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### **Top 5 wine bars in Geelong**

Geelong is gaining a well-deserved reputation as one of Victoria's top wine regions and promotion of the region's best drops and other fine wines are well presented in a handful of wine bars in the city. You can taste the entire region in Little Malop Street at Geelong Cellar Door, step across the road and explore into the newly open Continental or head into suburbia and visit Archive Wine Bar in Belmont or Limeburners in East Geelong. Our Top 5 picks of the city's wine bars include:

Located on a prominent corner in bustling Little Malop Street, [Geelong Cellar Door](#) brings the best of the region's vineyards to town, showcasing a massive array of only local wines. GCD offers a one-stop shop for visitors to sample a selection of local drops that can be matched with charcuterie platters, enjoyed at the bar, overlooking the street or in the relaxed outdoor setting. Staff are welcoming and happy to share their knowledge.

[The Continental](#) is an exciting new venue which opened its doors in November and has further transformed the happening Little Malop Street precinct. Owner/operator Chris Taranto was the first to start the trend in Little Malop back in the day, having opened Sempre in May '95. Chris left for the big city lights before settling back to his roots. The Continental adds another tantalising option for sophisticated foodies and a new atmospheric drink spot. The European style food is available all night and there is an extensive French and Italian wine list.

[Archive Wine Bar](#) is a great little find in the inner suburb of Belmont, reminiscent of an intimate city wine bar. Located on the High Street this chic little bar opened in 2018 by wine enthusiast Graham Sutherland. The venue has a warmly furnished and trendy inside area – think walls lined with recycled timber and black furnishings. There is also a generous sized outdoor space, perfect to enjoy a wine on a warm summer night. Here you can experience the superb wines of the world along with the great feats of local producers with up to 40 wines by the glass available.

You will find [Union Street Wine](#) located down a city alleyway behind an industrial looking roller door – how very Geelong! The entry is marked by a sign which simply says "wine". The French inspired space allows visitors to taste some truly unusual drops under the helpful eye of wine connoisseur and joint owner Andy Leigh. Here you can purchase wine at bottle shop prices and drink it at the bar while enjoying a house constructed charcuterie plate of fresh jamon, cheese and olives.

Another gem in the Geelong suburbs is [Limeburners](#) in East Geelong. Enjoy local and imported beer coupled with house-made pizza. A warm and inviting venue open Wednesday to Sunday with a great selection of wine, local music and a family friendly atmosphere.

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## **IMAGES**

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Archive Wine Bar

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Geelong Cellar Door

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The Continental

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