

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**The Towers**

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**Location:**

6-9 The Eyrie, LILYDALE VIC 3140 - Property No 6672

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO4**

**Statement of Significance:**

One of the region's largest and most elaborate buildings - historically and architecturally significant. For long, one of the region's most famous wineries. Its unique architectural style, with a mixing of architectural elements in distinct building stages, make it architecturally significant. (Tansley, 1978)

The house is architecturally notable for the way in which the early house has been combined with substantial later additions and is important also for both its cellars and as a very late example of castellated Gothic architecture, applied in this case to an otherwise Classical revival design. The porch is an unusual and notable feature. (RNE, 005703)

The Towers has significant associations with the development of viticulture in the Yarra Valley which was centred on Lilydale. It was an area renowned for the high quality of its wines. Although the complex is of uncertain architectural origins, it is representative of an important facet of architectural style in the Victorian era. (VHR, H612)

**Description**

This large elaborate homestead has two notable towers. (Tansley, 1978) The Towers has had its grounds subdivided and is now on a suburban allotment. (RNE, 005703)

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Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1876 - 1876
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115880
Property number	6672

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