

Wineries **AND** Vineyards

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Texas Wine Industry Facts

Texas is the site of the first vineyard established in North America by Franciscan priests circa 1662. As European settlers followed the development of mission outposts, they brought more grapevine cuttings, further developing the industry through the 1800s.

Today Texas has approximately 2,700 acres of producing vineyard farmland. The U.S. Department of Treasury through the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau officially designates American Viticulture (Grape Growing) Areas, or AVAs. Texas has eight AVAs although many vineyards exist outside the specified AVAs. For a wine to mention an AVA on the label, 75% of the volume of wine must come from grapes grown in that designated region.



Texas has eight recognized American Viticultural Areas (AVA).

Texas High Plains: Located west of Lubbock in the Panhandle at an elevation of 3000-4000 feet, the climate of this appellation is very dry. While the AVA encompasses over 8 million acres, there were approximately 3500 acres dedicated to grape growing in 2005.

Escondido Valley: This appellation established in 1992 covers 50 square miles in Pecos County in far West Texas, located near Fort Stockton.

Texas Hill Country: Located west of Austin and San Antonio, this appellation, like Texas, is large. It is the second largest AVA in the USA, containing more than 9 million acres. Two smaller appellations, listed below, have been designated within the Texas Hill Country due to the unique micro-climates they embody. Many wineries are located in this scenic area.

Bell Mountain (within Texas Hill Country): Designated in 1986, it is the first established AVA in Texas, covering five square acres about 15 miles north of Fredricksburg.

Fredricksburg (within Texas Hill Country): This viticultural area covers about 110 acres with approximately 60 under vine.

Mesilla Valley: Located at the far western tip of the Texas border north and west of El Paso, this area is hot and dry with a long growing season and approximately 40 acres of cultivated grapes.

Texas Davis Mountains: With about 50 acres planted with vines, this west Texas appellation is cool and wet at an elevation ranging from 4,500 to 8,300 feet.

Texoma: Located in north-central Texas, this area contains approximately 3,650 square miles along the Texas-Oklahoma line.

Texas Wine Varietals

A Varietal describes a wine made primarily from a single named grape variety, and which typically displays the name of that variety on the wine label.



White Wine Varietals

Chardonnay

Clean, crisp, well-balanced white with big flavors of citrus and oak. *Pair oak-aged with light beef with cream sauces or smoked chicken; unoaked with lobster and veal.*

Blanc du Bois

Light, fresh-finished white with notes of grapefruit and apples. *Pair with fish with lemon butter sauce, pasta Alfredo and pineapple chicken.*

Pinot Grigio

Creamy, slightly perfumed white with rich color and a fresh palate. *Pair with TexMex, gulf fried shrimp and oysters.*

Viognier

Intense, slightly spicy white with notes of floral, peach and apricot. *Pair with lettuce wraps (Chinese), white fish with mango salsa and paella.*

Riesling

Crisp, unobtrusive white accented by rich, fruit flavors and a floral bouquet. *Pair with Indian cuisine, Greek salad and Jamaican pork.*

Sauvignon Blanc

Silky smooth white with floral, grassy and delicate herbal properties. *Pair with fish, shrimp, cream soups and veggies.*

Chenin Blanc

Delicate, floral white with a dry, well-balanced finish. *Pair with cheese crepes, quiche and Waldorf salad.*

Orange Muscat

Fruity, sweet white with notes of gooseberry and orange peel. *Pair with ice cream, dark chocolate and smoked salmon.*

Muscat Blanc

Light, fragrant white accented by coriander, peach and citrus flavors. *Pair with fish, pasta, raw vegetables and soups.*

Muscat Canelli

Fresh, fruity white retaining the zesty flavors of the grape. *Pair with chocolate, fresh fruit, fish and pasta.*

Gewurtztraminer

Full-bodied, pungent white characterized by fruity, nutty flavors. *Pair with BBQ, sushi and blackened fish.*

Semillon

Bold and oaky, this sweet white carries hints of honey and figs. *Pair with fried catfish, olive tapenade and fried chicken, as well as blue cheese or crème brûlée.*

Red Wine Varietals

Malbec

Complex, tannin-laden red with lush flavors of plums, berries and spice. *Pair with beef dishes, turkey and hearty stews.*

Tempranillo

Lush, smoky red with a hint of vanilla and rich, dark fruits. *Pair with pizza, cabrito and tamales.*

Syrah

Smoky red with soft tannins, toasted oak, berries and plums. *Pair with beef stew, grilled meats, pizza and wild game.*

Sangiovese

Smooth-textured red varietal spiced with wild raspberries and licorice. *Pair with beef, pork, pasta dishes and cheese.*

Zinfandel

Full-bodied, bold and fruity red bursting with berries and spice. *Pair with BBQ, red pasta sauce and pizza.*

Merlot

Medium-to-full bodied red with a subtle, herbaceous flavor and soft tannins. *Pair with meatloaf, grilled tuna and eggplant parmesan.*

Cabernet Sauvignon

Complex, hearty red with bold flavors of cherry, cedar and chocolate. *Pair with rack of lamb, T-bone steak and wild game.*

Pinot Noir

Rich, smooth red with delicate notes of black cherries and cloves. *Pair with duck, salmon and turkey.*

Lenoir

Deep, dark red with notes of raspberry, cinnamon, cherry-chocolate, clove and brown sugar. *Pair with raspberries and chocolate, as well as duck, venison and brisket.*

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- 2 Alamosa Wine Cellars**
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- 3 Perissos Vineyards & Winery**
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- 11 The Vineyard at Florence**
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- 12 Bell Mountain Vineyards**
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- 13 Chisholm Trail Winery**
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- 19 William Chris Vineyards**
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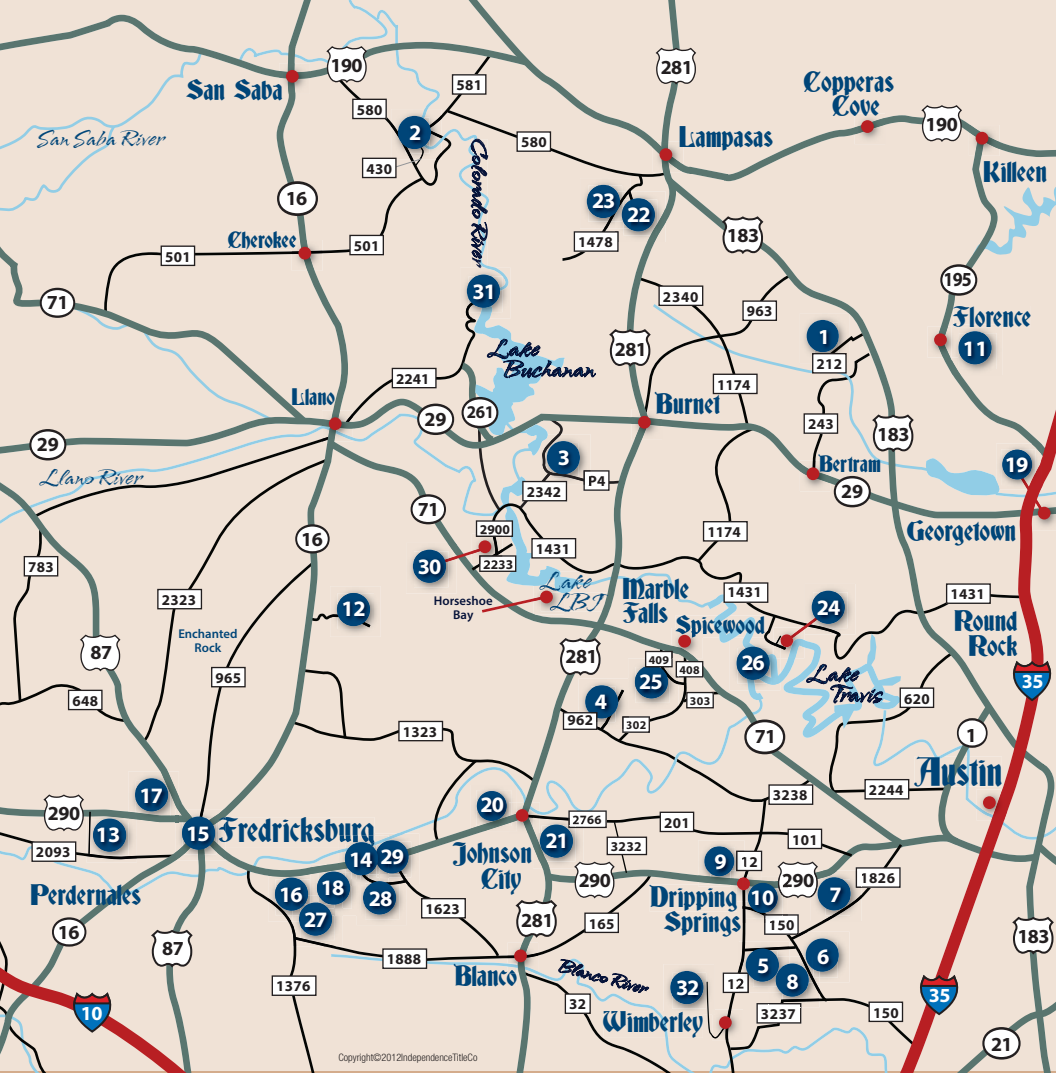
- 29 Lost Creek Vineyard**
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As Stephen F. Austin put it in 1821:
"Nature seems to have intended Texas for a vineyard to supply America with wines."

In the 1970s, as wine's popularity in the United States surged, researchers rediscovered that Texas had ideal grape-growing conditions. Research at Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas, particularly experimental plantings on the University of Texas land near Fort Stockton helped the fledgling industry take flight. The Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association was formed in

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9 **Val Verde Winery**
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www.valverdewinery.com

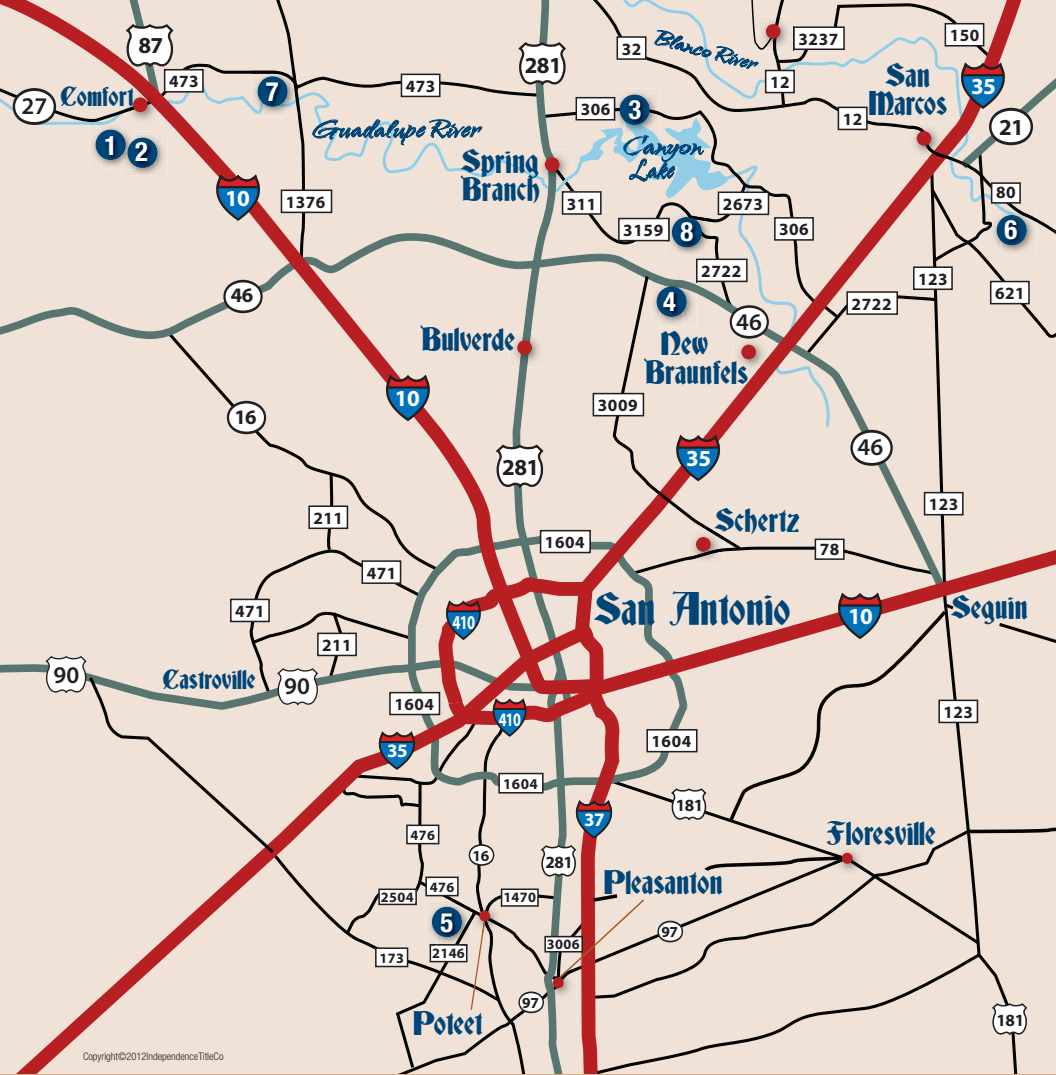
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1976, boosting the industry further. The Texas Department of Agriculture became involved in 1983, developing marketing strategy and promoting Texas wines through tastings, competitions, trade shows and other high-profile events. The Texas wine industry's growth has been phenomenal, from 50,000 gallons bottled in 1982 to more than 2.4 million gallons today.

Whether you spend a day, a weekend or a week in the Texas wine country, you're in for a great trip of world class wines, genuine Texas hospitality and a taste of an exciting agricultural industry

that has made Texas the fifth leading wine producing state in the US.

Texas wineries are as diverse as our landscape. You can visit boutique cellars tucked away on country roads and large wineries that dominate spacious vistas. You may even see pheasants land in a vineyard or longhorns ramble a pasture adjacent to rows of Cabernet vines. If time allows, pamper yourself at a charming winery bed and breakfast that will melt away the stress of fast-lane living.



Good things to know about great Texas wine

The Texas wine and grape industry is 5th in the United States for wine production with over 2 million gallons produced each year with a state economic impact of over 1.7 Billion Dollars. The number of wineries in the state of Texas has grown from 40 to 220 in the last 10 years. Source: Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association report.

Wineries

Texas currently has 220 commercial wineries; an increase of over 300% since 2000. Wine production in Texas within the last seven years has grown more than 30% to over 2.3 million gallons, ranking Texas as fifth in the United States of America in wine production.

Vineyards

Texas is the site of the first vineyard established in North America by Franciscan priests circa 1662. Texas now has approximately 3,400 acres of family owned vineyard land with eight American Viticulture Areas (AVAs).

Varieties

Texas grape growers and wine makers choose to work with European as well as non-viniferous, or non-European grapevines and fruit. These grapes are more resistant to specific challenges presented by growing conditions in Texas.

Texas grapes include Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc and Merlot. Texas wineries are also doing great work with grapes such as Sangiovese, Syrah, Riesling, Blanc du Bois and Viognier.

Wine Bars

Fine Wines and Relaxing Atmospheres

Central Texas wine bars run the gamut from old world ambiance to modern urban style. Look for lots of wine by the glass, wine-savvy servers or sommeliers to help you make informed selections, and liberal samples to help you decide on the perfect wine for your mood.

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