

The Illinois Wineries Guide



Welcome to Illinois Wine Country! With a rich winemaking tradition that remains authentic to this day, our state offers a variety of hand-crafted, award-winning vintages that will inspire a passion for Illinois wines. Friendly vintners, scenic vineyards, local crafts and charming bed and breakfasts make Illinois Wine Country the perfect destination for a weekend getaway.

Enjoy your visit!

Illinois Grape Varieties

Illinois winemakers use different grape varieties to produce a diversity of high-quality wines. The top eight grape varieties grown in the state cover more than 75 percent of the state's total grape acreage. Seven of these grapes—Chambourcin, Seyval, Vignoles, Chardonel, Frontenac, Foch and Vidal Blanc—are “French Hybrids,” developed by crossing French grapes, such as the Chardonnay, with native American vines. The result is grapes that produce excellent wine, but that are less susceptible to extreme cold—making them ideal for Illinois’ unpredictable weather. The other grape in the top eight, Norton, originated in colonial Virginia from native American vines.

Chambourcin is a late-ripening, dark blue-black grape that can produce a highly rated red wine with a reasonably full, slightly herbaceous flavor and aroma. Wines from this grape are higher in tannins (which gives wine a “dry” quality) than other French-American hybrids. Chambourcin grapes are usually used to produce claret or Bordeaux-style wines, but can also be used to make rosé.

Seyval is one of the most widely planted grapes east of the Rocky Mountains. At optimal maturity, its wines have attractive aromas of grass, hay and melon. It's often fermented or aged in oak to enhance the grape's neutral flavors and produce high-quality wine. Seyval produces food-friendly white wines that are often thought of as alternatives to Chardonnay.

Vignoles produces excellent white wines of many different styles. It's favored for dessert wines because of its ability to develop high sugar content while retaining high acidity. It is also made into dry and semisweet wines.

Chardonel was developed in the mid-1950s at Cornell University by crossing Chardonnay and Seyval vines to produce high-quality white wines with greater cold-hardiness than Chardonnay. Full-bodied, crisp and dry, Chardonel grapes produce European-style wines exhibiting toasty oak, ripe apple and pear flavors.

Vidal Blanc is becoming increasingly popular for its fresh and fruity characteristics. Similar in style to Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadet grapes, it has high sugar and acid levels and can be vinified in a variety of styles, from dry white wines to late-harvest sweet dessert wines to ice wines similar to German Eiswein.

Norton grapes produce a dark, inky red wine with flavors of plums and cherries. First developed in 1835 by a doctor in Virginia named Daniel Norton, it is sometimes also called Cynthiana, and is widely planted in the Midwest.

Marechal Foch is a very hardy red wine grape developed by the French breeder Eugene Kuhlmann. It thrives in the cooler climate of northern Illinois and can make excellent wines in several styles. It is among the most popular of french hybrid grapes globally.

Frontenac grape is the first of an exciting line of new varieties from the University of Minnesota. It is extremely hardy and disease resistant. A blue grape, it makes outstanding dessert wines with the flavor of chocolate-covered cherries.

The History of Illinois Wine

The Illinois wine industry has exploded in recent years, growing from just 12 wineries in 1997 to more than 90 today. During this time, the number of acres devoted to grape production has grown eightfold, and today Illinois is consistently among the top 12 wine-producing states. But while the industry's recent growth has been phenomenal, Illinois also enjoys a rich winemaking tradition that dates back to the 1700s:

1778

French settlers in La Ville de Maillet (what is now Peoria) bring the winemaking expertise of their homeland to Illinois. The village features a wine press and an underground wine vault.

1900

Illinois is the fourth-largest wine producing state in the nation.



Grape Cutters

1920

The Prohibition Act stops all legal winemaking. Some Illinois vineyards continue to grow grapes, which are shipped to northern markets as table grapes. Others uproot their vines to make way for corn and soybeans.

1933

Prohibition is repealed.

1857

Emile Baxter and Sons open a winery in Nauvoo along the banks of the Mississippi River. Baxter's Vineyards remains Illinois' oldest operating winery, run by a fifth generation of Baxters.



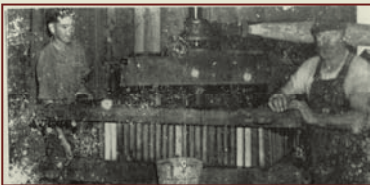
Vineyard-Nauvoo State Park

1984

Retired Southern Illinois University professor Guy Renzaglia establishes Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass, planting five acres of grape varieties unheard of in the region – Chancellor, Chambourcin, Vidal and Villard Blanc. These varieties have since become widely accepted by Midwestern wine drinkers.

1936

The Baxter family returns to producing wines for the first time since Prohibition.



Processing Grapes

1979

Fred E. Koehler and his wife purchase a large prairie-style house in Roselle and start making world-class wines as Lynfred Winery.

The Lawlor family in Galena opens Galena Cellars Winery.

2006

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Illinois Wine Trails



Heartland Rivers Wine Trail

Travelers will enjoy a variety of wineries and breathtaking vistas along the Mississippi River in Southwest Illinois. Here, locally crafted varietals range from sophisticated dry reds to sweet country wines.



Shawnee Hills Wine Trail

One of the most established wine making regions in the Midwest, the 25-mile trail connects wineries through the beautiful Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.



Illinois River Wine Trail

Located two hours south of Chicagoland, this central Illinois wine trail features wineries dotted along the Illinois River Road Scenic Byway.



Southern Illinois Wine Trail

Crafting exceptional wines from native Illinois grapes, the wineries that make up the Southern Illinois Wine Trail provide a serene environment surrounded by some of nature's treasures.



Northern Illinois Wine Trail

Located one to two hours northwest of Chicagoland, the Northern Illinois Wine Trail features wineries set among beautiful countryside and charming towns. The trail is divided into three separate loops for visitors' convenience.



Wabash Valley Wine Trail

Joining wineries located within the scenic Wabash River in the southeastern part of the state, this trail is dotted with historic towns and a rich collection of local art and antique shops.

Illinois Viticultural Areas

Upper Mississippi River Valley AVA

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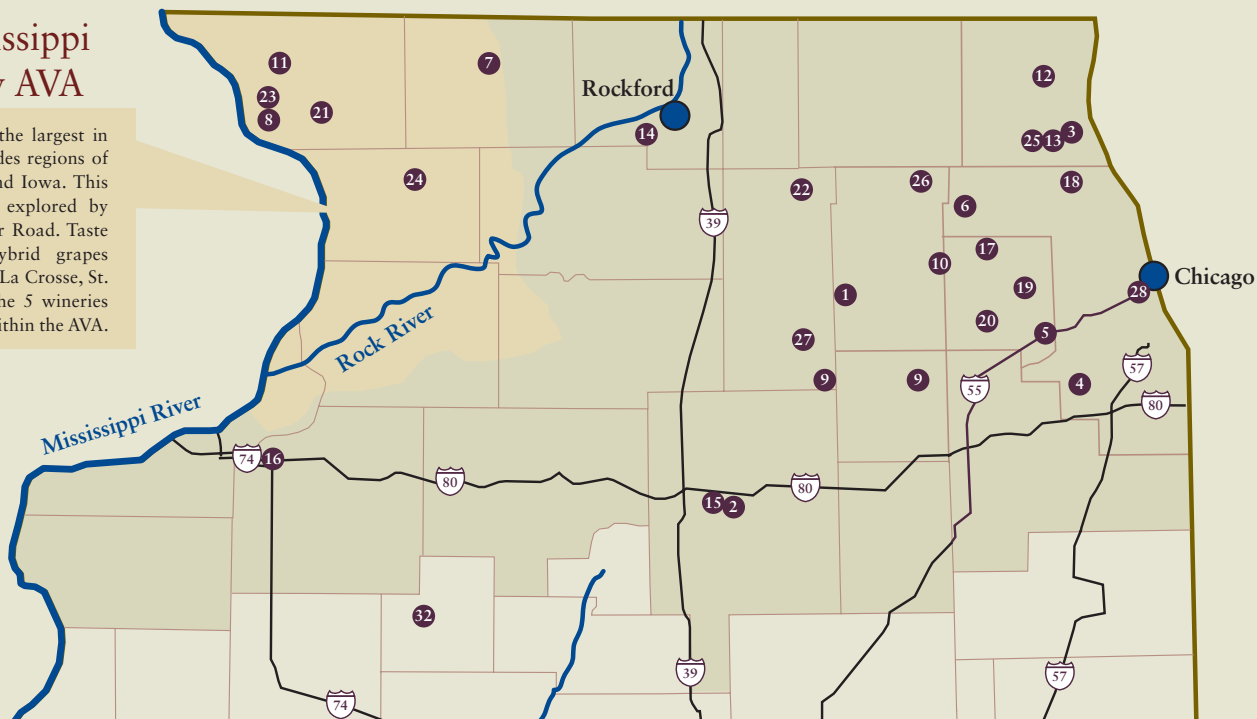
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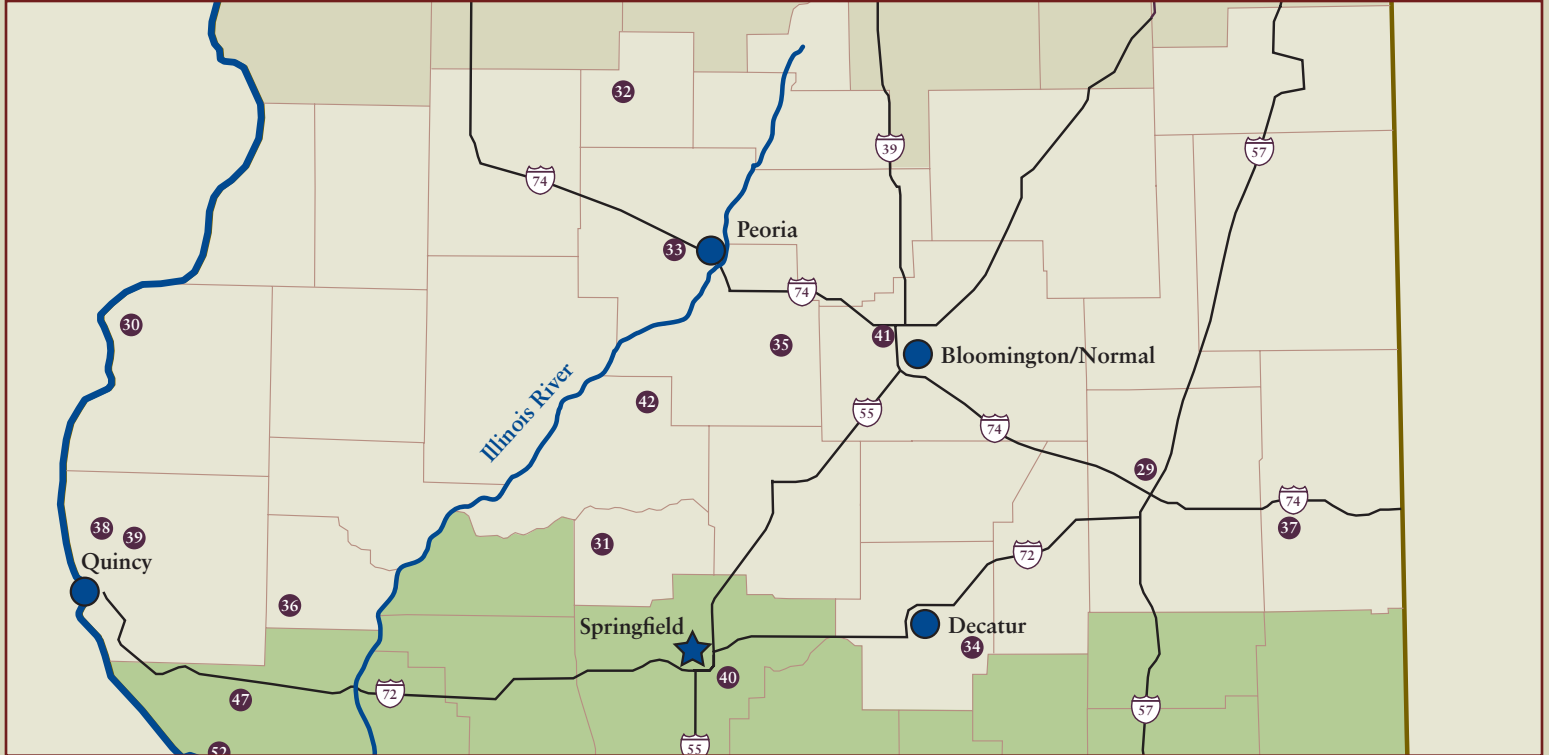
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47W 614 Rt. 38
Maple Park, IL 60151
(630) 365-0333
www.acquavivawinery.com</p> | <p>8 Fergedaboudit Vineyard & Winery
* 4595 Speer Rd
Hanover, IL 61041
(815) 591-2126
www.fergedaboudit.com</p> | <p>15 Illinois River Winery
* 723 S. Clark P.O. Box 212
Utica, IL 61373
* (815) 667-4012
www.illinoisriverwinery.com</p> | <p>22 Prairie State Winery
* 217 West Main Street
Genoa, IL 60135
(815) 784-4540
www.prairiestatewinery.com</p> |
| <p>2 August Hill Winery
* 106 Mill St.
Utica, IL 61373
(815) 667-5211
www.augusthillwinery.com</p> | <p>9 Fox Valley Winery & Tasting Room
* 5600 Route 34
Oswego, IL 60543
(630) 554-0404
www.foxvalleywinery.com</p> | <p>16 Lavendar Crest Winery & Banquet Ctr
* 5401 US Highway 6
Colona, IL 61241
(309) 949-2565
www.lavendercrest.com</p> | <p>23 Rocky Waters Vineyard & Winery
* 2003 West Hanover Rd
Hanover, IL 61041
(815) 591-9706
www.rockywaters.net</p> |
| <p>3 Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
* 583 N Milwaukee Ave
Wheeling, IL 60090
(847) 215-1200
www.coopershawkwinery.com</p> | <p>10 Galena Cellars
* Tasting Room
477 S. Third St.
Geneva, IL 61034
(630) 232-9463
www.galenacellars.com</p> | <p>17 Lynfred Winery
* 15 South Roselle Road
Roselle, IL 60172
(630) 529-9463
www.lynfredwinery.com</p> | <p>24 Silver Moon Winery
* 21305 Zier Rd
Lanark, IL 61046
(815) 493-6888
www.silvermoonwineryinc.com</p> |
| <p>4 15690 S. Harlem Ave.
* Orland Park, IL 60462
(708) 633-0200
www.coopershawkwinery.com</p> | <p>11 Vineyard & Winery
* 4746 N. Ford Rd.
Galena, IL 61036
(815) 777-3330
www.galenacellars.com</p> | <p>18 971 Milwaukee Ave.
* Wheeling, IL 60090
(847) 229-9463
www.lynfredwinery.com</p> | <p>25 Valentino Vineyards
* 5175 Aptakisic Rd.
Long Grove, IL 60047
(847) 634-2831
www.valentinowine.com</p> |
| <p>5 510 Village Center Drive
* Burr Ridge IL 60527
(630) 887-0123
www.coopershawkwinery.com</p> | <p>12 Glunz Family Winery & Cellars
* 888 E. Belvidere, Ste. #211
Grayslake, IL 60030
(848) 548-9463
www.gfwc.com</p> | <p>19 127 W. Front St.
* Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 752-9463
www.lynfredwinery.com</p> | <p>26 Village Vintner Winery
* 2273 Randall Rd.
Carpentersville, IL 60110
(847) 844-4900
www.thevillagevintner.com</p> |
| <p>6 100 W Higgins Rd
* South Barrington, IL 60010
(847) 836-9463
www.coopershawkwinery.com</p> | <p>13 221 Robert Parker Coffin Rd.
* Long Grove, IL 60047
(847) 634-9463
www.gfwc.com</p> | <p>20 21 W. Jefferson St.
* Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 420-9463
www.lynfredwinery.com</p> | <p>27 Waterman Winery & Vineyards
* 11582 Waterman Rd.
Waterman, IL 60556
(815) 264-3268</p> |
| <p>7 Famous Fossil Vineyard & Winery
* 395 W. Cedarville Rd.
Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 563-4665
www.famousfossilwinery.com</p> | <p>14 Hailey's Winery & Vineyard
* 114 S. Franklin St. P. O. Box 47
Byron, IL 61010
(815) 234-2220
www.haileyswinery.com</p> | <p>21 Massbach Ridge Winery
* 8837 S. Massbach
Elizabeth, IL 61028
(815) 291-6700
www.massbachridge.com</p> | <p>28 Wild Blossom Meadery & Winery
* 10033 S. Western Ave.
Chicago, IL 60643
(773) 233-7579
www.wildblossomwines.com</p> |

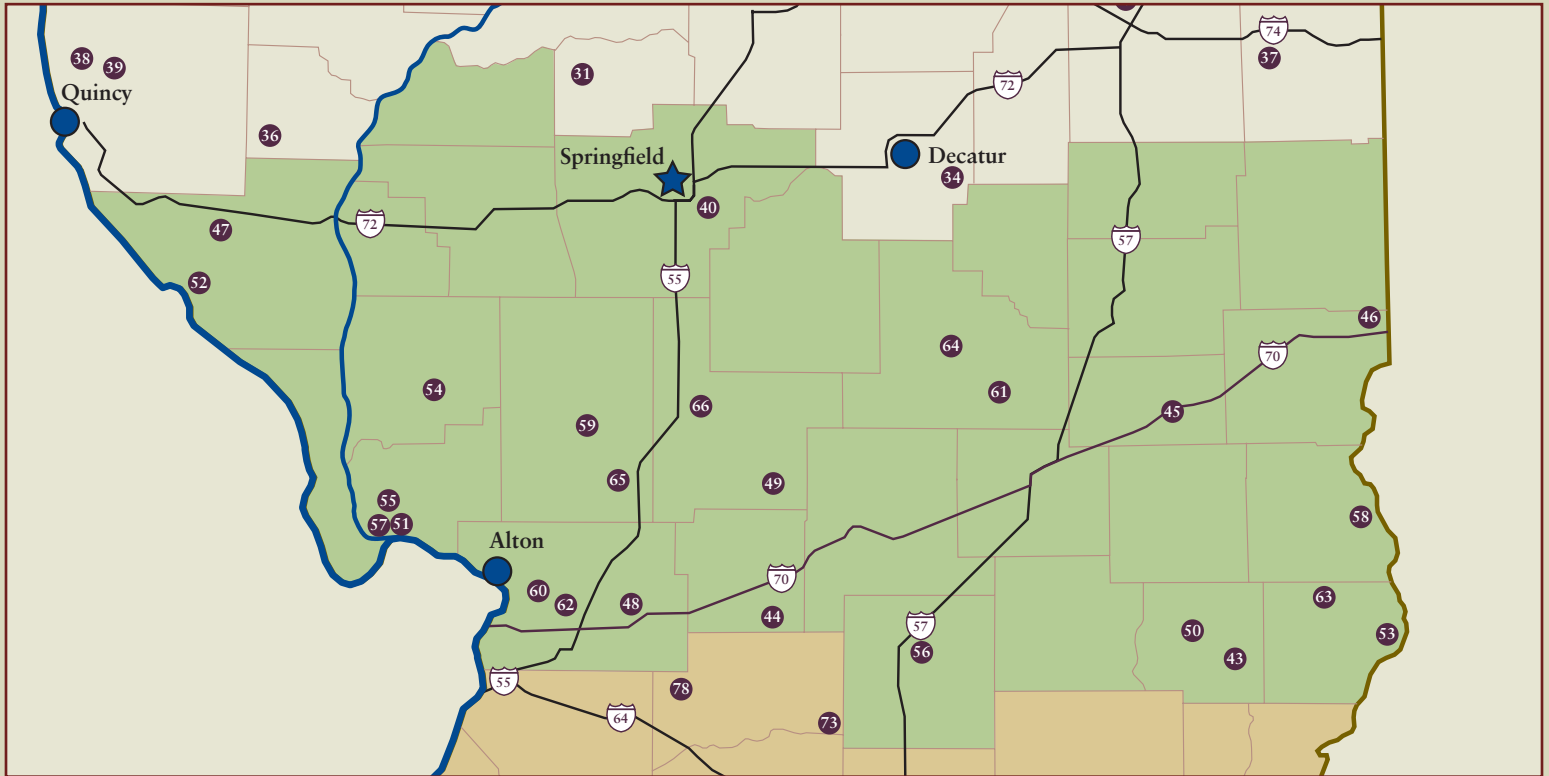
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4210 N. Duncan Rd.
Champaign, IL 61822
(217) 356-4784
www.altovineyards.net</p> | <p>33 Kickapoo Creek Winery
6605 N. Smith Rd
Edwards, IL 61528
(309) 495-9463
www.kickapoo creekwinery.com</p> | <p>36 Ridge View Winery
RR #4 Box 98
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353
(217) 289-3300
www.ridgeviewwinery.com</p> | <p>39 The Village Vineyard & Winery
337 N. Vermont Street
Camp Point, IL 62320
(217) 509-9463
www.villagevineyardandwinery.com</p> |
| <p>30 Baxters Vineyards Winery
2010 E. Parley
Nauvoo, IL 62354
(217) 453-2528
www.nauvoowinery.com</p> | <p>34 Long Creek Vineyards
7185 E. Firehouse Road
Decatur, IL 62521
(217) 571-0052
www.longcreekvineyards.com</p> | <p>37 Sleepy Creek Vineyards
8254 E 1425 North Rd
Fairmount, IL 61841
(217) 733-0330
www.sleepycreekvineyards.com</p> | <p>40 Walnut Street Winery
309 S Walnut St
Rochester, IL 62563
(217) 498-9800
www.walnutstreetwinery.com</p> |
| <p>31 Hill Prairie Winery
23753 Lounsberry Rd.
Oakford, IL 62673
(217) 635-9900
www.hillprairiewinery.com</p> | <p>35 Mackinaw Valley Vineyard
33633 State Route 9
Mackinaw, IL 61755
(309) 359-9463
www.mackinawvalleyvineyard.com</p> | <p>38 Spirit Knob Winery Inc.
2211 E. 640th Place
Ursa, IL 62376
(217) 964-2678
www.spiritknob.com</p> | <p>41 White Oak Vineyards
8621 E. 2100 North Rd
Carlock, IL 61725
(309) 376-3027</p> |
| <p>32 Indian Creek Vineyard
RR #2 Box 133
Toulon, IL 61483
(309) 286-5302
www.indiancreekvineyard.com</p> | <p>42 Willett's Winery & Cellar
105 E. Market Street
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-7070
www.willettswinery.com</p> | <p>38 Spirit Knob Winery Inc.
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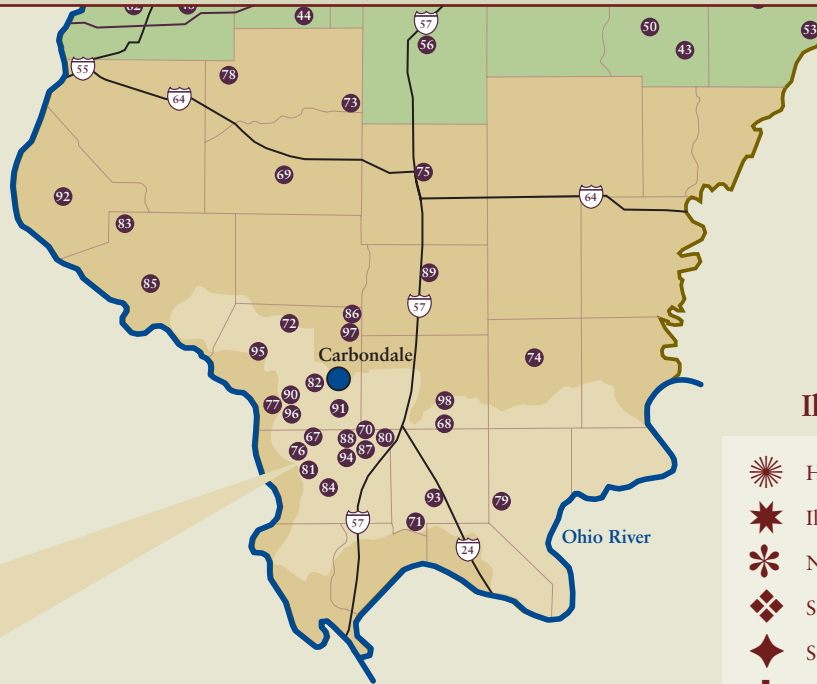
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1910 N. Prairieton Rd.
Berryville, IL 62421
(618) 456-2335
www.berryvillevineyards.com</p> | <p>49 Forsee Vineyards & Winery
* 18165 N. 4th Ave
Coffeen, IL 62017
(217) 534-6347
www.forseevineyards.com</p> | <p>55 Mary Michelle Tasting Room
* Pere Marquette Lodge
13653 Lodge Blvd, Route 10
Grafton, IL 62037
(618) 786-2331
www.marymichellewinery.com</p> | <p>61 Vahling Vineyards & Winery
* RR1 Box 51
Stewardson, IL 62463
(217) 682-5409
www.vahlingvineyards.com</p> |
| <p>44 Bretz Wildlife Lodge & Winery
* 15469 St. Rt. 127
Carlyle, IL 62231
(618) 594-8830
www.wildlifelodgeandwinery.com</p> | <p>50 Fox Creek Vineyards
* 5502 N. Fox Road
Olney, IL 62450
(618) 392-0418
www.foxcreekwinery.com</p> | <p>56 Orchard View Winery
* 307 2nd Street
Alma, IL 62807
(618) 547-9911
www.orchardviewwinery.com</p> | <p>62 Villa Marie & Piasa Wineries,
Banquet Center & Vineyard
6633 E. Main Street
Maryville IL 62062
(618) 345-3100
www.thevillamarie.com</p> |
| <p>45 Cameo Vineyards
400 Mill Road
Greenup, IL 62428
(217) 923-9963
www.cameowine.com</p> | <p>51 Grafton Winery
300 W. Main St.
Grafton, IL 62037
(618) 786-3001
www.thegraffonwinery.com</p> | <p>57 Piasa Winery, Pub & Gift Shop
* 225 W. Main St.
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(618) 786-9463
www.piasawinery.com</p> | <p>63 White Owl Winery
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Birds, IL 62427
(618) 928-2898
www.whiteowlwinery.com</p> |
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1288 N. 1200th St.
Marshall, IL 62441
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www.castlefinnwinery.com</p> | <p>52 Hopewell Winery
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www.hopewellwinery.com</p> | <p>58 Pioneer Winery
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Shelbyville, IL 62565
(618) 637-2323
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2 Rooster Way
Barry, IL 62312
(217) 335-3279
www.collverfamilywinery.com</p> | <p>53 Lasata Winery
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Lawrenceville, IL 62439
(618) 884-1200
www.lasatawines.com</p> | <p>59 Plainview Vineyard
10456 2nd Road
Plainview, IL 62685
(618) 836-5514
www.plainviewvineyard.com</p> | <p>65 The Winery at Shale Lake
* 1499 Washington Ave.
Williamson, IL 62088
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www.shalewine.com</p> |
| <p>48 Copper Dock
498 White Oak Lane
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(618) 669-CORK
www.copperdockwinery.com</p> | <p>54 Mary Michelle Winery
* RR #2 Box 7A
Carrollton, IL 62016
(217) 942-6250
www.marymichellewinery.com</p> | <p>60 Springers Creek Winery
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Edwardsville, IL 62025
(618) 307-5110
www.springerscreekwinery.com</p> | <p>66 Wooden Nickel Winery
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 www.altovineyards.net</p> | <p>76 Hedman Vineyards
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 Alto Pass, IL 62905
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 772 Kaolin Rd.
 Cobden, IL 62920
 (618) 833-3783
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 1032 S. Library St.
 Waterloo, IL 62298
 (618) 939-3174
 www.schorrlakevineyard.net</p> |
| <p>68 Bella Terra Winery
 755 Parker City Rd.
 Creal Spring, IL 62992
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 www.bellaterrawinery.com</p> | <p>77 Hickory Ridge Vineyard & Winery
 1598 Hickory Ridge Rd
 Pomona, IL 62975
 (618) 893-1700
 www.hickoryridgevineyard.com</p> | <p>85 Log Cabin Vineyard & Winery
 7294 Shawneetown Trail
 Ellis Grove, IL 62241
 (618) 615-6816</p> | <p>93 Shawnee Winery
 200 Commercial Street, P. O. Box 201
 Vienna, IL 62295
 (618) 658-8400
 www.shawneewinery.com</p> |
| <p>69 Black Diamond Vineyard
 3501 Black Diamond Rd.
 Nashville, IL 62263
 (618) 336-5353
 www.blackdiamondvineyards.com</p> | <p>78 Hidden Lake Winery
 10580 Wellen Rd.
 Aviston, IL 62216
 (618) 228-9111
 www.hiddenlakewinery.com</p> | <p>86 Lyn-Nita Vineyards
 514 Coal Rd.
 Elkhart, IL 62932
 (618) 568-1719</p> | <p>94 Starview Vineyards
 5100 Winghill Road
 Cobden, IL 62920
 (618) 8939463
 www.starviewvineyards.com</p> |
| <p>70 Blue Sky Vineyard
 3150 S. Rocky Comfort Rd.
 Makanda, IL 62958
 (618) 995-9463
 www.blueskyvineyard.com</p> | <p>79 Hogg Hollow Winery
 RR #2 Box 202 - 4
 Golconda, IL 62938
 (618) 695-9463
 www.hogghollowwinery.com</p> | <p>87 Orlandini Vineyard
 410 Thorn Ln.
 Makanda, IL 62958
 (618) 995-2307
 www.orlandinivineyard.com</p> | <p>95 The Bluffs Winery
 140 Buttermilk Hill Road
 Ava, IL 62907
 (618) 763-4447
 www.thebluffswinery.com</p> |
| <p>71 Cache River Basin Vineyard & Winery
 315 Forman Lane
 Belknap, IL 62908
 (618) 658-2274
 www.crbwinery.com</p> | <p>80 Honker Hill Winery
 4861 Spillway Road
 Carbondale, IL 62902
 (618) 549-5517
 www.honkerhillwinery.com</p> | <p>88 Owl Creek Vineyard
 2655 Water Valley Rd
 Cobden, IL 62920
 (618) 893-2557
 www.owlcreekvineyard.com</p> | <p>96 Von Jacob Vineyard
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 Pomona, IL 62975
 (618) 893-4500
 www.vonjakobvineyard.com</p> |
| <p>72 Cellars De Santom
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 Ava, IL 62907</p> | <p>81 Inheritance Valley Vineyards
 5490 State Route 127 N.
 Cobden, IL 62920
 (618) 893-6141
 www.inheritancevalley.com</p> | <p>89 Pheasant Hollow Winery
 14931 State Hwy 37
 Whittington IL 62897
 (618) 629-2302
 www.pheasanthollowwinery.com</p> | <p>97 Walker's Bluff Vineyard
 4400 Meridian Rd
 Carterville, IL 62918
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 www.walkersbluff.com</p> |
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 Centralia, IL 62801
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 www.crookedcreekwinery.com</p> | <p>82 Kite Hill Vineyards
 83 Kite Hill Road
 Carbondale, IL 62903
 (618) 684-5072
 www.kitehillvineyards.com</p> | <p>90 Pomona Winery
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 Pomona, IL 62975
 (618) 893-2623
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 Creal Spring, IL 62922
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| <p>74 Flint Hill Vineyard
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 Muddy, IL 62965
 (618) 252-4294</p> | <p>83 Lau-Nae Winery, Inc.
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 Red Bud, IL 62278
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 Cobden, IL 62920
 (618) 893-2700
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 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
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