

WASHINGTON STATE WINE 2011 TOUR GUIDE



8 Touring Regions
and more than
500 Wineries


Seattle &
Puget Sound


Woodinville



Yakima
Valley


Tri-Cities


Walla Walla
Valley


Spokane
& Pullman

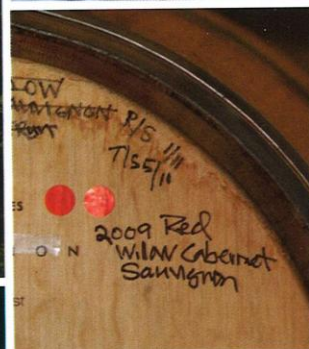

Vancouver
& Columbia
Gorge


Cascade Valley
& North
Central

Woodinville



WOODINVILLE LOCATIONS, LEFT TO RIGHT: ADAMS BENCH WINERY, BETZ FAMILY WINERY; WINE BARREL, ADAMS BENCH; NOVELTY HILL JANUIK TASTING ROOM; COLUMBIA WINERY TASTING ROOM



Woodinville Wine Country coordinates two major wine weekends every year in the valley: **Passport to Woodinville** in April and **St. Nicholas Open House** on the first weekend in December. During both occasions most of the wineries in Woodinville open their tasting rooms. For many it's one of the rare times during the year they are open to the public. **The Auction of Washington Wines**, the largest charity wine auction showcasing Washington State wine, takes place in August over three days.

Places to Eat & Drink

The Barking Frog at the Willows Lodge is the destination for wine professionals as well as visitors to Woodinville wine country. Recognized by the Washington State Wine Commission as one of the "Most Innovative Wine Lists" in the state, it features a special section strictly for Woodinville wines. About 95 percent of the wines on their wine menu are produced in Washington State. About half of the wines on their list are wines produced in Woodinville.

Chef Bobby Moore crafts a contemporary American menu featuring seasonal regional ingredients with wine pairings squarely in mind. He also hosts the annual "Iron Vintners" competition in the summer pitting local celebrity winemakers in a cooking competition.

The Herbfarm, next door to The Barking Frog, raises the culinary experience to new levels. The Herbfarm exclusively serves 9-course seasonal dinners paired with up to six wines. Their commitment to sourcing the best local ingredients extends to their 25,000-plus-bottle wine cellar, which includes current releases and library vintages of Washington State wines.

Purple Café & Wine Bar has been feeding Woodinville visitors and wine professionals for 20 years. Purple Woodinville is open for lunch and dinner Tuesdays through Sundays. Purple slashes the cost of bottles of wine in half on Sundays.

Ristorante Italianissimo in the north end of Woodinville has been recognized by the Wine Spectator with an Award of Excellence for its wine list. The Washington State-centric wine list is paired with northern Italy-inspired cuisine by chef/owner Kent Betts. The restaurant hosts "Wine Wednesdays" featuring Woodinville wineries.

Neighboring communities of Kirkland and Bothell provide other great dining options for guests seeking the Woodinville wine experience.

What To Do When You're Not Wine Touring

Biking, jogging and walking on the scenic Sammamish River Trail is another way to discover Woodinville wine country. The trail embraces visitors with views of the Sammamish River, Sammamish River Valley, glorious Mt. Rainier and the Cascade foothills. The trail dissects the heart of Woodinville wine country. Starting in Blyth Park in the neighboring city of Bothell, the entire trail is paved for bicyclists, joggers, walkers and skaters. A soft surface path runs parallel to the Sammamish River Trail starting in Woodinville and south to Redmond for visitors, including those on horseback, preferring a softer terrain.

Chateau Ste. Michelle hosts a concert series during the summer featuring national and international acts. The likes of Diana Krall, BB King, Chris Isaak, Lyle Lovett, Earth, Wind & Fire and Ringo Starr have performed over the years.