

WINE REGIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:
SOUTH OKANAGAN
AND SIMILKAMEEN

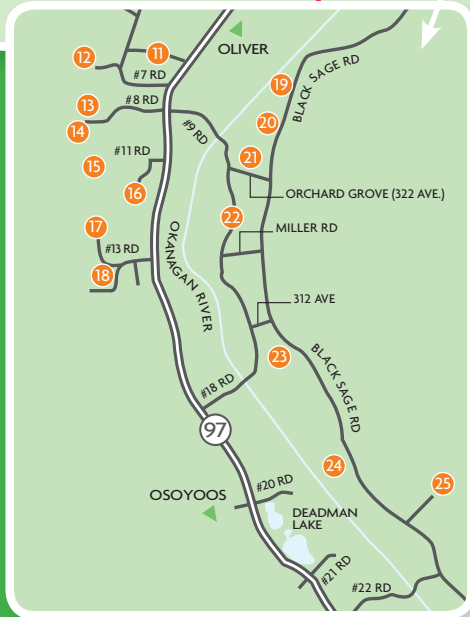
MAP A. SIMILKAMEEN



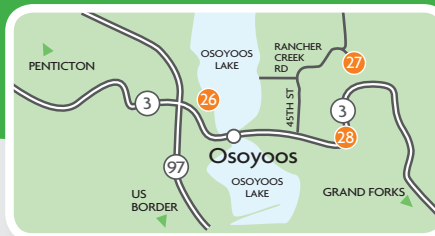
MAP B. OKANAGAN FALLS/NORTH OLIVER



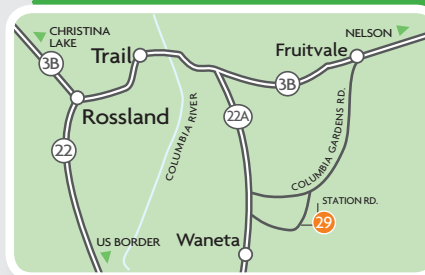
MAP C. BLACK SAGE BENCH/GOLDEN MILE



MAP D. OSOYOOS



MAP E. KOOTENAYS



WINERIES

SIMILKAMEEN – Map A

- 1 K Mountain Vineyards
3045 Hwy 3 250-499-7052
- 2 Robin Ridge Winery
2686 Middle Bench Road 250-499-5504
- 3 Herder Winery & Vineyards
2582 Upper Bench Road 250-499-5595
- 4 Crowsnest Vineyards
2036 Surprise Drive 250-499-5129

OKANAGAN FALLS – Map B

- 5 Wild Goose Vineyards & Winery
2145 Sun Valley Way 250-497-8919
- 6 Noble Ridge Vineyard & Winery
2320 Oliver Ranch Road 250-497-7945
- 7 See Ya Later Ranch
2575 Green Lake Road 250-497-8267
- 8 Meyer Family Vineyards
4287 McLean Creek Road 250-497-8553

NORTH OLIVER

- 9 Dunham & Froese Estate Winery
North on Seacrest Rd. From Hwy. 97
250-498-9463
- 10 Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate
38691 Hwy 97 North 250-498-4500

BLACK SAGE BENCH/GOLDEN MILE
Map C

- 11 Chandra Estate Winery
33264 121st Street (Road 5A) 250-485-4081
- 12 Tinhorn Creek Vineyards
32830 Tinhorn Creek Rd 1-888-484-6467
- 13 Gehringer Brothers Estate Winery
13166 Road 8 250-498-3537
- 14 Hester Creek Estate Winery
13163 Road 8 250-498-4435
- 15 Willow Hill Wines
12315 326 Avenue (Road 8) 250-498-6198
- 16 Inniskillin Okanagan Vineyards
32074 Road 11 West 250-498-6663
- 17 Antelope Ridge
32057 Road 13 250-498-6966
- 18 Road 13 Vineyards
13140 Road 13 250-498-8330
- 19 Quinta Ferreira Estate Winery
34664 71st Street 250-498-4756
- 20 Le Vieux Pin
34070 73rd Street 250-498-8388
- 21 Stoneboat Vineyards
7148 Orchard Grove Lane 250-498-2226
- 22 Church & State – Okanagan
31120 87th Street 250-652-2671
- 23 Black Hills Estate Winery
30880 71st Street 250-498-0666
- 24 Desert Hills Estate Winery
30480 Black Sage Road 250-498-1040
- 25 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery
100 Burrowing Owl Place
1-877-498-0620

OSOYOOS – Map D

- 26 LaStella Winery
8123 148th Avenue 250-495-8180
- 27 Nk'Mip Cellars
1400 Rancher Creek Road 250-495-2985
- 28 Twisted Tree Vineyards & Winery
3628 Hwy 3 East 250-495-5161

KOOTENAYS – Map E

- 29 Columbia Gardens Vineyard & Winery
9340 Station Road 250-367-7493



WINE REGIONS OF
 BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our land, revealed.

SOUTH 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. This results in prolonged daytime photosynthesis and grape ripening.

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. It is over 750 metres at its deepest point and is the source of much-needed water for irrigation. Higher-altitude vineyards, some of which are planted on slopes, mark the Okanagan Falls area. From Oliver to Osoyoos, the valley fans out with flatter land in the Golden Mile and Black Sage Road areas. Many of the region's grapes and wineries are located here.

GRAPES GROWN

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Chardonnay, Syrah and others.

SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

CLIMATE

The average annual number of degree days from 1998 to 2003 was 1,360. Winters in the Similkameen can be colder than the Okanagan Valley because of the absence of a lake to moderate the temperature. Due to the high mountains on both sides of the narrow valley, and the radiation of heat from adjacent rock faces, summer heat is held in the valley long after sunset. The valley is warm and arid with persistent winds that can reduce the moisture in the vines and the soil.

SOILS

Various soil types, including stony, gravelly, and silty loams from glacial rock formation.

TOPOGRAPHY

A long narrow valley with spectacular, steep mountainsides with the Similkameen river running throughout the long valley and into Washington State.

GRAPES GROWN

Merlot, Gamay Noir, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and others.

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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.

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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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Our land, revealed.