### Swan Valley

# CIDER & **ALE TRAIL**



FOOD & WINE TRAILS

### Welcome to the Swan Valley

You might know the Swan Valley as Western Australia's oldest wine-producing region but did you know, it is also leading in craft beer and cider.

Swan Valley brewers are producing lagers, pilsners, ales, wheat beers, stouts and more, as well as ciders, and ginger beer. Many are awardwinning nationally and internationally. All are handcrafted using a combination of traditional techniques, state-of-the-art equipment, and only the best produce.

On offer is an impressive range of ciders and local and international beer styles to suit every taste, and setting in which to enjoy them. Choose from beer gardens and brewpubs with relaxed indoor seating or alfresco areas overlooking the vinevards.

Food is integral to the experience, with menus ranging from familyfriendly and seaonal to authentically German.

The Swan Valley Cider & Ale Trail showcases our talented makers and is designed for lovers of beer and cider.

### I. IRONBARK BREWERY

Enjoy the best of boutique craft beers in Western Australia, handcrafted ciders, ginger beer, local wines and tasty Aussie food to match at the awesomely down-to-earth Ironbark Brewery.

Ironbark is the epitome of a rustic outdoor beer garden. Enjoy the laid back atmosphere, live music most weekends, and \$15 Pizza & Middy and Steak Sandwich deals Thursday and Friday from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

### 2. FUNK CIDER

Funk Cider is on a mission to make craft cider the most exciting beverage on the planet. A visit offers an experience of cider unshackled from the chains of its dark commercial past and returned it to its rightful artisan origins with ciders full of flavour, balanced with equal parts of fun. There's something for everyone with 16 taps pouring the freshest, unpasteurised, preservativefree ciders, beer and wine all made on site, a charming cider garden, tasty food options, undercover cider hall and much more.

Published days open for all venues are subject to change Please phone or check the business websites.

### Location of the Swan Valley

The Swan Valley is located a short 25 minute drive from the Perth CBD and 20 minutes from Perth Airport.

One of the best ways to explore the Cider & Ale Trail is to self-drive.

Should you require a hire car, collection points are conveniently located at Perth Airport and a variety of Perth CBD locations.

You might like to consider booking a rideshare service or taxi to transport you around the trail.

If chartering a bus for larger groups, please contact the venues in advance to make a booking.

### About WA Food & Wine Trails

Western Australia is blessed with a huge range of memorable food and drink experiences. The WA Food & Wine Trails provide a sample of what is available across the state.

Make sure you look out for them on your travels.



Visit the Trails WA website at trailswa.com.au and download the TrailsWA app from the App Store to find more trails to explore.

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### **3. HOMESTEAD BREWERY**

Part of the impressive Mandoon Estate, Homestead has a casual, family-friendly atmosphere with bar and table seating inside and dining on the outside deck with stunning views of Mandoon's vineyards.

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Homestead's food is full of big, bold, balanced flavours just like its beers - think tapas, burgers, pizza and hearty mains.

Homestead brews a big range including German lager, American IPAs, sour beers, stouts and cider. Drop in to view the Germanengineered Kaspar Schulz brewhouse and sample a few craft beers!

### 4. ELMAR'S IN THE VALLEY

Elmar's in the Valley has the biggest micro-glass Find us brewery in the southern hemisphere, with a two acre, fully-licensed beer garden and undercover alfresco dining space.

Elmar's produces a range of award-winning beers, brewed in strict accordance with the 1516 German Beer Purity Law, including but not limited to, Pilsner, Kölsch, Kick Back (Wheat) and Overdraught Alt.

Elmar's in the Valley has become the perfect place to sit back, relax and enjoy great beer and food all year round. Prost!

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### 7. FERAL BREWING COMPANY

Built on the red dirt in the Swan Valley in 2002, Feral has grown to be one of Australia's 153 Haddrill Road, most-awarded craft breweries, constantly innovating, both in the brewhouse, and in the kitchen. Feral prides itself on fresh, quality beers, featuring bold flavours and punchy aromatics. It is home to an experimental brewery, restaurant and beer garden.

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The space is rustic with endless foliage and beautiful views across the vineyards - as comfy on a cold winter's day as it is on a balmy summer evening

### 8. TXOKO BREWING

In Spain's Basque country and pronounced Cho-Ko (like chocolate), Txoko stands for a commune of people, who gather usually once a

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week, to cook, experiment with ways of cooking, drink and hang out. Nestled in front of the Darling Ranges, Txoko is a

scenic spot to enjoy a constantly-rotating range of fresh beer with a wood-fired pizza, or dine dine a la carte at the fully-licensed restaurant.

Family-focussed and with something for everyone, sunny afternoons are perfect at Txoko.

### 5. DUCKSTEIN BREWERY

Duckstein is one of the pioneers of craft brewing in the Swan Valley, producing premium handcrafted German beers including Pilsner, Hefeweiss, Dunkel and Altbier.

German-style dining, long tables, live music, fresh air and top-notch brews, what more could you want? Gather some mates, sit back, unwind and enjoy great atmosphere. A visit is an absolute must.

### 6. MASH BREWING

Mash Brewpub and Kitchen provides awardwinning handcrafted beer and cider, and a selection of local wine, spirits and cocktails. Three craft ciders and 16 beers on tap can be enjoyed in the outdoor garden or by the fireplace. Food is passionately prepared in an open kitchen with a seasonal menu which caters to vegetarian and meat lovers alike. Relax in the restaurant while the kids have fun in the playground. One child up to 12 years eats free, with every paying adult meal, Fri-Sat from 5pm. Functions and tours welcome.

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### 9. FIG TREE ESTATE

Fig Tree Estate is a proudly family owned and operated boutique cidery located in the heart of the Swan Valley.

It specialises in handcrafted cider that is full of unique character and made from quality whole fruit which is crushed, pressed. fermented and bottled with no artificial sweeteners or flavours for an all-natural taste experience.

Newly created, and proving popular, is 'Boomer', an all-Australian traditional clean and crisp lager.

Woodfired pizza, platters and cheeseboards are available.

#### **10. SWAN VALLEY BREWERY** Find us

Swan Valley Brewery is a newly-renovated brewery, restaurant, beer garden and 100-yearold cottage with a selection of spaces catering to all tastes.

The business is family owned and operated with a focus on producing fine handcrafted beers, traditional Irish and English style ales.

Come for breakfast, stay till dinner. Enjoy housemade desserts and the kids area with sandpit and grassed lawn

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### Cider, a fruitful history

Cider is an ancient beverage made by fermenting apple juice. While we know that apples have been grown for 50 - 60 million years, the first occurrences of cider are not as clear. Once the drink caught on, it spread quickly. By the time the first Romans arrived in the British Isles in 55 B.C., the locals were drinking a cider-like drink made from apples, which their new visitors quickly came to love.

Soon enough, cider spread throughout the Roman Empire and across Europe, reaching our shores in 1788 with the First Fleet. Australian cider has its origins in Tasmania but this guickly grew to the southern states of the mainland, too. Cider makers in the Swan Valley source their fruit from the Perth Hills and the South West of Western Australia.

Apples are never true to their seed, so there are myriad possibilities for new varieties when growing them from seed. Most modern Australian ciders are made from culinary apples including Pink Lady, Granny Smith, Fuji, Sundowner, Royal Gala and Golden Delicious.

There are small orchards in Australia, including a handful in Western Australia, that are now producing traditional cider apples of the bitter and bitter sweet varietals which are crafted into traditional English-styled ciders. The sky's the limit with the recent craft industry boom, with new world ciders being created every day, including right here in the Swan Valley. Using methods such as fermenting with wild yeasts and even infusing with other exotic fruits and spices such as pineapple, passionfruit, ginger and much more, cider making is even more flavoursome and exciting than at any other time in its history!

### Ales, and the story of beer

Beers too are ancient beverages. Ale and lager are the two main classifications of beer.

Ales are older, traditional brews predating lagers by thousands of years, while lagers are a relatively modern creation, around 400 years old.

For most beer drinkers, the difference between an ale and a lager comes down to how the beer looks, smells and tastes. But to a brewer, the main differences are yeast type and fermentation temperature.

Ales are fermented at a higher temperature, 18-22C, resulting in robust, fruity aromatic styles. Lager fermentation is a cooler 12-14C, which inhibits the fruity aromas (esters) producing a beer that is lighter, crisper and fresher in taste.

Ales also use different hops to create fruity flavours, while lagers use more bittering and noble hops to achieve the crisp/clean flavour profile.

Stouts are basically stronger versions of a porter, a dark style of beer enjoyed in the cooler months. Stouts exhibit coffee and chocolate characters as a result of roasted malts.

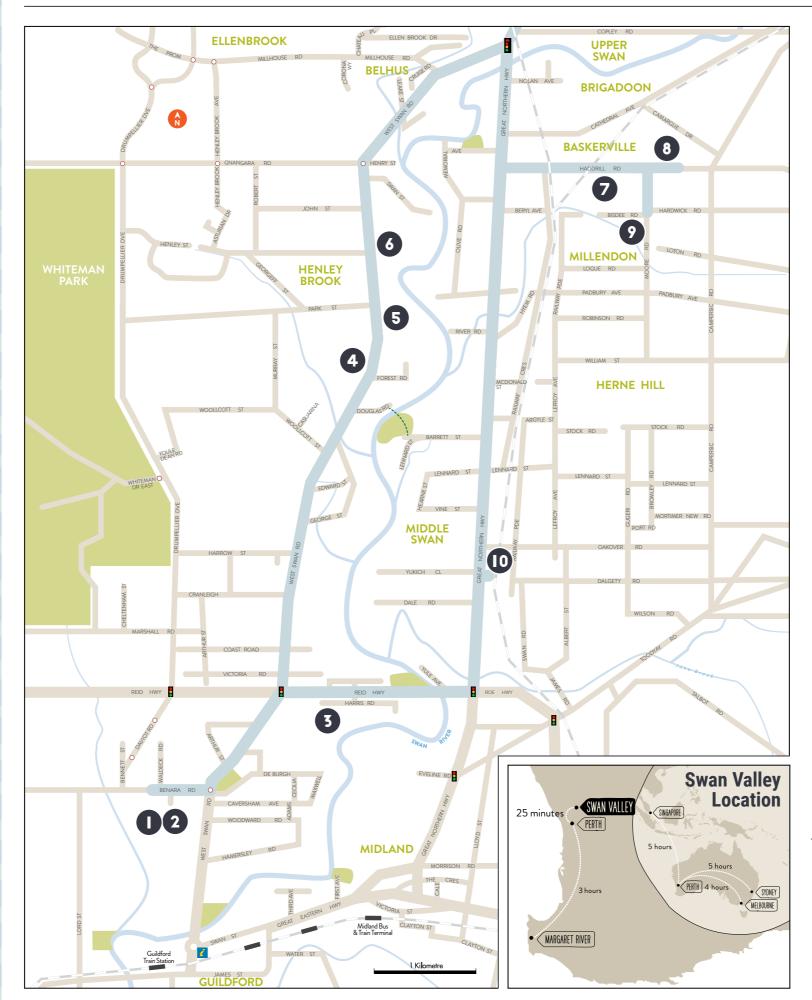
Wheat beers originate from Germany and are crafted using malted or unmalted wheat, often using a Belgian yeast to create banana, clove and orange peel flavours.

On trend is sour beer, intentionally made acidic and tart, which can be refreshing in summer. Sour beers are produced using wild yeast or Lactobacillus in a kettle, or more traditionally, a barrel.

Remember to drink responsibly and appoint a designated driver to take you on the Swan Valley Cider & Ale Trail.

# CIDER & ALE TRAIL MAP

Discover the location of the Swan Valley Cider & Ale Trail businesses here.





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