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# Wine Trail Traveler Newsletter

## Discover Wisconsin Wine

In case you haven't had a Wisconsin wine yet, you should try them. On our recent visit to Wisconsin, we discovered 17 wineries between Madison and Sturgeon Bay. Most of the wineries we visited focus on growing and using the cold weather grapes as well as sourcing grapes from California, New York and Washington.

### Wisconsin Weather

While we were in Wisconsin even the long time residents seemed surprised at the nice June weather. It was delightfully warm and sunny with a light breeze. However, many residents were quick to point out how short the growing season is and how cold the winter can be. Last winter, near Madison, the temperatures dipped to -30° for five straight days. A winemaker commented that the residents just run from one building to another during the winter.

### Wisconsin Vineyards

Growing and maintaining vineyards can be difficult with such cold temperatures. Despite difficulties, Wisconsin vineyards cover almost 700 acres. At Stone's Throw Winery, their one-acre vineyard has only yielded grapes for harvest three years out of twelve. The owner and winemaker decided to pull the vines out, renew the soil and will plant new vines next spring.

Growing grapes in Wisconsin has positive aspects. There is little humidity compared to the east coast. Mildew and black spot are not as abundant as in the humid areas of the country. Insects are also not a significant problem.

### Grape Varieties

The majority of wineries we visited focus on producing wine from Frontenac, Marechal Foch, La Crosse, La Crescent and St. Pepin. A few grape growers have some vinifera vines including Pinot Noir, Gewürztraminer and Chardonnay. However, the extreme cold temperatures of this area affect most vinifera grapes, making it difficult to have a good harvest



*Perfect June weather at Botham Vineyards in Barneveld, Wisconsin*

every year.

Wisconsin currently has more than 50 wineries. These include large wineries and small, boutique wineries. While many of the wineries are spaced far apart, a few are closer together. For instance, we visited five wineries that were within 40 minutes of Sturgeon Bay.

With the University of Minnesota researching and finding cold weather grape varieties that grow in the coldest areas of the United States, Wisconsin is well on its way to playing a significant role in the wine industry. Research will continue while they discover the best wine grapes to grow.

### Fruit Wines

Wisconsin is well known for its fruit and we noticed an abundance of fruit wines. Whether you are looking for apple, pear or raspberry wines, you will most likely discover a Wisconsin winery that makes one you like. One of the unusual wineries we visited was Æppel Treow Winery. This winery produces several different apple still wines, sparkling and cider. Many of these are produced from unusual, hard-to-find apple varieties. Kerrigan Brothers Winery offers a large selection of fruit wines. Here the owner and winemaker,

enjoys trying different fruit wines and has even produced a Tomato-Jalapeno wine.

Wisconsin wineries we visited included Botham Vineyards, Wollersheim Winery, Æppel Treow Winery, Captain's Walk Winery, Cedar Creek Winery, Door Peninsula Winery, Kerrigan Brothers Winery, Ledgestone Vineyards, Mason Creek Winery, Orchard Country Winery & Market, Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery, Red Oak Vineyard, Simon Creek Vineyard and Winery, Stone's Throw Winery, Trout Springs Winery, Vines to Cellar Winery and von Stiehl Winery. Each one offers a different experience. When you visit Wisconsin, be sure to stop at nearby wineries and see what they have to offer.

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## Summer Vacations in Wine Regions

Almost everyone has heard of the famed Napa Valley region in the United States. Napa Valley has the beautiful scenery with rising mountains in the distance. The rolling hills covered with grapevines and highlighted in February with yellow mustard are a delight to the eye.

The U.S. has several areas that should also rank high in delightful scenery and quality wines. Wines vary as the different terroirs can make a significant difference in the final wine product. However, every region has quality wines.

During the past two and a half years, we have visited several areas that would be delightful to visit and vacation in that have wineries as an alternate activity. Below are a few of the regions we have enjoyed. Wineries are relatively close together and there are other recreational activities.

### Temecula Valley, California

North of San Diego, Temecula Valley is home to more than 20 wineries within a short driving distance of each other. A number of the wineries offer restaurants with gourmet quality food. The area is known for hot air ballooning and there are outdoor activities including hiking.

### Palisades, Colorado

Palisades, Colorado is a four-hour drive from Denver and about 30 minutes from Grand Junction. In and around Palisades, visitors will discover numerous wineries. A stay at the Wine Country Inn will provide vacationers with bikes to ride to some wineries. The inn also has a swimming pool. For dinner, check out the Red Rose Café where they proudly serve locally produced wines. Palisades is also popularly known as the nation's "fruit basket." Not far away is Grand Junction where Two Rivers Winery & Chateau offer a delightful wine tasting and lodging.

### Finger Lakes, New York

Keuka, Seneca and Cayuga Lakes provide the warmth that the Finger Lakes vineyards need and many wineries are located throughout the region. Swimming, boating and hiking are among some of the activities to be discovered. Check out the New York State parks located in the area.

### Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania

Consider a vacation focusing on the history of the United States and visits to

# Food and Wine

## Recipe with Wine

Wisconsin and cheese go hand in hand. Add wine and you have the perfect combination.

### Cheese Fondue

#### Ingredients

1 clove garlic  
1-1/2 lb. Swiss Cheese, cut into cubes  
2 c Chardonnay wine  
Ground pepper  
Cubed French or Italian bread

#### Directions

1. In a saucepan, rub the open garlic clove over the bottom of pan. Put in the cheese and wine. Melt until cheese is smooth, stirring constantly. Season with pepper.
2. Pour the cheese sauce into the fondue pot and keep warm at low heat.
3. To serve, dip the bread cubes into the sauce and enjoy.

Provided by Wollersheim Winery, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

several wineries in the area. Visit Pearce's glass where at certain hours you can view handcrafted glass. Go the second level for their gallery and a restaurant. Travelers can tour Longwood Gardens, Winterthur Museum & Gardens, and Brandywine Battlefield Park.

### Northern Virginia, Virginia

Visits to many of the Northern Virginia wineries can also be combined with many historical visits including the Civil War. Travelers will want to save time to visit many of the Nation's landmarks while in Northern Virginia to visit the wineries.

### Central Virginia, Virginia

Charlottesville, Virginia is famous for Monticello. Although wineries in this area are a bit farther apart, travelers can choose from over twenty diverse wineries. They can enjoy the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and rolling hills. Consider the possibilities of fishing, swimming, camping and canoeing.

### Hill Country, Texas

In Hill Country, you will put on more miles. However, we consider it worth the effort to visit these very friendly wineries and taste their wines.

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## Announcing the New Wine Trail Traveler Quarterly

The monthly Wine Trail Traveler newsletter is evolving to a quarterly publication. The August, September and October editions will be replaced by the 2009 Fall edition. The new format will be available for free as a pdf file. For months we have been discussing reformatting the newsletter into a magazine. The quarterly will include wine-related articles, photos, book reviews, wine tips, wine and food pairings, recipes, letters to the editor and the Wine Trail Traveler Partners.

Classified advertisements will be accepted beginning August 15, 2009. For more information, contact Terry at [winetrailtraveler.com](http://winetrailtraveler.com).

Questions or Comments, contact Kathy or Terry at [winetrailtraveler.com](http://winetrailtraveler.com).

### Recipes with Wine Request

If you have a recipe with wine as an ingredient or a recipe that pairs well with a wine, consider submitting it to the Wine Trail Traveler website.

# Wine Trail Traveler Partners

## California



### Temecula Valley Quality Wine Alliance

951-526-4540



### Temecula Valley Wine Growers Association

34567 Rancho California Road  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1601  
Temecula, CA 92593  
Phone: 800-801-9463



### Briar Rose

41720 Calle Cabrillo  
Temecula, California 92592



### Keyways Vineyard & Winery

37338 De Portola Road  
Temecula, California 92592



### Thornton Winery

32575 Rancho California Road  
Temecula, CA

## Colorado



### Balistreri Vineyards

1946 E. 66th Ave.  
Denver, Colorado 80229



### Garfield Estates Vineyard & Winery

3572 G Road  
Palisade, Colorado 81526



### Garlic Mike's

2674 Hwy 135  
Gunnison, Colorado 81230  
970-641-2493



### Garlic Mike's

103 Rose Lane  
Montrose, Colorado 81401  
970-249-4381



### Two Rivers Winery & Chateau

2087 Broadway  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81503



### Valley of the Wind Winery Tasting Room & Suite

120 Riverside Drive  
Estes Park, Colorado



### The Wine Country Inn

777 Grande River Drive  
Palisade, CO 81526

## Michigan



### Bucci Ristorante

20217 Mack Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan



### Country Hermitage Bed & Breakfast

7710 US 31 N  
Williamsburg, Michigan 49690



### Chateau Chantal

15900 Rue de Vin  
Traverse City, MI 49686

## Nevada



### Pahrump Valley Winery

3810 Winery Road  
Pahrump, Nevada 89048

## New York



### Masten Designs

2710 Astoria Blvd. Apt. 2C  
Astoria NY 11102



### North Fork Wine Tours

PO Box 805  
Greenport, NY 11944



### The Halsey House

2057 Trumansburg Road  
Trumansburg, NY 14886



### Three Brothers Wineries & Estates

623 Lerch Road,  
Geneva, NY 14456

## Ontario, Canada



### Hilton Garden Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake

500 York Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario  
L0S 1J0  
Phone 905-984-4200  
Toll free: 866-777-9877

## Wisconsin



### Homewood Suites by Hilton

479 Commerce Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin 53719

## Wine Trail Traveler Partners

### Ohio



**Ferrante Winery**  
5585 N River Road W (State Rt. 307)  
Geneva, Ohio 44041



**Ferrante Winery & Ristorante**  
5585 N River Road W (State Rt. 307)  
Geneva, Ohio 44041



**Grand River Cellars**  
5750 South Madison Rd. (Route 528)  
Madison, Ohio 44057



**Laurello Vineyards**  
4573 State Route 307 East,  
Geneva, Ohio 44041



**Winery at Versailles**  
6572 St Rt 47  
Versailles, Ohio 45380

### Oregon



**Kramer Vineyards**  
26830 NW Olson Road  
Gaston, OR 97119-8039

### Pennsylvania



**Paradocx Vineyard**  
1833 Flint Hill Road  
Landenberg, PA 19350



**The Winery at Wilcox**  
1867 Mefferts Run Road  
Wilcox, Pennsylvania 15870



**Hilton Garden Inn, Kennett Square**  
815 E. Baltimore Pike  
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348  
Phone (610) 444-9100

### Texas



**Brennan Vineyards**  
802 South Austin Street  
Comanche, Texas 76442



**Fredericksburg Winery**  
247 West Main Street  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624



**Grape Creek Vineyards**  
10587 East Highway 290  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

### Texas *continued*



**Mandola Estate Winery**  
13308 Fm 150 W  
Driftwood, TX 78619-9274



**Rancho Ponte Vineyard**  
315 Ranch Road 1376  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624



**Spicewood Vineyards**  
1419 County Road 409  
Spicewood, Texas 78669



**Texas Legato**  
2935 FM 1478  
Lampasas, Texas 76550

### Virginia



**Barrel Oak Winery**  
3623 Grove Lane  
Delaplane, Virginia 20144



**Chateau O'Brien at Northpoint**  
3238 Rail Stop Road  
Markham, VA 22643



**Kluge Estate Winery & Vineyards**  
100 Grand Cru Drive  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902



**Miracle Valley Vineyard**  
3661 Double J Lane  
Delaplane, VA 20144



**Pearmund Cellars**  
6190 Georgetown Road  
Broad Run, VA 20137



**Three Fox Vineyards**  
10100 Three Fox Lane  
Delaplane, VA 20144



**Veritas Vineyard & Winery**  
145 Saddleback Farm  
Afton, Virginia 22920



**Vint Hill Craft Winery**  
7150 Lineweaver Road  
Vint Hill, Virginia 20187



**White Fences Vineyard & Winery**  
170 White Fences Drive  
Irvington, VA 22480



**The Winery at La Grange**  
4970 Antioch Road  
Haymarket, Virginia 20169