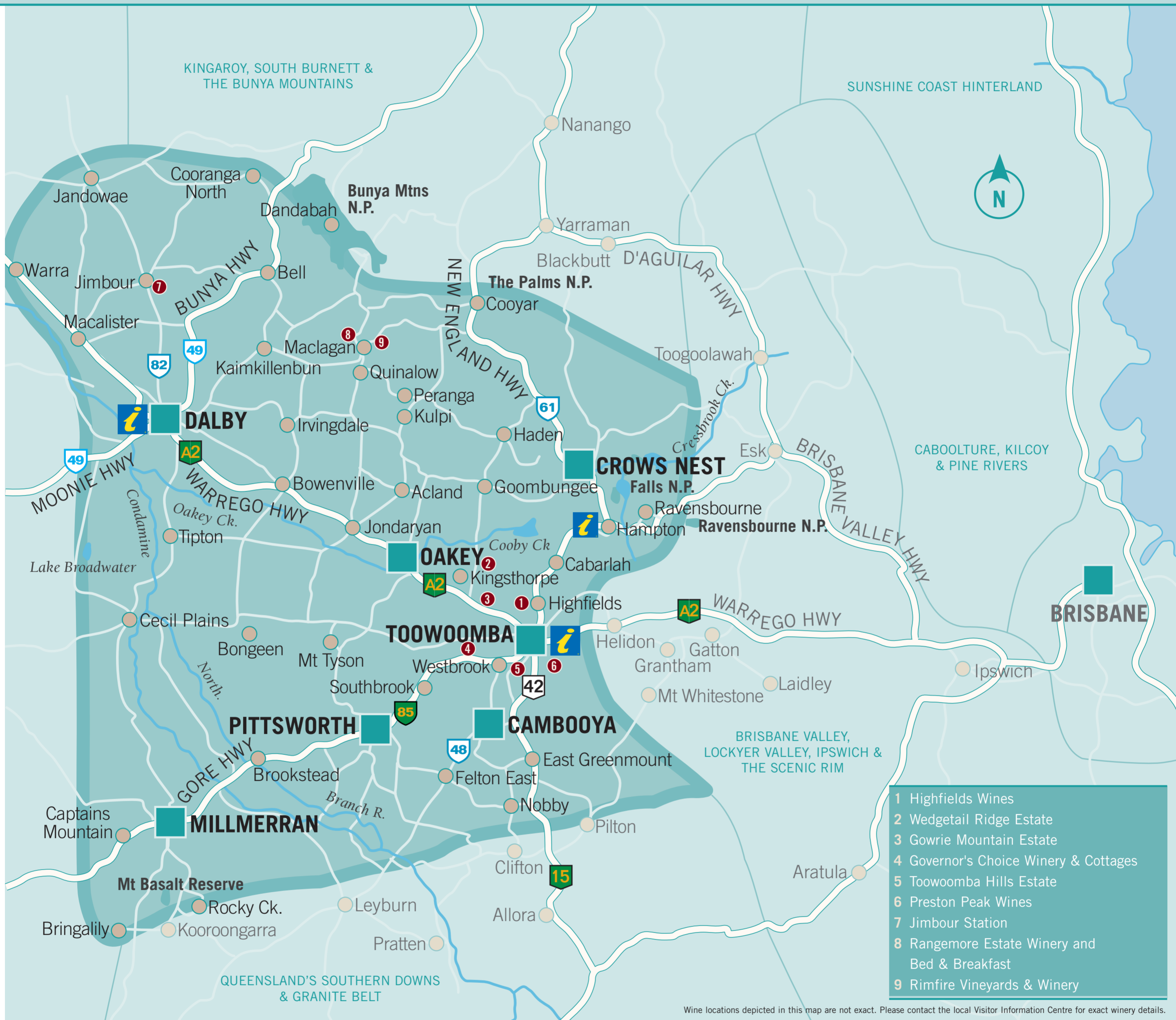




# TOOWOOMBA & THE DARLING DOWNS



## GENERAL WINE INFORMATION

Wineries on the Darling Downs are in a relatively mild climate around Toowoomba and a little to the west. Soils are generally fertile black soils with rainfall slightly lower than either the South Burnett or the Granite Belt. Temperatures during the growing period tend to be around 27 to 28 degrees maximum with night being around 16 degrees. Humidity on the eastern downs may be a problem however on the western downs humidity tends to hover around 60%. Altitude is around 500m above sea level as compared to 700 to 1000m for the Granite Belt. Generally this region produces high quality dry red and white wines.

**MJT Toowoomba** 21.9°C  
**Oakey** 24.0°C

MJT = Mean January Temperature

It is a standard indicator used in the industry internationally (Mean June Temperature in northern hemisphere) to reflect the growing conditions and enable comparisons between regions of climate. The usual interpretation and connotation is that a lower MJT is conducive to production of superior quality winegrapes, and potentially better wine.



## WHILE YOU ARE HERE...

- > Explore the 9 cellar doors and wineries of the Darling Downs.
- > Take in the seasonal glory of Toowoomba's many parks and gardens – Laurel Bank Park, Queens Park and the Japanese Garden are must sees. Celebrate at the famous Carnival of Flowers held in the last full week of September
- > Browse through exquisite antique jewellery and furniture in Toowoomba's renowned antique galleries, a collector's paradise
- > Take in the stunning and romantic sunrise or sunset from Picnic Point
- > Get into the rural life when you stay on a host farm – from mustering to fresh milk, it's an authentic experience
- > Drop in for a counter meal at the historic Rudd's Pub in Nobby, the birthplace of Steele Rudd's famous Dad & Dave tales and the Bull & Barley Inn in Cambooya, recently restored to its former grandeur
- > See the region's farming history lovingly celebrated at Jondaryan Woolshed, where sheep shearing, blacksmithing, working horses, vintage machinery and billy tea with damper are a part of everyday life
- > Cruise out on a country drive and leave your everyday concerns behind as you make your way through the welcoming towns, rich agricultural landscape and national parks of the Darling Downs
- > Ascend the scenic drive to the Bunya Mountains National Park, where bushwalking tracks trail beneath the towering bunya pines, on to rainforest, lookouts and waterfalls