

WINERIES

- SALMON ARM Map A
- Granite Creek Estate Wines2302 Skimikin Road 250-835-0049
 - LAKE COUNTRY Map B
- 2 Gray Monk Estate Winery 1055 Camp Road 1-800-663-4205
- 3 Arrowleaf Cellars 1574 Camp Road 250-766-2992
 - KELOWNA MAP C
- 4 Sandhill/Peller Estates/Calona Vineyards 1125 Richter Street 1-888-246-4472
- 5 Tantalus Vineyards 1670 DeHart Road 250-764-0078
- 6 Summerhill Pyramid Organic Winery 4870 Chute Lake Road 1-800-667-3538
- 7 St. Hubertus & Oak Bay Estate Winery 5205 Lakeshore Road 1-800-989-9463
- 8 CedarCreek Estate Winery 5445 Lakeshore Road 250-764-8866
 - MT. BOUCHERIE
- Rollingdale Winery 2306 Hayman Road 250-769-9224
- Little Straw Vineyards Estate Winery 2815 Ourtoland Road 250-769-0404
- Mount Boucherie Estate Winery 829 Douglas Road 250-769-8803
- Quails' Gate Estate Winery 3303 Boucherie Road 250-769-4451
- Mission Hill Family Estate Winery 1730 Mission Hill Road 250-768-6448
- Kalala Organic Estate Winery 3361 Glencoe Road 250-768-9700

SUMMERLAND/PENTICTON/ NARAMATA – Map D

- First Estate Cellars 5078 Cousins Place 250-767-6465
- Deep Creek Wine Estate & Hainle Vineyards Estate Winery 5355 Trepanier Bench Rd 1-800-767-3109
- Greata Ranch Vineyards 697 Hwy 97 South 250-767-2768
- (18) Hijas Bonitas Vineyard & Boutique Winery 20623 McDougald Road 250-494-5208
- Sumac Ridge Estate Winery 17403 Highway 97 North 250-494-0451
- Thornhaven Estates Winery 6816 Andrew Avenue 250-494-7778
- Dirty Laundry Vineyard 7311 Fiske Street 250-494-8815
- 22 8th Generation Vineyard 6807 Hwy 97 250-494-1783
- Sonoran Estate Winery 5716 Gartrell Road 250-494-9323
- Mistral Estate Winery 250 Upper Bench Road 250-770-1738
- Stonehill Estate Winery 170 South Upper Bench Rd 250-770-1733
- Township 7 Vineyards & Winery 1450 McMillan Avenue 250-770-1743
- Red Rooster Winery891 Naramata Road 250-492-2424
- Poplar Grove Winery 1060 Poplar Grove Road 250-493-9463
- Black Widow Winery 1630 Naramata Road 250-487-2347
- 30 Soaring Eagle Estate Winery 1751 Naramata Road 250-490-4965
- 3 Zero Balance Vineyard 1865 Naramata Road 250-493-3470
- Lang Vineyards 2493 Gammon Road 250-496-5987
- Lake Breeze Vineyards 930 Sammet Road 250-496-5659
- Therapy Vineyards 940 Debeck Road 250-496-5217
- Van Westen Vineyards 850 Boothe Road 250-496-0067 By appointment only.

OKANAGAN VALLEY

CLIMATE

The Okanagan Valley, the largest appellation in British Columbia, lies in a rain shadow between the Coastal and Monashee mountain ranges. This results in very low annual average rainfall. The area between Oliver and the border is the northernmost tip of the Sonora Desert, which stretches north from the Baja Peninsula in Mexico through the USA up into BC.

Summers are generally very hot: average temperatures in July and August are warmer than in the Napa Valley. Summer daytime temperatures can reach the upper 30's, and are often above 30°C for several days in a row. Summer daylight hours are extraordinarily long and the light is extremely intense due to the northerly latitude. In late June, daybreak is as early as 4:00 a.m. and nightfall as late as 10:30 p.m. This results in prolonged daytime photosynthesis and grape ripening.

In summer, there can be a four-degree average daily difference in temperature between Kelowna and Osoyoos. This leads to a prevalence of later-ripening red varieties in the south and white varieties in the cooler north. Precipitation is spread evenly throughout the year and wind is not a major concern. Okanagan Lake provides a moderating effect that prevents damage to vines from freezing.

SOILS

Mapping of the soils, vineyards and local climates of each area shows widespread differences throughout the valley. The southern part of the valley around Osoyoos has deep sandy soils, while the northern area around Kelowna is alluvial and volcanic with nutrients laid down over a period of 50 million years.

TOPOGRAPHY

Several lakes run along the valley floor, the biggest of which is Lake Okanagan at 144 kilometres long and 3.5 kilometres average width. It is over 750 metres at its deepest point and is the source of much-needed water for irrigation. The northern part of the Okanagan Valley, between Kelowna and Naramata, is narrow and marked by steep hillsides. The area for planting vineyards is limited. The Naramata Bench area, near Penticton, is marked by sloping vineyards in close proximity to the lake, with excellent exposure to the afternoon sun. The sandy bench provides the well-drained soil environment that vines love.

NORTH OKANAGAN SUB-REGIONS

KELOWNA

1,200 degree days.

Heavier soils with sandy loam, clay and limestone.

GRAPES GROWN

Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Chardonnay, and others.

NARAMATA

1,319 degree days.

Long frost-free autumn due to lake proximity and sloping aspect.

GRAPES GROWN

Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, and others.

TOURING TIPS

DESIGNATED DRIVER

Wines should be consumed responsibly. DO NOT taste and drive. Each winery will offer you several samples over the course of a tour, and it is easy to consume too much wine to be able to drive. Plan ahead and choose a designated driver before you begin your tour.

STRATEGIZE

Give your tour some focus and decide to taste reds or whites only. Or be even more specific and taste Merlots only. That way you're comparing apples to apples and can explore how a wine changes from vineyard to vineyard, winemaker to winemaker.

EAT

Many wineries have restaurants. Take advantage of one to break up your tour and, more importantly, to enjoy a spectacular meal. If you're more of a do-it-yourself type, bring along a picnic lunch as some wineries have picnic areas.

BUY

Many of the wines you'll taste at a winery won't be available anywhere else, so if you like one, buy it right then and there. Most wineries will happily loan you an empty case to put in the trunk of your car to store your purchases.

BC VQA WINE STORES

BC WINE MUSEUM 1304 Ellis Street, Kelowna, BC 250-868-0441

DISCOVER WINES

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You can get to any British Columbia winery by following the wine route signs. If you lose your way, keep your eyes open for the signs and you'll get back on track.



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