Wine Australia Market Insights

Region snapshot 2025-26 - Hunter

State **New South Wales**

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Plantings

Source: National Vineyard Scan 2020 and ABS 2015

	Hunter	All regions
Total vineyard area (hectares)	2,605	155,442
Percentage red varieties	47%	64%
Percentage of national vineyards	2%	
Percentage of New South Wales vineyards	7%	

Crush

Source: National Vintage Survey 2026

	Hunter	All regions
Estimated tonnes crushed in 2026	4,138	1,265,671
Average yield (tonnes/ha)	1.6	8.1
Change in crush from 2025	-33%	-19%

Top five varieties in Hunter in 2026	Share of region tonnes	Share of national tonnes
Semillon	30%	3%
Chardonnay	28%	23%
Shiraz	17%	19%
Verdelho	12%	0%
Pinot Noir	2%	4%

Exports

Source: Wine Export Approvals year ending June 2026

Exports by GI content	Hunter	All exports
Export volume by GI content ('000 litres)	184	598,298
Percentage of total exports	0.0%	100%
Percentage of crush exported (estimate)	6%	68%

Label claim exports (bottled only)	Hunter and Hunter blends	Year over year change
Export volume by GI label claim ('000 litres)	111	-41%
Export value by GI label claim ($A '000)	1,808	-29%
Average value per litre	$16.26	22%

Share of bottled export volume by destination market (top 6 markets for region)	Hunter and Hunter blends	All bottled wine exports
China mainland	24%	15%
UK	16%	9%
Japan	10%	4%
USA	11%	24%
South Korea	5%	1%
Ireland	0%	1%
Remaining markets	34%	46%

Share of bottled export volume by price point	Hunter and Hunter blends	All bottled wine exports
$2.49 and under	1%	2%
$2.50 to $4.99	0%	57%
$5.00 to $7.49	18%	18%
$7.50 to $9.99	5%	6%
$10.00 to $14.99	48%	7%
$15.00 to $19.99	14%	2%
$20 and over	15%	8%

Climate data

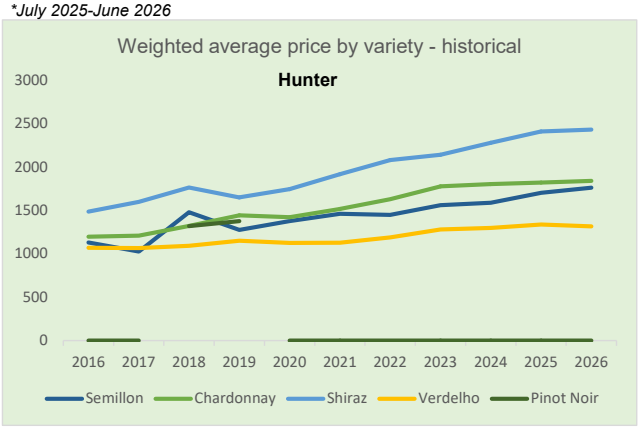
Source: Bureau of Meteorology (2026)

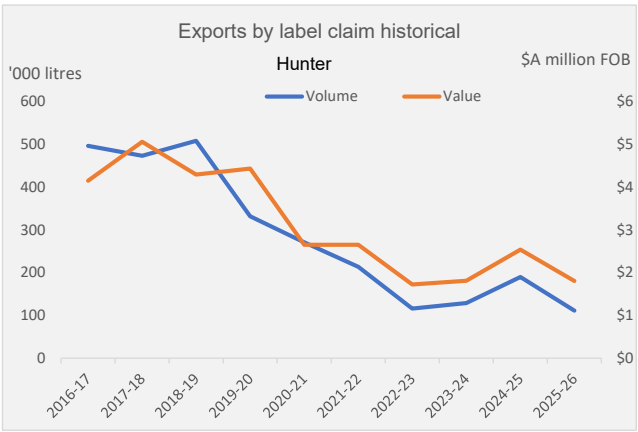
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Size (km^2) 19 970 Elevation (m) 0-1597 Sth latitude -33.14

Time period	Mean Jan temp (MJT)	Annual* rainfall	GSR	Oct-April GDD
1961-1990 average	22.5 ºC	823 mm	559 mm	2066
2006-2025 average	23.7 ºC	812 mm	556 mm	2215
2025-26 season*	23.7 ºC	651 mm	269 mm	2395

**July 2025-June 2026*





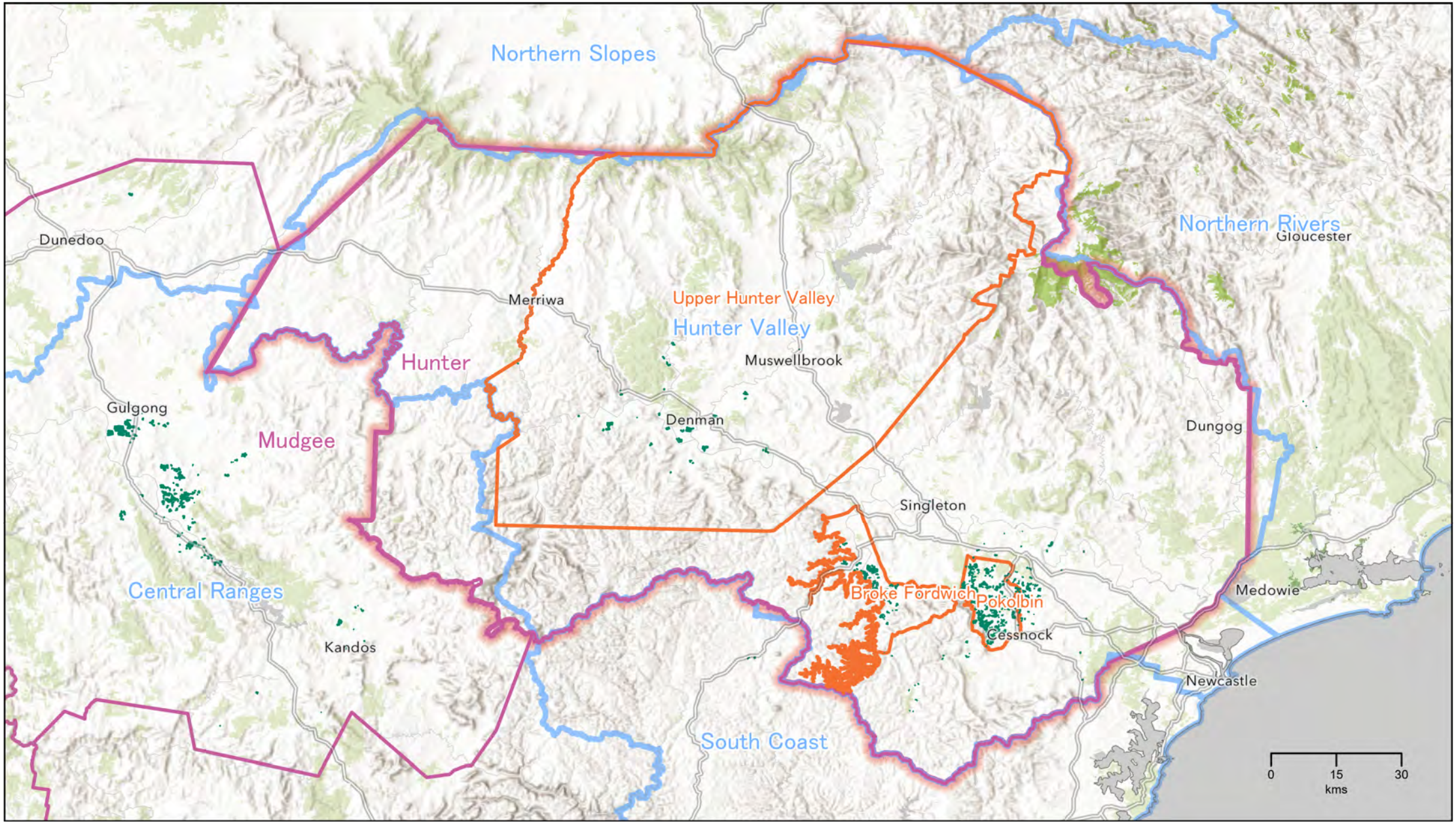


Notes

Meteorological data is taken from the national climate databank of the Bureau of Meteorology: the Australian Data Archive for Meteorology (ADAM).
Climate indices have been calculated across the whole GI region by the Antarctic Climate Ecosystem CRC as part of a research project co-funded by Wine Australia.
Growing season rainfall (GSR) and growing degree days (GDD) are both calculated from October to April across the whole GI region. GSR and GDD for individual vineyards will vary from this value.
Latitude data is the centroid of each GI region. Altitude/elevation data is the highest and lowest point in the region - regardless of whether there is a vineyard at that location.
Area data comes from the National Vineyard Scan 2020 conducted by GAIA on behalf of Wine Australia. Variety share from ABS vineyard survey 2015.
Estimated crush figures are higher than the figures reported in the National Vintage Report as the estimated figure is raised to allow for the non-response rate.
Exports by GI content includes all wine that has been identified by the exporter as coming from the GI, but not necessarily claimed on the label.
Label claim exports are those where the GI region is identified on the label. GI region content is based on the region reported by the winery in the product description.

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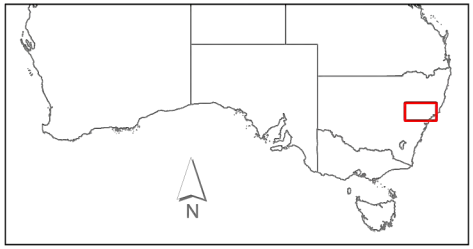
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- GI Sub Regions
- GI Regions
- GI Zones
- Vineyards (GAIA 2019)

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