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## Stanthorpe Declaration: Granite Belt Wines So Cool

While the APEC red carpet is being rolled away, the sunshine state's top winemakers have made their own declaration and the message is cool all the way.

Many think that Queensland is too hot to make good wine. But the cognoscenti appreciate that Granite Belt vineyards are amongst the highest altitude plantings nationally and internationally.

Leading the pack of Queensland wine producers are those located on the Granite Belt. You can learn more about Queensland's premier wine region in downtown Sydney:

**WHERE:** Wine & Spirits Australia, Stand No. 2 (opposite France)  
Wharf 8, Darling Harbour, Sydney

**WHEN:** Monday 24 September 12noon - 8pm  
Tuesday 25 September 12noon - 8pm  
Wednesday 26 September 10am - 5pm

**TICKETS:** If you do not already have an invitation to the show where buyers meet cellars, please contact us now for your complimentary pass.

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What makes our wine so cool? Visit our stand to learn more. *Expect to be Surprised!*

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1. The history of the Queensland wine industry dates back to the 1860s - and like all good wines it has developed with age.
2. 35% of Queensland's 1500 hectares of wine grapes are on the Granite Belt. It is also the largest of the ten wine regions in the state and one of only two with official GI status.
3. 64% of Granite Belt plantings are of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot with an increasing number of plantings of alternative grape varieties proving popular.
4. The Granite Belt is home to approximately 50 wine cellar doors, the state's most awarded winemakers, plus the Queensland College of Wine Tourism - the first of its type in the world.