



VINEYARD TIMELINE Colonial times

1778 Australia's first grape vines are planted on Bruny Island – just a few kilometres southeast of 21st century Hobart – by Englishman, Captain William Bligh. The experiment precedes European settlement by 10 years and fails.

1788 European settlement of Australia begins. The first vineyard is planted at Government House, Parramatta, New South Wales, by Governor Arthur Phillip.

1798 Lieutenants George Bass and Matthew Flinders sail into the Derwent River estuary on their voyage of circumnavigation of Tasmania, then called Van Diemen's Land. Bass writes in his journal: *"Being a stiff close soil, it is perhaps adapted to the growth of grape vines rather than grain."*

1818 The first vines are planted in Tasmania – then Van Diemen's Land – at Hobart Town's Government Garden, the site of today's Hobart Domain.

1823 Tasmania's first commercial vineyard is planted in the (present-day) Hobart suburb of New Town by former convict, Bartholomew Broughton.

1826 Tasmania's first vintage – '200 gallons of GRAPE WINE made in imitation of Champagne' – takes place at Broughton's *Prospect Farm* at New Town.

1827 Vine cuttings are sent from Van Diemen's Land to establish vineyards in South Australia's McLaren Vale wine region.

1827 Bartholomew Broughton's first vintage of wine is offered for sale.

1828 Bartholomew Broughton dies. His farm becomes a home for Fergusson's brewery and later continues as a vineyard for Captain Swanston.

1850 Captain Swanston's farm and vineyard is sold to William Carter, subsequently Mayor of Hobart (1853-1854). The vineyard is removed from the property some time during Carter's ownership.



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Lieutenant George Bass, journal entry describing the Derwent River estuary, December 1798

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The modern era

1956 French immigrant Jean Miguet plants a 2ha vineyard called *La Provence* at Lalla in northern Tasmania, the first in the modern era of Tasmanian viticulture.

1958 Italian immigrant Claudio Alcorso establishes *Moorilla Estate* in the Hobart suburb of Berriedale, the first vineyard in southern Tasmania since the 1800s.

1973 Formation of the Vineyards Association of Tasmania.

1975 First Royal Hobart Wine Show held. The show grows to become one of the largest among Australia's key capital city wine shows.

1986 Introduction of a State Government-backed Tasmanian Appellation of Origin scheme for Tasmanian wines. The scheme peters out in the 1990s with the introduction of a national wine label integrity program.

1986 First official Tasmanian wine vintage report. In 1986, 47 hectares of vines in the industry yielded 154 tonnes of wine grapes.

1989 Tasmania's first commercial sparkling wine (Heemskerk Jansz) is harvested and tiraged by Graham Wiltshire at Pipers River in northern Tasmania.

1990 Monique and Steve Lubiana purchase a green field site at Granton in Tasmania's Derwent Valley, 20km north of Hobart.

1991 First Tasmanian Wine Show, a regional-based show for Tasmanian wines only. There were 43 exhibits received from 16 exhibitors.

1991 Monique and Steve Lubiana plant the first 2.5ha of their 25ha vineyard.

1993 First vintage at Stefano Lubiana Wines: Pinot Noir Chardonnay sparkling wine and vintage Chardonnay and Pinot Noir table wines.

2008 Tasmanian vineyards harvest a record crop in excess of 10,000 tonnes from the island's 242 individual vineyards.

2008 Stefano Lubiana Wines begins totally organic vineyard management, soon to evolve into a program of biodynamic management.

2010 Stefano Lubiana Wines adds 7ha of new Pinot Noir plantings to its existing 18ha of bearing vines. New biodynamically managed vegetable gardens and an orchard are also established.

2011 Plans for a new cellar door tasting room and vineyard café are submitted to the Derwent Valley Council for building approval.