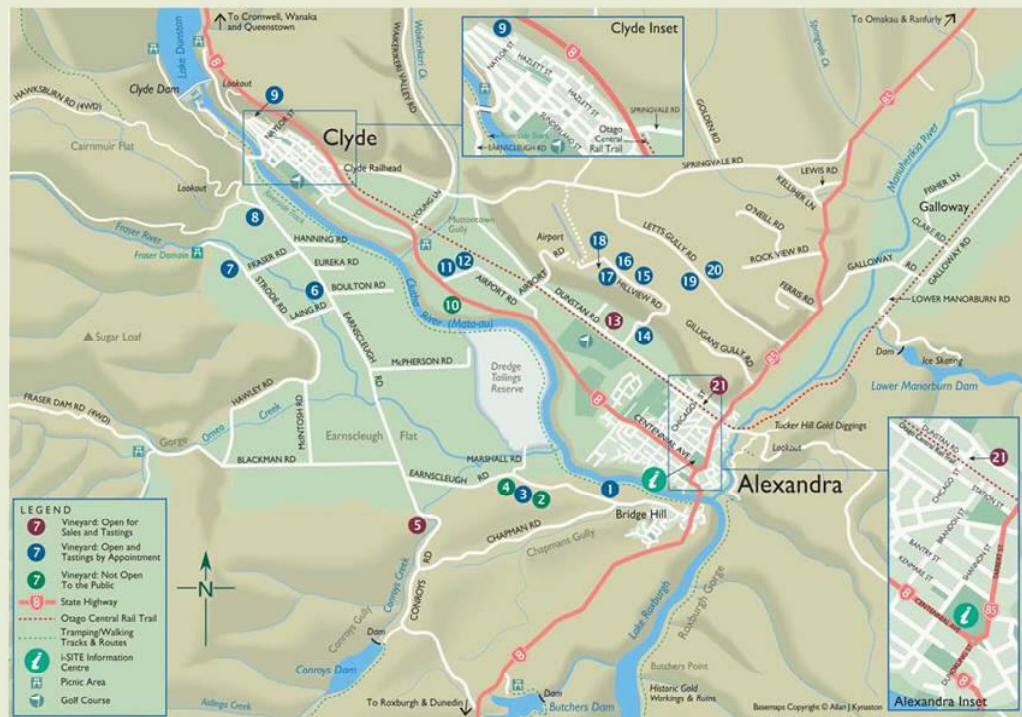
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A Guide to Wineries & Vineyards



Alexandra Basin Wine Growers



Welcome

More than 20 vineyards are making wine in the Alexandra Basin. The accolades for our wines continue to mount. You have arrived at a special place.

The Alexandra Basin lies below the southern 45th parallel and to the south of the other Central Otago wine sub-regions. It is the southern most vinegrowing region in the world.

As described elsewhere in this brochure the Basin and its dry sunny climate are ideally suited to wine production.

Enclosed by rugged schist mountains and bisected by the mighty Clutha River, the Basin has very scenic setting. An outstanding feature of the mountains are lines of rock tors and this reflected in the names of some of the wineries. The Clutha enters the basin via Lake Dunstan in the Cromwell Gorge and exits via the rugged Roxburgh Gorge.

The Basin's history is dominated by the great Dunstan Goldrush of 1862. The heyday of mining has long past, but a new 'gold' is now gathered sustainably from the Basin's vineyards.



Frenchman Recognises the Basin's Potential in 1860s

Central Otago's very first vineyard was established near Clyde in 1864 by successful French goldminer Jean Desire Feraud. Coming from a family of winemakers, Feraud quickly recognised the Basin's grape growing potential. Over the next 20 years he made a variety of wines at his Monte Christo vineyard.



Feraud's Monte Christo winery.

Feraud's wines were of a quality which won them prizes in Australian wine competitions, but he was fighting an uphill battle trying to sell fine wine in a young country where beer and whisky drinking gold miners and sheep farmers prevailed. Feraud's pioneering work, nevertheless, proved one thing that remains undisputed...you can make some fantastic wine in the Alexandra Basin.

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...And Over a Century Later

Feraud's thinking was reinforced in 1895 by viticulturist Romeo Bragato. Touring the country on behalf of the Government, he enthused over area's wine potential, recording that there was 'no stateable limit to the productiveness of that magnificent territory'. It would, however, be almost a century before a serious winemaking industry was established in the Alexandra Basin. The first commercial wine of this exciting new era was produced in 1988.

What makes the Alexandra Basin an excellent wine producing area?

Alexandra has a semi-continental low rainfall climate of extremes: long hot summer days with cool nights, long dry autumns and cold frosty winters. Low rainfall & humidity means a low incidence of disease and rot. The difference between the day and nighttime temperatures during ripening contributes to flavour intensity.

Soils (mainly derived from alluvial material deposited by the river and the weathering of local schist) generally offer free drainage essential for vineyards.

What is unique about Alexandra Basin wines?

The environment and soils offered by the Alexandra basin help produce a distinguishing flintier and more peppery wine.



What wines are made in the Alexandra Basin?

Our Basin is rightly famous for its Pinot Noir, but there are other varieties made as here well. These include: Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc & Chardonnay,

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