**WASHINGTON STATE WINE**

**Terrific Terroir**

Great wine begins with nature—and Washington is blessed with a climate and a soil structure that produces some of the best fruit in the world across 14 distinct AVAs. These are just a few of the reasons Washington State is The New Epicenter of Wine.

**LOCATION**

Washington State shares the same latitude as top wine regions in Europe. With this northern latitude and a growing season that sees up to 17 hours of sunlight a day, Washington's geography and climate delivers a perfect balance of New World fruit with Old World structure.

**FIRE & ICE**

- **Volcanic Foundation.** The largest lava flows ever documented formed a basalt foundation ideal for viticulture.
- **Epic Floods.** Thousands of years ago cataclysmic floods inundated eastern and central Washington—bringing with them soils uniquely suited for growing grapes.
- **The Columbia River.** The fourth largest river in North America is the main source of irrigation for the majority of Washington's vineyards.

**CLIMATE**

- **Annual Rainfall:** 140 in (610 cm)
- **40 in (102 cm)**
- **6-8 in (15-20 cm)**

**Temperature**

- **Warm days and cool nights help maintain the natural acidity of the grapes.**

Washington State has some of the most dramatic day and night temperature fluctuations of any wine region.

**CLIMATE**

- **92°F (33°C)**
- **45°F (7°C)**

**Rain Shadow Effect.** Two mountain ranges create a rain shadow effect that protects the Columbia Valley from wet weather systems. The result of this is a perfect climate for growing grapes in the warm and dry eastern part of the state. This region benefits from over 300 days of sunshine every year.

**TEMPERATURE**

- **970+ Wineries & Counting**
- **4 New Wineries Open Every Month on Average**
- **58,000 Acres of Wine Grapes**

...AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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WASHINGTON STATE | AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREAS

14 UNIQUE GROWING REGIONS
Total Wine Grape Acres: 58,000+/ Hectares: 23,471+

- Columbia Valley
- Yakima Valley
- Walla Walla Valley
- Red Mountain
- Snipes Mountain
- Wahluke Slope
- Columbia Gorge
- Yakima Valley
- Lake Chelan
- Naches Heights
- Rattlesnake Hils
- Tri-Cities
- Yakima Valley
- Lewis-Clark Valley
- Columbia Valley

PORT ANGELES
PORTLAND
PULLMAN
SEATTLE
SNIPES MOUNTAIN
SPokane
TWIN-CITIES
WALLA WALLA