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## *Washington Wine Touring*

Washington is the second largest producer of premium wines in the United States (after California). The Evergreen State shares the same latitude as the renowned French wine regions of Burgundy and Bordeaux and its varied geography embraces microclimates offering prime growing conditions. The state's northerly latitude brings up to two hours more sunlight per day during the growing season than California. These long, warm days permit grapes to ripen fully, while cool nights maintain high fruit acidity. In consort, these factors produce wines described as rich, flavorful and well-balanced.

Wine making in Washington dates back to vines planted at Fort Vancouver (present-day Vancouver) in 1825. The first hybrid grape varieties appeared in the Puget Sound region as early as 1854 and the Walla Walla Valley by 1860. By the first decade of the 1900s, French, Italian and German immigrants had planted vineyards in many parts of the state. Kennewick held its first annual Columbia Valley Grape Carnival in 1910.



*Kiona Vineyard, in the Red Mountain AVA near Benton City*

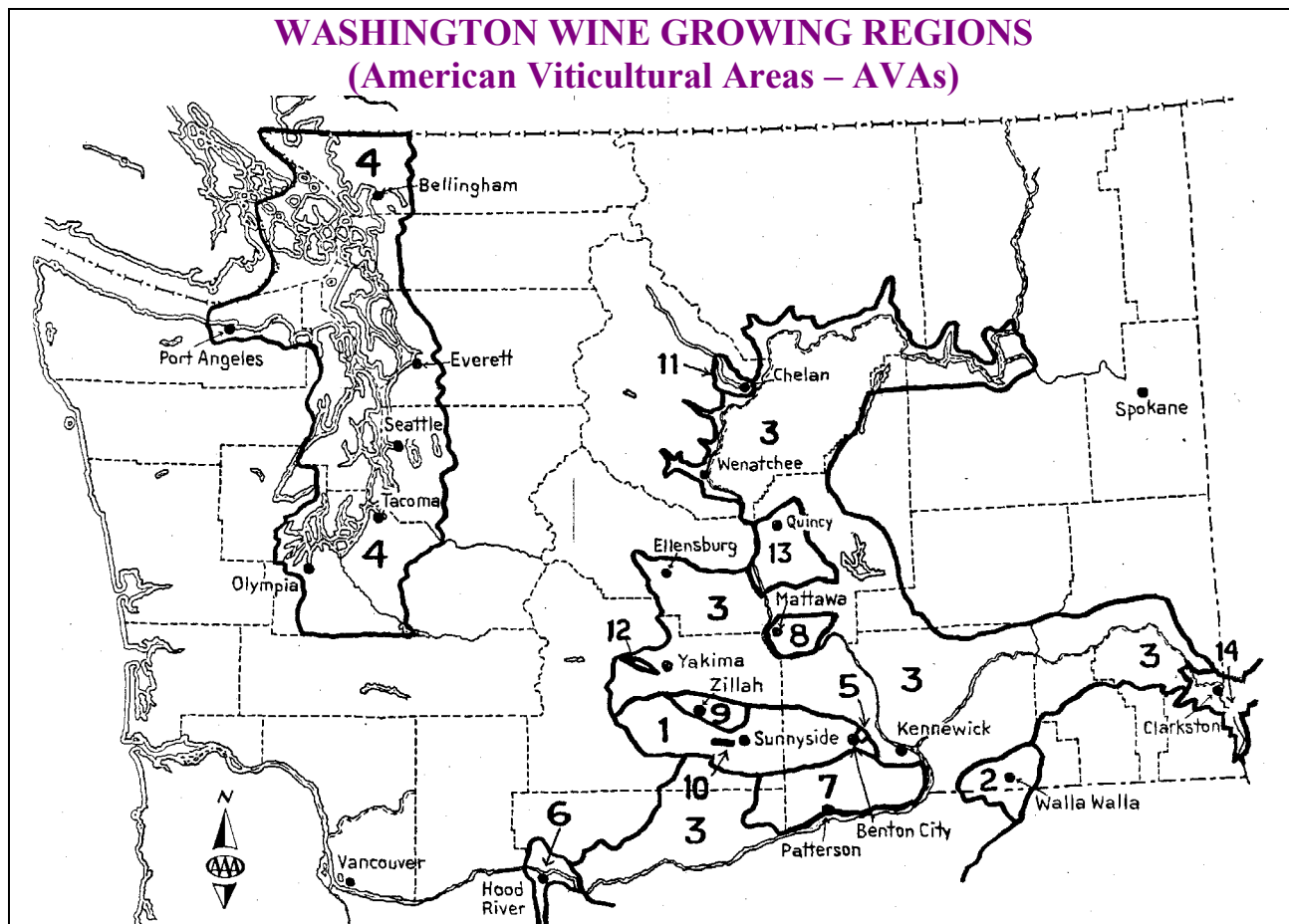
Prohibition (1920-1933) ended commercial production, but it revived in the mid-1930s. Stretch Island Vineyard, in southern Puget Sound, was the first post-Depression bonded winery in the state (1933). By 1938 Washington had 42 wineries. Large-scale commercial production began in the 1960s and expanded rapidly in the 1970s. The industry established the Washington Wine Commission in 1987, to develop winemaking and labeling standards and to market the state's wines.

Today, the Evergreen State has 56,000+ acres of vineyards and more than 900 wineries, with new wineries opening every month.

Wine grapes are grown in many parts of Washington, although most commercial vineyards are in the sunnier regions east of the Cascade Mountains. The federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade

Bureau designates wine growing regions, officially called **American Viticultural Areas**, or AVAs, sometimes called **appellations**. The designation recognizes the district's climate, soils and topography, which lend unique characteristics to wines produced from grapes grown in that region. A bottle of wine bearing an AVA name on its label indicates that a minimum 85 percent of its grapes were grown in that AVA.

The Yakima Valley was the first AVA in Washington (1983), followed by Walla Walla Valley (1984), Columbia Valley (1984) and Puget Sound (1995). The map below shows the location of the state's fourteen AVAs – numbers refer to descriptions below the map.



1. **YAKIMA VALLEY** (AVA established 1983) – The Lower Yakima Valley, downstream from Union Gap to Benton City, contains 17,000+ vineyard acres and more than 60 wineries. Primary wine grape varieties include: Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Major cities and towns in this AVA include Sunnyside, Grandview, Prosser and Toppenish.

2. **WALLA WALLA VALLEY** (1984) – More than 1,800 acres in vines and 100+ wineries. Principal varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Chardonnay. Walla Walla is the major urban area.

3. **COLUMBIA VALLEY** (1984) – The Evergreen State's largest AVA extends along the Columbia River downstream from the Spokane River to the eastern flank of the Cascade Mountains and eastward along the Snake River to the Clarkston area. A number of separate AVAs have been established within Columbia Valley. With more than 10,000 vineyard acres, this AVA has 100 wineries. Major grape wine varieties are Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Major cities and towns include Tri-Cities area (Kennewick, Pasco, Richland), Yakima, Wenatchee, Othello and Grand Coulee.

4. **PUGET SOUND** (1995) – This AVA covers the lowlands along Puget Sound from south of Olympia to the Canadian border, including the northeastern part of the Olympic Peninsula, Whidbey Island and the San Juans. While vineyards total less than 140 acres, there are 100+ wineries in the region, most importing grapes from eastern Washington. Primary grape varieties grown include Madeleine Angevine, Müller Thurgau, Siegerrebe, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. Woodinville, northeast of Seattle, has the largest concentration of wineries.

5. **RED MOUNTAIN** (2001) – At the eastern end of the Yakima Valley, Washington’s smallest AVA (4040 acres) has over 1200 acres in vineyard and 15 wineries. Red Mountain produces Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Sangiovese and Petit Verdot. Benton City is the closest town; the Tri-Cities are less than 15 miles east.
6. **COLUMBIA GORGE** (2004) – The eastern flanks of the gorge in both Washington and Oregon contains 500 vineyard acres and 15+ wineries. Principal varieties include Chardonnay, Gewürtztraminer, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Zinfandel. Hood River is the major city, with Bingen and White Salmon on the Washington bank.
7. **HORSE HEAVEN HILLS** (2005) – Located between the Yakima Valley and the Columbia River, this AVA has over 10,100 acres in vines and 6 wineries. Major varieties produced are Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Riesling, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The major urban area is Tri-Cities, just northeast of the AVA.
8. **WAHLUKE SLOPE** (2006) – Located between Saddle Mountain and the Columbia River, Wahluke Slope has 5,700 vineyard acres, but less the 5 wineries. Primary grape varieties: Riesling, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc. Mattawa is the largest town in the AVA; Othello is about 20 miles east.
9. **RATTLESNAKE HILLS** (2006) – Encompassing the southern flanks of its namesake range of hills south to the Sunnyside Canal, this AVA has 1600 acres of wine grapes and 17 wineries. Prime grape varieties are Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Riesling and Chardonnay. Zillah is the major gateway town; Toppenish and Sunnyside are nearby.
10. **SNIPES MOUNTAIN** (2009) – Covering 4,145 acres on its namesake ridge rising above the Yakima Valley floor, this AVA has nearly 760 vineyard acres and 1 winery. Major varieties include Cabernet sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Semillon and Syrah. Sunnyside lies at the eastern end of Snipes Mountain, Granger at the west.
11. **LAKE CHELAN** (2009) – Wrapping around the eastern end of Lake Chelan, this 24,000-acre AVA has 260-acres in vineyards and 15 wineries. Two dozen varieties of grape are grown on the mountain, including Semillon, Chardonnay, Gewürtztraminer, Malbec, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. Chelan and Manson are the largest towns in the area.
12. **NACHES HEIGHTS** (2011) – Located on an 11-mile long plateau northwest of Yakima, this 13,254-acre AVA has more than 40 acres in vineyards and 7 wineries. Varietals grown here include Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Mourvedre, Voignier, Barbera, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Sagrantino, Pinot Gris, White Muscat, Souzao, Tinta Cao, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz. The towns of Tieton and Cowlitz lie within the AVA.
13. **ANCIENT LAKES OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY** (2012) – Centered on the Quincy Basin and extending over 162,672 acres within the Columbia Valley appellation, Ancient Lakes lies mostly in Grant County. There are 1400 vineyard acres and 11 wineries in the AVA. White grape varietals such as Chardonnay and Riesling predominate. Reds include Syrah, Pinot Noir and Bordeaux varietals. Principal towns include Quincy and George.
14. **LEWIS-CLARK VALLEY** (2016) – Occupying the valleys and slopes hills along the Snake and Clearwater rivers in southeastern Washington and adjoining Idaho, the AVA encompasses 479 square miles. The first vines were planted in 1872. Today the AVA contains 16 vineyards covering 100 acres and 7 wineries.

## WINE TOURING



With such a large number of wineries it isn’t surprising that there is a range of wine touring options available. To some, the best experience is a visit to a winery located amid vineyards. These so-called **estate wineries** bottle wines from grapes grown on their property or from vineyards owned by the winery. Many wineries, however, are located in areas remote from vineyards.

The **tasting room** is where visitors sample wine. Tasting rooms are often located at a winery. Some, however, are located in or near urban areas to take advantage of the larger market and are not located at a winery. Another trend is for smaller wineries to share production facilities and/or tasting rooms – these are usually located in a city or town.

Most wineries in Washington are open to the public. Opening times may vary by day of week and season and some wineries are closed during the slower winter months. Some wineries are open very limited hours or only by appointment. Some wineries offer tours, which may be either on request or by prior arrangement. A few offer public tours on a regular schedule. Wineries listed in AAA’s *Washington TourBook* offer some type of tour. Pick up wine touring brochures at wineries or area tourist information centers. These feature helpful locator maps.

**The following areas have concentrations of wineries and/or tasting rooms and are conducive to wine touring. Suggested touring routes are included, as well as cities or towns that have a cluster of wineries and/or tasting rooms. Individual wineries are mentioned below if they are open to the public a minimum of five days per week on a regular schedule.**



## Wenatchee Valley

The Wenatchee Valley, between Leavenworth and the Columbia River is an emerging wine growing region within the Columbia Valley AVA. Vineyards are found scattered among the valley's apple and pear orchards and along the Columbia River downstream from Wenatchee. Wineries are located near Leavenworth, Peshastin, Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

**TOURING ROUTES** – U.S. Highway 2 traverses the valley from Leavenworth to Wenatchee (east of Peshastin it shares the route of US-97). Highway 28 runs south from US-2 through East Wenatchee to Rock Island.

**WINE TOURING TOWNS – LEAVENWORTH** is a popular destination for travelers. Located near the base of high mountains at the western extreme of the Wenatchee Valley, the town has a Bavarian architectural theme. Front Street and surrounding blocks offer colorful shops, cafes and restaurants. Accommodations range from quaint bed and breakfasts and European-style boutique properties to small-scale hotels. Nearly a dozen **tasting rooms** are located in town – most are on Front Street. The **Leavenworth Wine Tasting Festival** occurs on the third weekend in August.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Ice Ridge Winery** ([www.iccleridgewinery.com](http://www.iccleridgewinery.com)) – 4 mi. e. of Leavenworth on US, 2, then 1 mi. n. of Peshastin on Main Street and North Road to 8977 North Road. Open daily noon-5. Phone (509) 548-7019
- **Wedge Mountain Winery** ([www.wedgemountainwinery.com](http://www.wedgemountainwinery.com)) – 4 mi. e. of Leavenworth via US-2, to 9534 Saunders Rd. in Peshastin. Open Fri.-Mon. 10am-5pm. Phone (509) 548-7068

**WENATCHEE** is the major urban area in the district, enjoying a scenic setting on the Columbia River at the base of Mission Ridge. The city has a plethora of restaurants and accommodations and a collection of wineries.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Chateau Faire le Pont** ([www.fairelepont.com](http://www.fairelepont.com)) – North side of Wenatchee, off US-2/97 next to railroad tracks at 1 Vineyard Way. Open daily 11-6. Phone (509) 667-9463 or (888) 874-9463
- **Jones of Washington Winery** ([www.jonesofwashington.com](http://www.jonesofwashington.com)) – 7 N. Worthen Street. Open Mon.-Wed. 2-7pm, Thur. noon-8pm, Fri.-Sat. noon-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm. Phone (509) 888-0809

## Lake Chelan



The benches and hillsides overlooking the east end of Lake Chelan, long known as apple country, are sprouting new vineyards every year. More than a dozen wineries pepper this scenic area. The Lake Chelan Valley earned Washington's 11th AVA designation in May 2009.

**TOURING ROUTES** – From Chelan, take SR-150 northwest to Manson – signs direct you to nearby wineries. A few more wineries are found on the lake's south shore; take US-97 Alt. west from Chelan.

← *Benson Vineyards overlook Lake Chelan*

**WINE TOURING TOWNS – CHELAN** is a popular destination at the eastern end of its namesake lake. Downtown Chelan has many interesting shops, galleries and boutiques. Lakeside beaches beckon during the warm summer months. Slidewaters, a family water park, is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. For more information on area wine touring, visit [www.lakechelanwinevalley.com](http://www.lakechelanwinevalley.com).

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Benson Vineyards Estate Winery** ([www.bensonvineyards.com](http://www.bensonvineyards.com)) – 5 mi. n.w. of Chelan on SR-150, then e. on Winesap Ave. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 687-0313

- **Chelan Estate Winery** ([www.chelanestatewinery.com](http://www.chelanestatewinery.com)) – 755 S. Lakeshore Rd., Chelan. Open daily 11-6 (call for winter hours. Phone (509) 682-5454.
- **Karma Vineyards** ([www.goodkarmawines.com](http://www.goodkarmawines.com)) – 1681 S, Lakeshore Rd., Chelan. Open daily 11-5 (Thur.-Sun. off season. Phone (509) 509-682-5538.
- **Lake Chelan Winery** ([www.lakechelanwinery.com](http://www.lakechelanwinery.com)) – 5 mi. n.w. of Chelan on SR-150 at 3519 SR-150. Open Sun.-Thur. 11am-5pm, Fri.-Sat. 11am-7pm.. Phone (509) 687-9463
- **Rio Vista Winery** ([www.riovistawines.com](http://www.riovistawines.com)) – E. of Chelan at 24415 Hwy. 97. Open Wed.-Sun. noon-6. Phone (509) 682-9713
- **Tildio Winery** ([www.tildio.com](http://www.tildio.com)) – 7 mi. n.w. of Chelan at 70 E. Wapato Lake Rd. in Manson. Open daily noon-7 summer; call four hours rest of year. Phone (509) 687-8463
- **Tsillan Cellars** ([www.tsillancellars.com](http://www.tsillancellars.com)) – west of Chelan on US-97 Alt. at 3875 Highway 97A. Open daily 11-7 May-Oct.; call for hours Nov.-Apr. Phone (509) 682-9463
- **Tunnel Hill Winery** ([www.tunnelhillwinery.com](http://www.tunnelhillwinery.com)) – W. of Chelan at 37 Hwy. 97A. Open daily 11-6 (call for winter hours. Phone (509) 682-3243
- **Vin du Lac** ([www.vindulac.com](http://www.vindulac.com)) – just n.w. of Chelan on SR-150. Open daily 11-7, May-Oct.; Thur.-Sat., Nov.-Apr. (call for hours). Phone (509) 682-2882
- **Wapato Point Cellars** ([www.wapatopointcellars.com](http://www.wapatopointcellars.com)) – 7 mi. n.w. of Chelan via SR-150 at 200 Quetilquasoon Rd. in Manson. Open daily noon-7. Phone (509) 687-4000

## Yakima Valley

The Yakima Valley is one of Washington's most popular wine touring areas. The valley encompasses three separate basins from Selah in the north, to Yakima proper in the middle, and the lower Yakima Valley, which extends southeastward (the former two are in the Columbia Valley AVA). The great majority of the wineries are concentrated in the lower valley, north of the Yakima River between Wapato and Benton City. The lower valley includes four smaller AVAs: Yakima Valley, Rattlesnake Hills, Red Mountain and Snipes Mountain.

Yakima Valley wineries participate in a series of annual events: *Red Wine and Chocolate* (President's Day weekend); *Spring Barrel Tasting* (last full weekend in April); *Thanksgiving in Wine Country* (Thanksgiving holiday weekend).



*Chandler Reach Vineyard at the east end of Yakima Valley, near Benton City.*

**TOURING ROUTES** – Interstate 82 travels the length of the valley from north of Selah to the Tri-Cities area. The Wine Country Road, also known as Yakima Valley Highway, is a parallel alternative route between I-82 Exit 44 near Wapato and Prosser. Side roads branch north into the vineyards – winery directional signs are plentiful.

For more information on this wine region visit the **Wine Yakima Valley** Web site - [www.wineyakimavalley.org](http://www.wineyakimavalley.org). The **Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail** links 17 wineries in its namesake AVA (see under Zillah, below).

**Motor coach, limousine, van tours:** **Moonlit Ride Limousine** ([www.moonlitride.com](http://www.moonlitride.com)), 3908 River Rd., Yakima; phone (509) 575-6846. **Top Hat Limousine** ([www.tophatlimos.com](http://www.tophatlimos.com)), 1711 Birchfield Rd., Yakima; phone (509) 469-6400.

**WINE TOURING TOWNS – YAKIMA** is the metropolis of the region and a great base for exploring the valley's wine country. Note that Yakima city is actually in the Columbia Valley AVA. The city is a popular convention venue, so it's a good idea to make advance lodging reservations (contact your nearest AAA office). The **Yakima Valley Visitor Information Center**, built in the Tuscan style, has a wealth of information on wine touring. The center is at 101 N. Fair Avenue, off I-82 southbound exit 33B, northbound exit 33; phone (509) 573-3388 or (800) 221-0751.

The historic district on N. Front Street north of Yakima Avenue has several **restaurants** that pair eastern Washington wines with their cuisine (including 5 North-A Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge). Farther north try Gasperetti's, 1013 N. First Street, a local favorite with an extensive wine list. There are a number of tasting rooms in downtown Yakima.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **AntoLin Cellars**, 14 N. Front Street. Open Thur.,-Sun. Call for hours (509) 961-8370
- **Gilbert Cellars Tasting Room**, 5 N. Front St. #100. Open Thur.-Sun. Call for hours (509) 249-9049

- **Kana Winery** ([www.kanawinery.com](http://www.kanawinery.com)) has a downtown tasting room at 10 S. 2nd St. Open Mon.-Sat. noon-6:30, Sun. noon-5. Phone (509) 453-6611

**WAPATO**, a dozen miles south of Yakima, has adopted a Southwest Desert architectural theme for buildings in its central business district. There are a number of wineries north of town along Interstate 82.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Windy Point Vineyards** ([www.windypointvineyards.com](http://www.windypointvineyards.com)) N. of I-82 Exit 44. Thur.-Mon. 10-5 (Sat-Sun. in winter). Phone: (509) 877-6824

**TOPPENISH**, 3 miles south of I-82 exit 50, is one of the valley's most interesting towns. Seventy colorful murals decorate the exterior of buildings mostly in the central business district, lending Toppenish its nickname, the "City of Murals." Horse-drawn carriage rides offer a fun way to see the sights and learn about the mural program. Attractions include the American Hop Museum, Northern Pacific Railway Museum and the Yakama Nation Cultural Center.



*Claar Cellars production facility.*

**ZILLAH** is the major gateway to the **Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail** ([www.rattlesnakehills.com](http://www.rattlesnakehills.com)), linking the 13 wineries of its namesake AVA (north of Wapato, Zillah and Outlook); for information call (888) 375-7498. The **Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail Passport** (\$10) offers discounts on wines purchased at their wineries and free wine tasting at those with a tasting fee.

Zillah has adopted a Tuscan architectural theme. One of Zillah's more interesting attractions is **El Ranchito** (1319 First Avenue, on the east side of town on the Yakima Valley Hwy.), an authentic Mexican restaurant, store, bakery and cultural center serving the area's Latino community. Check out the Teapot Dome, a relocated former gas station built in 1922 as a lasting tribute to the Harding administration's Teapot Dome Scandal.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Bonair Winery** ([www.bonairwine.com](http://www.bonairwine.com)), n. of Zillah on Cheyne, w. on Highland Dr. to 500 S. Bonair Rd. Open daily 10-5 (10-4 in winter). Phone (509) 829-6027
- **Claar Cellars** ([www.claarcellars.com](http://www.claarcellars.com)) n.w. of I-82 Exit 52 in Zillah. Open daily 10-6. Phone (509) 829-6810
- **Hyatt Vineyards** ([www.hyattvineyards.com](http://www.hyattvineyards.com)), n. of Zillah via Cheyne Rd. to 2020 Gilbert Rd. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 829-6333
- **Maison de Padgett Winery** ([www.maisondepadgettwinery.com](http://www.maisondepadgettwinery.com)), n. of Zillah on Cheyne Rd. & Highland Rd. to 2201 Rosa Dr. Open Thur.-Mon. 11-5, Apr.-Nov. Phone (509) 829-6412
- **Paradisos del Sol** ([www.paradisosdelsol.com](http://www.paradisosdelsol.com)) is n. of Zillah on Cheyne Rd. to 3230 Highland Dr. Open daily 11-6. Phone (509) 829-9000
- **Portteus Vineyards** ([www.portteus.com](http://www.portteus.com)) is n. of Zillah on Cheyne Rd., then e. on Highland Dr. to 5201 Highland Dr. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 829-6970
- **Severino Cellars** ([www.severinocellars.com](http://www.severinocellars.com)) – 1717 First Ave. in Zillah. Open daily 10-6 (Sun. 10-5) Mar.-Nov., Sat 1105, Sun. noon-5 Dec.-Feb. Phone (509) 829-3800.
- **Silver Lake Winery at Roza Hills** ([www.silverlakewinery.com](http://www.silverlakewinery.com)) is n. of Zillah via Cheyne Rd., e. on Highland Dr. to 1500 Vintage Rd. Open daily 10-5 Apr.-Nov.; Thu.-Mon. 11-4 Dec.-Mar. Phone (509) 829-6235
- **Two Mountain Winery** ([www.twomountainwinery.com](http://www.twomountainwinery.com)) is 2 mi. n. of Zillah on Cheyne Rd. Open daily 10-6 mid-Feb.-Nov. Phone (509) 829-3900



**GRANGER**, at I-82 exit 58, bills itself as the place *Where Dinosaurs Roam*. Dozens of colorful replicas of prehistoric creatures can be seen throughout the town. The biggest cluster is in **Hisey Park**, also known as Dino Park, embracing an artificial lake on the town's south side. The park is a half-mile south of I-82 exit 58 on SR-223, then right on Main Street. It's a pleasant spot for a picnic and the dinosaurs, many placed amid playground equipment, are endlessly fascinating for children, especially the younger kids. A path encircles the lake and on summer weekends you can rent paddleboats. Completing the prehistoric theme, the park's restrooms are shaped like a volcano and the snack bar is called the Dino-Store.

*Irrigation makes the Yakima Valley a gardenlike patchwork of vineyards and row crops*



**PROSSER** anchors the southern part of the Yakima Valley. Located on the south bank of the Yakima River with the grassy Horse Heaven Hills forming its southern backdrop, Prosser is known as the “Birthplace of Washington’s Wine Industry.” The city’s link to wine dates back to the 1930s, when Walter Clore (1911-2003) began growing some of the state’s first *vinifera* grapes at Washington State University’s Prosser research facility. Dr. Clore discovered that Eastern Washington was well suited to viticulture, and growers slowly started experimenting with the crop. Hogue Cellars opened Prosser’s first winery in 1982, a time when Washington’s viticulture was in its infancy.



*Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center in Prosser*

The **Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center**, off I-82 Exit 82, honors Dr. Clore’s pioneering work and showcases Washington’s diverse wine growing regions. A large map behind the tasting bar locates the AVAs. The Legends of Washington Wine Hall of Fame honors individuals who have contributed to the industry. Wine tasting highlights different regions, climates and winemakers each month. Open daily 11am-5pm. Phone: (509) 786-1000.

There are some interesting shops in downtown Prosser. Many of the buildings have been spruced up – check out the restored Princess Theater. For a panoramic view of the valley and distant Cascade volcanoes, head 2½ miles south on SR-221 to

**Horse Heaven Vista** [NOTE: no left turn into vista for southbound traffic; continue past the vista and make the first safe turn so you can approach the viewpoint from the south].

**Wine related events in Prosser:** *Red Wine & Chocolate* (February); *Spring Barrel Tasting* (April); *Wine Country Spring Fair* (May, Mother’s Day weekend); *Art Walk & Wine Gala* (July); *Prosser Wine and Food Festival* (second Saturday in August); *Great Prosser Balloon Rally* (last full weekend in September); *Catch the Crush* (October); *Thanksgiving in Wine Country* (November).

**Vintner’s Village**, just off I-82 Exit 80, is a 32-acre cluster of a dozen wineries.

#### **SELECTED WINERIES**

- **Alexandria Nicole Cellars** ([www.alexandrianicolecellars.com](http://www.alexandrianicolecellars.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 82 via Wine Country Rd., left on Benitz, right on Lee Rd. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 786-3497
- **Chandler Reach Winery** ([www.chandlerreach.com](http://www.chandlerreach.com)) is 1 mi. e. of I-82 Exit 82, following signs to 9506 Chandler Rd., near Benton City. Open daily 11-5 Apr. to mid-December (call for hours rest of year). Phone (509) 588-8800
- **Desert Wind Winery** ([www.desertwindwinery.com](http://www.desertwindwinery.com)) is just w. of I-82 exit 82. Open daily 10-5 May-Sept., 11-5 Oct.-Apr. Phone (509) 786-7277
- **Cowan Vineyards** ([www.cowanvineyards.com](http://www.cowanvineyards.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 82 via Wine Country Rd., left on Benitz, right on Lee Rd. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 788-0200.
- **Gamache Vintners** ([www.gamachevintners.com](http://www.gamachevintners.com)) - is e. of I-82 exit 80 in Vintner’s Village at 505 Cabernet Court. Open daily 11-5 (call for winter hours). Phone (509) 786-7800.
- **Hinzerling Winery** ([www.hinzerling.com](http://www.hinzerling.com)) – 1520 Sheridan Ave. in Prosser. Open Daily 11-5 (Sun. 11-3). Phone (509) 727-6702
- **Hogue Cellars** ([www.hoguecellars.com](http://www.hoguecellars.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 82 via Wine Country Rd., left on Benitz, right on Lee Rd. Open daily 10-5, Mar.-Nov.; 11-4, Dec.-Feb. Phone (509) 786-6108
- **Kestrel Vintners** ([www.kestrelwines.com](http://www.kestrelwines.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 82 via Wine Country Rd., left on Benitz, right on Lee Rd. Open daily 10-5 (Fri. till 7). Phone (509) 786-2675
- **Millbrandt Vineyards** ([www.millbrandtvineyards.com](http://www.millbrandtvineyards.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 80, in Vintner’s Village on Cabernet Court. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 788-0030.
- **Willow Crest Winery** ([www.willowcrestwinery.com](http://www.willowcrestwinery.com)) is e. of I-82 exit 80, in Vintner’s Village on Merlot Rd. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 786-7999
- **Yakima River Winery** ([www.yakimariverwinery.com](http://www.yakimariverwinery.com)) is w. of Prosser on N. River Rd. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 786-2805.

### **Tri-Cities Area**

Composed of **KENNEWICK**, **PASCO** and **RICHLAND**, plus surrounding suburban communities, the Tri-Cities comprise the second largest urban area in eastern Washington. Despite the desert-like

climate (annual rainfall is less than eight inches), water is a major feature of the landscape. The Columbia River – here three quarters of a mile wide – courses through the site from north to south. Between Richland and Kennewick, the Columbia receives the Yakima River and just downstream from Pasco, the Snake, mightiest of the tributaries, joins her parent stream.



*Harvest time at Badger Mountain Vineyard*

Pasco, oldest of the Tri-Cities, started as a railroad construction camp in 1880. Sprawling railroad yards still dominate the city's east side. Downtown Pasco today more resembles a small Mexican city with block after block of shops and stores catering to the region's sizeable Hispanic population.

Kennewick grew slowly, serving as a supply center for surrounding farms. Today it's the most populous of the triad. The region's economy changed drastically in 1942 when the government moved tens of thousands of people into the area to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project. This gave rise to the planned city of Richland. After World War II, the Tri-Cities economy diversified as industrial concerns moved in to take advantage of cheap power.

Agriculture remains important and vineyards proliferate in all directions. The hot summer days and cool nights, in combination with rich, volcanic soils, create a perfect *terroir* for crafting premium wines. The Columbia Valley AVA surrounds Tri-Cities. Other AVAs are nearby: Red Mountain near Benton City to the west; Horse Heaven Hills southwest; and Walla Walla lies southeast. With more than 160 wineries within an hour's drive, Tri-Cities is a popular base for wine touring.

#### **SELECTED WINERIES IN TRI-CITIES**

- **Badger Mountain Vineyard / Powers Winery** ([www.badgermtnvineyard.com](http://www.badgermtnvineyard.com)) is n. of I-82 exit 109 via Badger Mountain Rd., left on Leslie, left on Rachel to 1106 Jurupa St., in Kennewick. Open daily 10-5. Phone (800) 643-9463
- **Barnard Griffin Winery** ([www.barnardgriffin.com](http://www.barnardgriffin.com)) is s. of I-182 exit 3 via Columbia Park Trail and Windmill Rd. at 878 Tulip Ln. in Richland. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 627-0266
- **Eliseo Silva** ([www.eliseosilva.com](http://www.eliseosilva.com)) is at 844 Tulip Lane in Richland. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 628-0020.
- **Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard and Winery** ([www.gooseridge.com](http://www.gooseridge.com)) is off I-82 exit 104 at 16304 N. Dallas Rd., Richland. Open daily 11-6. Phone (509) 628-3880
- **Gordon Estate** ([www.gordonwines.com](http://www.gordonwines.com)) is at 671 Levey Rd., Pasco. Open daily 11-9. Phone (509) 547-6331.
- **J. Bookwalter Winery** ([www.bookwalterwines.com](http://www.bookwalterwines.com)) is s. of I-182 exit 3 via Columbia Park Trail and Windmill Rd. at 894 Tulip Ln. in Richland. Open daily 11am-10pm. Phone (509) 627-5000.
- **Powers Winery** ([www.powerswinery.com](http://www.powerswinery.com)) is at 1106 Jurupa St., Kennewick. Open daily 10-5. Ph. (800) 643-9463
- **Preston Wine Cellars** ([www.prestonwines.com](http://www.prestonwines.com)) is 5 mi. n. of Pasco, via US-395 to Vineyard View Marketplace (502 E. Vineyard Drive). Open daily 9-6. Phone (509) 545-1990
- **Tagaris Winery** ([www.tagariswines.com](http://www.tagariswines.com)), 844 Tulip Ln., Richland. Open Mon.-Thur. 11am-9pm, Fri.-Sat. 11am-10pm. Phone (509) 628-1619
- **Thomas O'Neil Cellars** ([www.thomasoneilcellars.com](http://www.thomasoneilcellars.com)) is at 2323 Henderson Loop, Richland. Open Tue-Thur. noon-6, Fri.-Sat. noon-10pm. Phone (509) 371-1900.

#### **SELECTED WINERIES – RED MOUNTAIN A.V.A.**

- **Col Solare** ([www.colsolare.com](http://www.colsolare.com)) is n.e. of I-82 exit 96 on SR-224, then n. DeMoss Rd. to 50207 Antinori Rd. Open Wed.-Sun. 11-5. Phone (509) 588-6806
- **Fidelitas** ([www.fidelitaswines.com](http://www.fidelitaswines.com)) is n.e. of I-82 exit 96 on SR-224, then n. on Sunset Rd. Open daily 11-5 (summer), Thu-Sun 11-5 (winter) or by appointment. Phone (509) 588-3469
- **Kiona Vineyards Winery** ([www.kionawine.com](http://www.kionawine.com)) is n.e. of I-82 exit 96 on SR-224, then n. on Sunset Rd. Open daily noon-5. Phone (509) 588-6716
- **Terra Blanca Winery and Estate Vineyard** ([www.terrablanca.com](http://www.terrablanca.com)) is n.e. of I-82 exit 96 on SR-224, then n. DeMoss Rd. Open daily 10-6 Apr.-Oct., 11-6 Nov.-Mar. Phone (509) 588-6082



## Walla Walla Area

**WALLA WALLA** has been described as “the next Napa,” for its dynamic wine scene. Grape growing in the surrounding valley dates back to pioneer plantings in the late 1850s. Italian immigrants established the region’s first bonded post-Prohibition winery in the early 1950s, which lasted only a few years. The first commercial winery started in 1977 and by the end of that decade several boutique wineries had gained a reputation for quality wines. In 1984, the Walla Walla Valley had four wineries and 60 acres in grapes. Early growth of the industry was slow, but accelerated in the mid-1990s. Today there are more than 1,800 acres in vineyard and the number of wineries exceeds 100 – these numbers are increasing every year.



*Northstar Winery, set amid vineyards south of Walla Walla, specializes in Merlot*

The city of Walla Walla is compelling as well. Carefully preserved buildings of brick and stone grace its downtown area. Late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes nestle among trees in surrounding residential districts. The valley’s bounty attracted settlers in the mid-1800s. Historical attractions such as Fort Walla Walla and Whitman Mission National Historic Site recall these early days. Whitman College, the oldest in Washington (1859), is a renowned institute of higher education.

The city has a collection of good restaurants and lodging venues. Recommended restaurants include: The Marc, Whitehouse-Crawford (the building also houses Seven Hills Winery), T. Maccarone’s and Saffron Mediterranean Kitchen – all downtown. The beautifully restored Marcus Whitman Hotel is the city’s landmark hostelry. More on things to see and do in and around Walla Walla are available on AAA Washington’s *Destination Focus: Walla Walla*.

**Wine Related Events in Walla Walla:** *Spring Release Weekend* (first weekend in May); *Walla Walla Hot Air Balloon Stampede* (Mother’s Day Weekend); *Holiday Barrel Tasting* (early Dec.).

**Motor coach, limousine, van tours:** **Black Tie Limos** ([www.blacktielimos.net](http://www.blacktielimos.net)) offers customized limousine tours to area wineries (minimum 3 hours), phone (509) 525-8585.

### SELECTED WINERIES

The following list of wineries, organized geographically, includes those open to the public at least five days per week. For more visit the **Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance** at [www.wallawallawine.com](http://www.wallawallawine.com).

#### CENTRAL WALLA WALLA WINERIES & TASTING ROOMS

- **Canoe Ridge Vineyard** ([www.canoeidgevineyard.com](http://www.canoeidgevineyard.com)) – downtown tasting room at 1102 W. Cherry St. Open Thur.-Mon. 11-5. Phone (509) 527-0885.
- **Forgeron Cellars** ([www.forgeroncellars.com](http://www.forgeroncellars.com)) – 33 W. Birch Street. Open Thur.-Mon. 10-4:30. Phone (509) 522-9463.
- **Fort Walla Walla Cellars** ([www.fortwallawallacellars.com](http://www.fortwallawallacellars.com)) – downtown tasting room at 127 E. Main St. Open Thurs.-Mon., 10-4:30. Phone (509) 520-1095.
- **Otis Kenyon Wine** ([www.otiskenyonwine.com](http://www.otiskenyonwine.com)) – 23 E. Main St. Open Thur.-Mon. 11-5. Phone (509) 525-3506
- **Ross Andrew Winery** ([www.rossandrewwinery.com](http://www.rossandrewwinery.com)) – 31 E. Main St. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 485-2720
- **Seven Hills Winery** ([www.sevenhillswinery.com](http://www.sevenhillswinery.com)) – 212 N. Third Ave. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-2. Phone (509) 529-7198.
- **Sinclair Estate Vineyard** ([www.sinclairstatevineyards.com](http://www.sinclairstatevineyards.com)) 109B E. Main Street. Open Thur.-Mon. 10-5. Phone (509) 876-4300
- **Skylite Cellars** ([www.skykitecellars.com](http://www.skykitecellars.com)) – 25 Campbell Road. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 529-8000
- **Sole Rosso** ([www.sole-rosso.com](http://www.sole-rosso.com)) – 2158 Old Milton Hwy. Open Mon.-Sat. 11-5. Phone (509) 524-3504
- **Whitman Cellars** ([www.whitmancellars.com](http://www.whitmancellars.com)) – 1015 W. Pine St. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 529-1142

#### SOUTH OF WALLA WALLA

- **Amavi Cellars** ([www.amavicellars.com](http://www.amavicellars.com)) – s. on SR-125 to Taumanson Rd, then s. to 3796 Peppers Bridge Rd. Open daily 10-4. Phone (509) 525-3541.
- **Basel Cellars Estate Winery** ([www.baselcellars.com](http://www.baselcellars.com)) – 5 mi. s. via SR-125 at 2901 Old Milton Highway. Open daily 10-4. Phone (509) 522-0200.

- **Northstar Winery** ([www.northstarmerlot.com](http://www.northstarmerlot.com)) – 6 mi. s. via Plaza Way, Braden Rd., Stateline Rd. to 1736 J.B. George Rd. Open Mon.-Sat., 10-4; Sun. 11-4. Phone (866) 525-486-7828.
- **Pepper Bridge Winery** ([www.pepperbridge.com](http://www.pepperbridge.com)) – 6 mi. s. via Plaza Way, Braden Rd, Stateline Rd to 1704 J.B. George Rd. Open daily 10-4. Phone (509) 525-6502.
- **Saviah Cellars** ([www.saviahcellars.com](http://www.saviahcellars.com)) – 1979 J.B. George Rd. at Pepper Bridge Rd. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 520-5166

### EAST OF WALLA WALLA

- **Ash Hollow** ([www.ashhollow.com](http://www.ashhollow.com)) Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 1460 ‘F’ Street. Open daily 11-4 (Sat.-Sun. till 5). Phone (509) 529-7565
- **Blue Mountain Station**
- **Dunham Cellars** ([www.dunhamcellars.com](http://www.dunhamcellars.com)) – Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 150 E. Boeing Ave. Open daily 11-4. Phone (509) 529-4685.
- **Leonetti Cellar** ([www.leonetticellar.com](http://www.leonetticellar.com)) – 1875 Foothills Lane. Storied Leonetti is the oldest winery in the region, established in 1977. Not open to the public.
- **Patit Creek Cellars** ([www.patitcreekcellars.com](http://www.patitcreekcellars.com)) – Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 325 ‘A’ St. Open daily 11-5. Phone (509) 522-4684
- **Revelry Vintners** ([www.revelrywines.com](http://www.revelrywines.com)) – Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 720 ‘C’ Street. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sat.-Sun. till 3. Phone (509) 540-5761
- **Russell Creek Winery** ([www.russellcreek-winery.com](http://www.russellcreek-winery.com)) Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 301 Aeronca Ave. Open daily 11-4. Phone (509) 522-6515.
- **Tamarack Cellars** ([www.tamarackcellars.com](http://www.tamarackcellars.com)) – Near Walla Walla Regional Airport at 700 ‘C’ St. Open Thu.-Mon. 10-4. Phone (509) 526-3533

The town of **DAYTON**, 31 miles northeast of Walla Walla on US-12 is the home of **Blue Mountain Station** ([www.bluemountainstation.com](http://www.bluemountainstation.com)), the country’s first eco-food park is a cluster of artisan food producers. An Artisan Food Center opened in 2013.

### WEST OF WALLA WALLA

- **Cougar Crest Estate Winery** ([www.cougarcrestwinery.com](http://www.cougarcrestwinery.com)) – 8 mi. w. at 50 Frenchtown Rd. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 529-5980
- **Glencorrie** ([www.glencorrie.com](http://www.glencorrie.com)) – 8 mi. w. at 8052 W. Highway 12. Open Thu.-Mon. 10-5. Ph. (509) 525-2585
- **L’Ecole No. 41** ([www.lecole.com](http://www.lecole.com)) – 16 mi. w. on US-12 in Lowden. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 525-0940.
- **Reininger Winery** ([www.reiningerwinery.com](http://www.reiningerwinery.com)) – 6 mi. w. at 5858 Old Highway 12. Open daily 10-6 (till 5 in winter). Phone (509) 522-1994.
- **Skylite Cellars** ([www.skykitecellars.com](http://www.skykitecellars.com)) – 25 Campbell Road. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 529-8000
- **Three Rivers Winery** ([www.threeriverswinery.com](http://www.threeriverswinery.com)) – 6 mi. w. at 5641 Old Highway 12. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 526-9463.
- **Waterbrook Winery** ([www.waterbrook.com](http://www.waterbrook.com)) - 15 mi. w. on US-12 in Lowden. Open daily 10-4, Fri.-Sat. till 6. Open (509) 522-1262
- **Woodward Canyon Winery / Nelms Road** ([www.woodwardcanyon.com](http://www.woodwardcanyon.com)) – 16 mi. w. on US-12 in Lowden. Open daily 10-5. Phone (509) 525-4129.

## Columbia Valley

Washington’s largest AVA contains a wide variety of microclimates. Several its component districts areas are presented as separate wine touring areas: **Lake Chelan**, **Wenatchee Valley** and the **Tri-Cities**. Yet, there are a number of wineries scattered elsewhere in this sprawling AVA, including the sub-appellations Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley and Horse Heaven Hills.

**Cave B Estate Winery and Resort** (<http://www.cavebinn.com/our-inn.php>) is a lodging set amid vineyards on cliffs 900 feet above the east bank of the Columbia River, between George and Quincy. The resort also has a full-service health spa and **Tendrils Restaurant** (see Cave B Estate Winery, below).

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Cave B Estate Winery** ([www.sagecliffe.com/Cave\\_B\\_Winery.htm](http://www.sagecliffe.com/Cave_B_Winery.htm)) is 6 mi. n. of I-90 exit 143 on Silica Rd (between George and Quincy). Open daily 11-5:30 (11-7 Fri-Sat in summer). Phone (509) 785-3500
- **Cascade Cliffs Vineyard and Winery** ([www.cascadecliffs.com](http://www.cascadecliffs.com)) is on SR-14 near Wishram. Open daily 10-6. Phone (509) 767-1100.

- **Columbia Crest** ([www.columbia-crest.com](http://www.columbia-crest.com)) is 1 mi. n. of Paterson on SR-221. Open daily 10-5. Phone (888) 309-9463
- **Maryhill Winery** ([www.maryhillwinery.com](http://www.maryhillwinery.com)) is 5 mi. w. of US-97 junction (Maryhill) on SR-14. Open daily 10-6. Phone (877) 627-9445

## Columbia Gorge

The Columbia River has carved a magnificent path through the Cascade Range. The mountains form a climatic barrier between the mild, humid west and the drier east, where seasonal temperature ranges are more extreme. These diverse weather conditions make the Gorge a natural wind tunnel. The Columbia Gorge AVA occupies the eastern part of the Gorge, centered on Bingen, White Salmon and Lyle on the Washington bank and Hood River and its namesake valley on the Oregon side. Some of the vineyards are on benches above the river, others are on the flats facing the Columbia; still more cluster near Lyle and in the Hood River Valley and near Mosier, Oregon. Snowcapped volcanic peaks (Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood) form a backdrop, adding to the scenic allure of the region.



*Vineyards dot the bench above Underwood – Mt. Hood forms a scenic backdrop.*

Although some early settlers planted grapes in the late 1800s, it wasn't until the late 1980s and early 1990s that small-scale commercial wine production began.

**TOURING ROUTES** – The Lewis and Clark Highway (SR-14) follows the Columbia on the Washington bank between Underwood, Bingen and Lyle. Interstate 84 follows the Oregon shore. Several scenic routes lead south from Hood River to the half-dozen wineries in the Hood River Valley. East of Hood River, be sure to drive the spectacular 9-mile Rowena Loops Road, part of the old historic highway, between I-84 exit 69 at Mosier and exit 76 at Rowena. Most of the wineries in the area are small, family operations and are open weekends or by appointment. For more information contact the **Columbia Gorge Wine Growers Association** ([www.columbiagorgewine.com](http://www.columbiagorgewine.com)); phone (866) 413-9463.

**WINE TOURING TOWNS – HOOD RIVER** is the largest city in the area. It faces the Columbia River and spreads over a series of terraces between its namesake stream and Indian Creek. Views stretch across the river to Bingen and White Salmon on the Washington bank. The Hood River Valley, famous for its orchards, extends south toward the base of Mount Hood. The traditional fruit packing industries are still important, but contemporary Hood River, thanks to the persistent gorge winds, is increasingly renowned as a world mecca for the adventure sport of windsurfing. The small city is dynamic. Its central business district along Oak and Cascade streets, hums with activity, spruced up storefronts and new businesses. You'll find trendy eateries, a brewpub, eclectic shops, galleries and boutiques and numerous outdoor recreation outfitters, plus several winery tasting rooms and bistros.

There is also a wide range of lodgings in the area, including the historic **Columbia Gorge Hotel** ([www.columbiagorgehotel.com](http://www.columbiagorgehotel.com)), perched on a cliff west of the city, and the downtown **Hood River Hotel** ([www.hoodriverhotel.com](http://www.hoodriverhotel.com)), another historic property.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Cathedral Ridge Winery** ([www.cathedralridgewinery.com](http://www.cathedralridgewinery.com)) is s. of Hood River at 4200 Post Canyon Dr. Open daily 11-5. Phone (800) 516-8710
- **Mount Hood Winery** ([www.mthoodwinery.com](http://www.mthoodwinery.com)) is 4 mi. s. of Hood River at via Highway 35 to 2882 Van Horn Drive. Open daily 11-5, Mar.-Nov. Phone (541) 383-8333
- **Pheasant Valley Winery** ([www.pheasantvalleywinery.com](http://www.pheasantvalleywinery.com)) is s. of Hood River at 3890 Acree Dr. Open daily 11-6 May-Oct., daily 11-5 Nov.-Dec. & Feb.-Apr. Phone (866) 357-9463
- **Phelps Creek Vineyards** ([www.phelpscreekvineyards.com](http://www.phelpscreekvineyards.com)) is s. of Hood River at 1850 Country Club Rd. Open daily 11-5 (by appointment in January). Phone (541) 386-2607
- **Quenett Winery** has a tasting room in downtown Hood River at 111 Oak St. Open daily noon-6 (noon-8 Fri-Sat). Phone (541) 386-2229

Across the Columbia from Hood River, **BINGEN** grew up as a supply point for area orchards. Neighboring **WHITE SALMON** (named for the pale color of spawned out salmon) is located atop a bluff above the confluence



of its eponymous river with the Columbia. Orchards and small vineyards fringe the outskirts. The bench-top location affords a panoramic view across the Columbia to Hood River and Mount Hood. The two towns have Bavarian architectural motifs – many early settlers came from Germany. White Salmon has the **Glockenspiel Tower**, located at Jewett and Main streets.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Klickitat Canyon Winery** ([www.klickitatcanyonwinery.com](http://www.klickitatcanyonwinery.com)) 6 Lyle Snowden Rd. near Lyle. Open Wed.-Sun. noon-6 Mar.-Oct. (call for hours rest of year). Phone (509) 365-2900
- **Wind River Cellars** ([www.windrivercellars.com](http://www.windrivercellars.com)) is n. of SR-14 at Underwood via SR-141. At Husum turn left on Spring Creek Rd., following signs. Open daily 10-6. Phone (509) 493-2324

**LYLE**, 9 miles east of Bingen on S-14, prospered as an outfitting center for surrounding ranches. There are a number of wineries off Canyon Road and the Old Highway, northwest of town.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **COR Cellars** ([www.corcellars.com](http://www.corcellars.com)) is n.w. of Lyle via Canyon Road at 151 Old Highway 8. Open Thurs.-Sun. 11-6 Apr-Nov, by appointment rest of year. Phone (509) 365-2744
- **Klickitat Canyon Winery** ([www.klickitatcanyonwinery.com](http://www.klickitatcanyonwinery.com)) 6 Lyle Snowden Rd. near Lyle. Open Wed.-Sun. noon-6 Mar.-Oct. (call for hours rest of year). Phone (509) 365-2900
- **Marshal's Winery and Vineyard** ([www.marshalsvineyard.com](http://www.marshalsvineyard.com)) is 9 mi. e. of Lyle on SR-14, then n. on Oak Creek Rd. (n.e. of Dallesport). Open daily 9-6. Phone (509) 767-4633
- **Memaloose Wines** ([www.winesofthegorge.com](http://www.winesofthegorge.com)) – tasting room in Lyle at 34 State Street (Hwy. 14). Open daily 11-6, June-15 Oct, (Thur.-Sun. 11-6, rest of year). Phone (360) 635-2887

## Spokane Area



*The historic Cliff House at Arbor Crest overlooks the Spokane Valley*

Though not in a wine growing region, **SPOKANE** has a collection of wineries and tasting rooms downtown and east of the city. The city also has a wealth of lodging and dining venues, a rich cultural life and a compelling architectural legacy. The scenic Spokane River slices through the heart of the city, thundering over Spokane Falls at Riverfront Park. The park is a legacy of Expo 74, a World's Fair that celebrated environmental awareness.

Outdoor recreation abounds. The area is noted for its affordable golf and in winter nearby Mount Spokane beckons downhill and cross-country skiers and snowboarders. The **Centennial Trail**, a paved, multi-use recreational trail links Riverside State Park, north of the city, with the Idaho border and continues on to Coeur d'Alene.

Spokane has a diverse collection of accommodations. The beautifully restored **Davenport Hotel** (AAA Four Diamond) recalls the city's Age of Elegance. Sip wine in the Davenport's **Peacock Room** or enjoy a delicious meal in the **Palm Court Grill**. Other great downtown eateries include: **Mizuna Restaurant and Wine Bar** (inventive International and Northwest cuisine at 214 N. Howard); **Steam Plant Grill** (located in an historic industrial building at 159 S. Lincoln); **Churchill's Steakhouse** (across from the Steam Plant Grill) has a traditional Chicago steakhouse atmosphere; **Luigi's**, 245 W. Main, offers tasty Italian cuisine and a large selection of wine; **Anthony's**, 510 N. Lincoln, overlooks Spokane Falls (seasonal outdoor deck). **Italia Trattoria**, at 144 S. Cannon Street in Browne's Addition, specializes in house-made Italian cuisine.

Spokane's **Cork District** contains a cluster of fifteen wineries and tasting rooms within walking distance of one other. Cork District tasting rooms include: **Barrister Winery** (1213 W. Railroad Ave.); **Cougar Crest Estate Winery** (8 N. Post #6); **Grande Ronde Cellars** (906 W. 2nd Ave.); **Nectar Tasting Room** (120 N. Stevens St.) offers tastings from five regional wineries; **Patit Creek Cellars** (822 W. Sprague).

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Arbor Crest Wine Cellars** ([www.arborcrest.com](http://www.arborcrest.com)) is 6½ mi. e. of Spokane on I-90 to exit 287, then n. on Argonne Rd., then e. on Upriver Dr. to 4705 N. Fruithill Rd. Open daily noon-5. Phone (509) 927-9463  
Arbor Crest's downtown **Tasting Room** closed in December, 2014 (they are planning a new facility).
- **Latah Creek Wine Cellars** ([www.latahcreek.com](http://www.latahcreek.com)) is n.e. of I-90 exit 289 at 13030 E. Indiana Ave., in Spokane Valley. Open daily 9-5. Phone (509) 926-0164

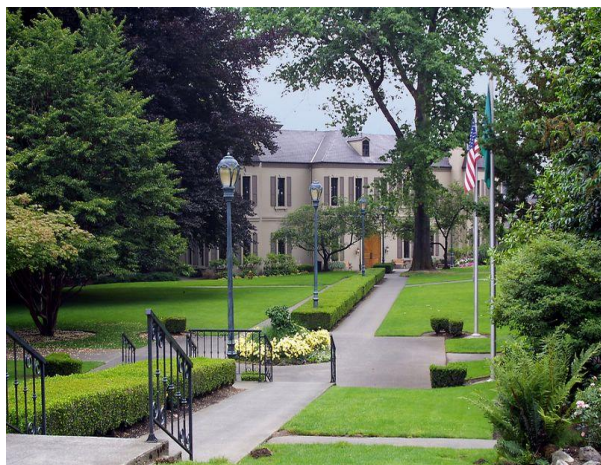
**Motor coach, limousine, van tours:** **Spokane Winery Tours** ([www.spokanewinerytours.com](http://www.spokanewinerytours.com)) offers guided van tours of the area's wineries and tasting rooms; phone (509) 280-2560

## Western Washington

Western Washington has a large number of wineries, but is not a major wine growing region. The mild, relatively damp climate prevalent in much of the area precludes large-scale production. A number of wineries specialize in grape varieties that do well in this area. The major concentration of wineries is in the Woodinville area, northeast of Seattle. Smaller clusters are in the northern Olympic Peninsula between Port Angeles and Sequim, in Whatcom County and in the South Puget Sound area centered on Olympia, although the majority of these wineries are open very limited hours.

**Motor coach, limousine, van tours:** **Bon Vivant Wine Tours** ([www.bonvivanttours.com](http://www.bonvivanttours.com)) offers half-day and full-day wine tours of Woodinville wineries. They also have multi-day tours to other wine producing areas in Washington on selected dates. Phone (206) 437-1298.

**WINE TOURING TOWNS – WOODINVILLE** is western Washington's "Wine Capital." Located 15 miles northeast of downtown Seattle, just east of I-405 Exit 23, the area has 100+ wineries. Many are small operations, open weekends only, open by appointment, or not open to the public. Yet, Woodinville also has some of the state's largest wineries, including Chateau Ste. Michelle and Columbia Winery.



*Chateau Ste. Michelle [Photo: Ron Zimmerman]*

The wineries and tasting rooms are scattered throughout the city, with two notable clusters. **Highway 202** (Woodinville-Redmond Road) passes numerous wineries south of town. The **Winery Warehouse District** (60+ wineries and tasting rooms) is found in northeast Woodinville, off N.E. Woodinville Way on 142nd and 144th avenues N.E.

**Woodinville Wine Country** ([www.woodinvillewinecountry.com](http://www.woodinvillewinecountry.com)) promotes the area's wineries; their Web site features information on each. In mid-April, the group sponsors *Passport to Woodinville Weekend*, which offers visits to area wineries, including many not generally open to the public.

**Chateau Ste. Michelle** is Washington's oldest winery (1954) and is the world's largest producer of Riesling. The winery offers tours and hosts a series of outdoor summer concerts.

### SELECTED WINERIES

- **Amavi Cellars** ([www.amavicellars.com](http://www.amavicellars.com)) / **Pepper Bridge Winery** ([www.pepperbridge.com](http://www.pepperbridge.com)) – Tasting room at 4810 N.E. 145th St. Bldg. A-3. Open daily noon-5 (Sat.-Sun. till 6). Phone (425) 483-7026
- **Cave B Winery Tasting Room** ([www.caveb.com](http://www.caveb.com)) – 14356 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. N.E. Open Thur.-Mon. (call for hours). Phone (425) 949-7152
- **Chateau Ste. Michelle** ([www.chateau-ste-michelle.com](http://www.chateau-ste-michelle.com)) is 2 mi. s. of Woodinville on SR-202 at 14111 NE 145th St. Open daily 10-5. Phone (425) 425-3300
- **Columbia Winery** ([www.columbiawinery.com](http://www.columbiawinery.com)) is 2 mi. s. of Woodinville on SR-202 at 14030 NE 145th St. Open Mon.-Sun. 11-6. Phone (800) 488-2347
- **Cougar Crest Estate Winery Tasting Room** – 14545 148th Ave. N.E. Open Thu.-Mon. noon-6. (425) 806-1700
- **DeLille Cellars** ([www.delillecellars.com](http://www.delillecellars.com)) – Carriage House Tasting Room is at 14421 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. N.E. Open Sun.-Thur. noon-5, Fri. noon-7, Sat. 11-5. Phone (425) 877-9472
- **Den Hoed** ([www.denhoedwines.com](http://www.denhoedwines.com)) – 14450 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Sun.-Thur. noon-5, Fri. noon-9, Sun. noon-6. Phone (425) 408-1608
- **Dusted Valley Tasting Room** – 14465 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Wed.-Sun. noon-5. (425) 488-7373
- **Dussek Family Cellars / Hudson Shah / Woodhouse Wine Estates** – 15500 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open daily noon-5. Phone (425) 527-0608
- **Fidelitas** ([www.fidelitas.com](http://www.fidelitas.com)) – 14467 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Mon.-Sun. noon-5. Ph. (425) 558-9001
- **Forgeron Cellars** ([www.forgeroncellars.com](http://www.forgeroncellars.com)) – 14344 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Thur.-Mon. noon-6 (weekends noon-5 winter). Phone (425) 242-8872

- **Isenhower Cellars Tasting Room** ([www.isenhowercellars.com](http://www.isenhowercellars.com)) – 15007 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Thur.-Mon. noon-5. Phone (425) 526-7896
- **J. Bookwalter Tasting Studio** ([www.bookwalterwines.com](http://www.bookwalterwines.com)) – 14810 N.E. 145th St. Bldg. B. Open Sunb.-Thur. noon-5 (Fri.-Sat. till 8). Phone (425) 488-1983
- **Januik Winery and Novelty Hill Winery** ([www.januikwinery.com](http://www.januikwinery.com) / [www.noveltyhillwines.com](http://www.noveltyhillwines.com)) share a production facility and tasting room, 1½ mi. s. of Woodinville at 14710 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open daily 11-5. Phone (425) 481-5502
- **Mark Ryan Winery** ([www.markryanwinery.com](http://www.markryanwinery.com)) – 14475 Woodinville-Redmond Rd.. Open Daily noon-5. Phone (425) 398-5433
- **Market Vineyards** ([www.marketvineyards.com](http://www.marketvineyards.com)) – 14810 N.E. 145th Bldg. A2. Open daily noon-5. Phone (425) 486-1171
- **Martedi Winery** ([www.martediwinery.com](http://www.martediwinery.com)) – 16110 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Tue.-Sun. noon-7. Phone (415) 418-4999
- **Matthews Winery** ([www.matthewsestate.com](http://www.matthewsestate.com)) – 16116 140th Place N.E. Open daily noon-6. Ph. (425) 487-9810
- **Novelty Hill Winery** ([www.noveltyhillwines.com](http://www.noveltyhillwines.com)) – 14710 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open daily noon-5. Phone (415) 481-5502
- **Silver Lake Winery** ([www.silverlakewinery.com](http://www.silverlakewinery.com)) and **Girly Girl Wines** ([www.girlygiurlwines.com](http://www.girlygiurlwines.com)) are 1¼ mi. s. of Woodinville on SR-202 at 15029 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Mon.-Sat. 11-5, Sun. noon-5. Phone (425) 485-2347 ext. 109
- **Patit Creek Cellars** ([www.patitcreekcellars.com](http://www.patitcreekcellars.com)) – 114344 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. Open Thur.-Mon. noon-6. Phone (425) 354-0015
- **Patterson Cellars Hollywood Hill Tasting Room** – 14505 148th Ave. N.E. Open daily noon-5. Phone (425) 892-2964

**NORTHEAST OLYMPIC PENINSULA** – US-101 between Port Angeles and Sequim passes through a beautiful coastal plain extending from the base of the Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. There are a number of wineries in this district, most nestled in the foothills. **SEQUIM** is noted for its lavender farms. **North Sound Winery Association** ([www.northsoundwineries.org](http://www.northsoundwineries.org)) has information on wineries in the region, including nearby Whidbey and Bainbridge islands; phone (800) 785-5495.

#### **SELECTED WINERIES**

- **Fair Winds Winery** ([www.fairwindswinery.com](http://www.fairwindswinery.com)) is at 1924 Hastings Ave. in Port Townsend. Open daily noon-5 June-Sept., Fri.-Sun. noon-5 rest of year. Phone (360) 385-6899
- **Harbinger Winery** ([www.harbingerwinery.com](http://www.harbingerwinery.com)) – 238 Hwy. 101, Port Angeles. Open Mon.-Sat. 11-6, Sun. 11-5. Phone (360) 452-4262
- **Olympic Cellars** ([www.olympiccellars.com](http://www.olympiccellars.com)) is e. of Port Angeles at 255410 Hwy. 101. Open daily 11-6 May-Sept., daily 11-5 Nov.-Apr. Phone (360) 452-0160

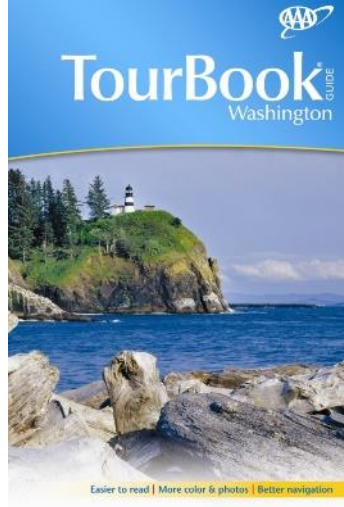



#### **SELECTED WINERIES ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN WASHINGTON**

- **Eleven Winery Tasting Room** ([www.elevenwinery.com](http://www.elevenwinery.com)) – 287 Winslow Way E., Bainbridge Island. Open Mon.-Fri. 1-7, Sat. noon-7, Sun. noon-5. Phone (206) 780-0905
- **Glacier Peak Winery** ([www.glacierpeakwinery.com](http://www.glacierpeakwinery.com)) – 58575 SR-20, Rockport. Open daily 10-5 June-Sept., weekends 10-5 in May and Oct. Phone (360) 873-4073
- **Holmes Harbor Cellars** ([www.holmesharborcellars.com](http://www.holmesharborcellars.com)) – 4591 Honemoo Bay Rd., Greenbank (Whidbey Island). Open Wed.-Sun. noon-6, Fri.-Sun. noon-6 in winter. Phone (360) 331-3544
- **Hoodsport Winery** ([www.hoodsport.com](http://www.hoodsport.com)) is on US-101 just n. of Hoodsport. Open daily 10-6. Phone (800) 580-9894
- **Madsen Family Cellars** ([www.madsenfamilycellars.com](http://www.madsenfamilycellars.com)) – 2825 Marvin Rd. N.E., Olympia. Open Wed.-Sun. 11-5. Phone (360) 438-1286
- **Mill Lane Winery** ([www.mill-lane.net](http://www.mill-lane.net)) 16607 Bucoda Hwy. S.E. in Tenino. Open Wed.-Sun. 11-6. Phone (360) 459-4999
- **Mount Baker Vineyards** ([www.mountbakervineyards.com](http://www.mountbakervineyards.com)) is n.e. of Bellingham on SR-542, near Deming. Open daily 11-5. Phone (360) 592-2300
- **Pasek Cellars Winery** ([www.pasekcellars.com](http://www.pasekcellars.com)) – W. of I-5 Exit 221 at 18729 Fir Island Rd., Conway. Open daily 11-5. Phone (360) 336-6877
- **Rainier View Winery** – 12314 264th Street in Graham. Open Mon.-Thur. noon-6, Fri.-Sat. noon-7, Sun. noon-5. Phone (360) 893-3107



- **Samson Estates Winery** ([www.samsonestates.com](http://www.samsonestates.com)) – 1861 Van Dyk Rd, Emerson. Open daily 11-6 June-Sept., weekends 11-6 rest of year. Phone (360) 966-7787
- **San Juan Vineyards** ([www.sanjuanvineyards.com](http://www.sanjuanvineyards.com)) – 3136 Roche Harbor Rd., San Juan Island. Open daily 11-5 (seasonal). Phone (360) 378-9463

The **Washington State Wine Commission** publishes the *Washington State Wine Official Tour Guide*, a comprehensive booklet providing contact information for the state's wineries. This publication is available at many sites throughout wine country.

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