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Where high-tech meets Mother Nature

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Meeting planners who would like to visit Washington State's wine country can find it just 15 minutes north of Bellevue around the town of Woodinville. The region is home to more than 70 wineries, many with tasting rooms and unique event space for off-site activities and wine-pairing dinners. In addition to wine-tasting, a number of the wineries also offer meeting facilities and catered events.

Columbia Winery, the state's oldest producer of premium wines, is an ideal setting for corporate events and meetings for groups of up to 250 people. On 87 park-like acres, **Chateau Ste. Michelle**, Washington's largest winemaker, offers two event spaces, including a 200-seat banquet room. But it's not all wine in Woodinville: **Redhook Brewery** offers two meeting rooms overlooking its beer-making facilities, plus a grassy amphitheater for summer events. And offering both upscale lodging and dining, plus six separate meeting rooms with more than 5,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, the **Willows Lodge** is the most luxurious full-service hotel in the area.