



Arizona Wine Country Vineyards

Viticulture in Arizona has a history that begins in the 16th century when missionary Spanish Jesuit priests began to plant grapevines and make wine for use in Christian religious ceremonies. Most vineyards in Arizona are located in the southeastern portion of the state near Tucson. The Sonoita AVA and the Willcox AVA are the only designated American Viticulture Areas in Arizona. Arizona has enjoyed recent success with wine made from the grape varieties native to Italy and the Rhône River valley of southern France.

The Southeastern Arizona Wine Tour - Willcox, Elgin, Sonoita

Visit some of the most amazing scenery and cultural areas of the Southwest. The highlights of this tour will include:

[Callaghan Vineyards](#) – Established in 1990, born out of a love of European wines, Callaghan Vineyards is wholeheartedly committed to growing and producing the best possible wines in Sonoita, Arizona. Together, Kent Callaghan and his father Harold planted the original vineyard. Kent has personally tended the vines and made every wine since the vineyard’s inception. In 2008 Wayne Tomasi, a family friend, began working in the vineyard as a volunteer and continues to do so.

[Wilhelm Family Vineyards](#) – This Winery and Vineyard is situated on 20 acres in the beautiful area of Sonoita, Arizona. This high desert mountain plateau south of Tucson enjoys a unique climate, soil and growth season similar to the wine growing regions of Rioja, Spain and Rhone areas of France.

[Dos Cabezas WineWorks](#) – Dos Cabezas WineWorks is a family-owned and operated winery that challenges the perception that Arizona does not produce exceptional wines. Dos Cabezas WineWorks has been producing wines in Arizona since 1995. The winery was originally located on the 80 acre Dos Cabezas Vineyard near Willcox, AZ. Just after the harvest of 2006, winemaker Todd Bostock purchased the winery with the help of his wife Kelly and his parents Frank and Paula. The winery was moved to Sonoita, Arizona, close to the vineyard the family planted in Elgin in 2003.



The Verde Valley Wine Trail

Located in North Central Arizona, the [Verde Valley Wine Trail](#) gives visitors a glimpse of the unique and distinct wineries and vineyards located around the state. With 18 tasting rooms, the trail stretches from Cottonwood to Jerome and Clarkdale. You can also visit the charming vineyards and wineries of Cottonwood. With mountain terrains and lush landscapes, the city is a wine and nature-lovers delight. The highlights of this tour will include:

[Javelina Leap Vineyard & Winery](#) – A 10-acre estate vineyard with a fully equipped winery and tasting room. Here excellent handcrafted wines are made, one ton at a time, with extreme care and attention to the smallest of details. Enjoy four tasting flights here. Feel free to take a walk among the grapevines!

[Winery 1912](#) – Arizona’s largest vineyard, Dagoon Mountain Vineyard, thrives in Southeast Arizona and features some of the most diverse and delicious wines that the region has to offer.

[Page Springs Cellars & Vineyard](#) – Page Spring Cellars & Vineyard is a family-owned winery overlooking beautiful Oak Creek Canyon. Their experienced staff can suggest five tasting flights to delight your palate. The photogenic vineyard is also a great spot for some incredible pictures.

[DA Ranch](#) – Historic D.A. Ranch is a family-owned vineyard located in the heart of Verde Valley. The vineyard’s lush grounds have a 100-year history that offers charming views and 100% estate-grown wines.

[Oak Creek Vineyard & Winery](#) – Serving fantastic area wines since 2002. Taste a wonderful selection of wines while relaxing in the newly renovated tasting room. Experience four tasting flights.

[Clear Creek Vineyard & Winery](#) – Clear Creek Vineyard and Winery, located in the fertile Verde Valley, completed a brand new winery facility in 2014. With mountain vistas and clear ponds surrounding the gorgeous, green grounds of Clear Creek, the vineyard serves some of the most mature wines in the state.

[Alcantara Vineyards](#) – Opened in 2004, Alcantara Vineyards is a family-owned vineyard that has more than 13,000 wines and 12 different varietals. The vineyard combines peaceful landscapes with exquisite wines to create a true gem nuzzled in the heart of the Verde Valley. Alcantara Vineyards is also a popular destination stop along the [Water to Wine Tour](#).

[Arizona Stronghold](#) – Arizona Strongholds’ varietals are grown near Willcox at Bonita Springs Vineyard, and offer unique wines that highlight the “wild and fierce regions” that Arizona has to offer.

[Chateau Tumbleweed](#) – Chateau Tumbleweed, created in 2011, is one of Clarkdale’s first commercial wineries. This cozy, tasting room specializes in absurdity and uses locally-sourced produce to create some of the most unique wines in the state.

[Four Eight Wineworks Tasting Room](#) – Four Eight Wineworks is Northern Arizona’s first winemaker’s Co-Operative. Located in Clarkdale, Four Eight works as an incubator program for new winemakers and allows visitors to sample the creations of featured winemakers in their charming tasting room.

[Kief-Joshua Vineyards](#) – This family-owned vineyard is located in Elgin, Arizona. Kief-Joshua has been designated by the federal government as the second American Viticulture Area (AVA) in Arizona. The 20-acre Vineyard is also a popular destination stop on the Sonoita Arizona Wine Tour, which boasts 10 different tasting rooms.

[Merkin Vineyards Osteria](#) – This Cottonwood-based tasting room and restaurant uses locally sourced ingredients to produce Italian country-inspired food. Their wines are made from Willcox fruit and their fruit is produced from the Verde Valley orchard and greenhouses.

[Pillsbury Wine Company](#) – Pillsbury Wine Company produces twenty-two, 100% Cochise County, Arizona wines at the 100-acre Willcox Bench Vineyard and Winery. The vineyard was named “*Best Arizona Winery*” by MSN and was called, “one of the rising stars of the Southwest by *Wine Spectator Magazine*.”