

The Gurdies Winery

Why would anyone invest blood, sweat, tears and hard earned pennies in a winery in an unknown wine region? 'Location, location, location', says owner and wine maker Peter Kozik from The Gurdies Winery.

How it started

Peter Kozik and Peter Svans had been in business together in another venture for many years when the wine making bug bit and bit hard. They started making wines in Peter and Yolanda Kozik's backyard in Melbourne some 15 years ago and quickly decided that this was a 'hobby' well worth pursuing. Peter, Yolanda and Peter spent many weekends and holidays scouring the Victorian countryside looking for properties that would cater to premium wine grape growing, have access to established infrastructure and be on a reasonably busy tourist route to make sure they could sell their top shelf wines.

Reason for choosing Bass Coast

'Bass Coast has got it all' says Peter Svans. 'If you take a step back and look at what we've got here, there's no better place in the world. We're a little over an hour out of Melbourne, we've got established roads, power, services, facilities and we also have a lot of people driving past our front door 365 days a year. From a more local perspective, our location at The Gurdies has an ideal soil structure for premium wine grape production and at the end of the day we get to sit back and enjoy one of the best views of any winery in the world. What more could you want?'

How has business been?

The winery has been growing steadily since Peter, Yolanda and Peter moved in over 12 years ago. They are open every day of the year and everyone behind the bar knows all about wines and is keen to help. There always seems to be something going on at the winery and they have great plans for the future.

Setting up in Bass Coast

Peter Kozik said, 'Do your homework before you start and make sure that whatever you do you do well. People will spend money on quality and as the saying goes, the quality remains long after the price is forgotten.'

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