



WINE YAKIMA VALLEY

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Yakima Valley Wine Country An Overview of Washington's Premier Wine Country

Yakima Valley is the soul of Washington Wine. The outstanding grapes, grown on rocky hillsides, attract celebrated winemakers from around the world. Yakima Valley vineyards produce more than one-third of Washington State's grapes, and its fruit is the key ingredient in more than half of all Washington wines.

Many a winery has "grown to greatness" with Yakima Valley fruit. Just some of the celebrated wineries who count on our grapes include: Quilceda Creek, Col Solare, Côte Bonneville, DeLille Cellars, Betz Family Winery, Chinook Wines, and many, many more.

The winemakers and growers of the Yakima Valley region share a common passion for their craft, steeped by years of careful tradition and pioneering practices. This is a humble region, but fiercely proud of its fine quality grapes and wines and its unique community spirit.

The Oldest And Largest Appellation

The Yakima Valley Appellation recently celebrated its 25th year as the oldest and largest wine growing region in Washington State. It was the first appellation in Washington State when it was established in 1983. The Yakima Valley is now home to more than 82 wineries and boasts over 12,000 acres of premium wine grapes (665,600 acres total)—the largest percentage of vineyard plantings per square mile than any other wine-growing region in Washington-State.

The Yakima Valley has three sub-appellations. Two well-known appellations, Red Mountain and Rattlesnake Hills, have been recognized for their distinct soils, microclimates, and topography which allow these regions to produce more than 30 different types of wine. The third appellation, Snipes Mountain, was established in early 2009.

Yakima Valley

- Established 1983
- Location: Yakima, WA to Tri Cities, WA
- 12,000 vineyard acres
- 82 wineries

Yakima Valley Sub-Appellations

Red Mountain

- Established 2001
- Nearest City: Benton City, WA
- 710 vineyard acres
- 12 wineries

Rattlesnake Hills

- Established 2006
- Nearest City: Zillah, WA
- 1,500 vineyard acres
- 17 wineries

Snipes Mountain

- Established 2009
- Nearest City: Sunnyside, WA
- 535 vineyard acres
- One winery

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