

TEXAS WEEKEND

# WINE

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FREDERICKSBURG





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**Texas doesn't pretend to be humble about anything, and its wine is no exception. So get ready for some braggin'.**

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**Texas winemaking** is nothing new—historians have traced it back to the 1600s. But don't worry; this isn't a history lesson, because the most exciting aspects of Texas wine are happening right now. Texas is home to several microclimates that are well-suited to hundreds of varieties across nine million acres of prime grape-growing land. This allows for endless experimentation that has resulted in Texas wine, as opposed to wine that simply happens to be made in Texas.

So if you want the same old wine, go somewhere else. Our winemakers are mavericks, experimenting with grapes you've likely never heard of before, like albariño, mourvèdre, tempranillo, vermentino and viognier.

Now that you're armed with some knowledge about Texas wine, it's time for the fun part—drinking it! This guide highlights three of Texas' top wine regions—Fredericksburg, Grapevine, and Lubbock—plus, where to stay, where to dine, and where to shop when you're not sipping. *Cheers!*

A wooden barrel with text overlay for the State Fair of Texas Wine Garden. The text is white and set against the dark wood of the barrel.

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# FREDERICKSBURG



**Fredericksburg** has been named “Best Small Town in Texas” by *Southern Living*, but there’s nothing small about Hill Country wine. This “small town” is home to more wineries and vineyards than any other region in Texas.

Just outside of town, explore wineries and vineyards against a backdrop of rolling hills and scenic views along U.S. Highway 290, a.k.a. “Wine Road 290.” Nearly 20 wineries dot this stretch of road, and it’s a must-see for a true Hill Country experience. In the heart of the city, 11 wineries comprise Fredericksburg’s Urban Wineries Trail, which can be experienced alongside the popular shops and restaurants that line the charming streets.

Fredericksburg celebrates Texas Wine Month in a big way every October. Purchase a **Texas Wine Month Passport** to enjoy wine tastings and special discounts at participating wineries. The month culminates with the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival, a grand celebration of Texas food and wine.

## WINERIES & VINEYARDS

### | 1 | 1851 Vineyards

Established in 2016, this up-and-coming winery is located just outside of historic downtown Fredericksburg.

[1851vineyards.com](http://1851vineyards.com) | 4222 S. State Hwy 16 | 830.391.8510  
Thurs–Sat, 11am–6pm; Sun, noon–5pm

### | 2 | 290 Vinery

Sample wines from nine Texas wineries, along with 290’s own Caught Red Handed, Little White Lies, and Seriously Red.

[290vinery.com](http://290vinery.com) | 300 W. Main (US-290) | Johnson City  
830.321.0101 | Mon, Thurs, noon–5pm; Fri, noon–9pm; Sat,  
10:30am–7pm; Sun, noon–7pm

### | 3 | 4.0 Cellars

The ultimate Texas wine experience, featuring wines from Bureson, Comanche and Lubbock. [fourpointwine.com](http://fourpointwine.com) | 10354 E. US-290 830.997.7470 | Mon–Sat, 10am–6pm; Sun, 11am–5pm

### | 4 | Alexander Vineyards

In addition to Texas wines, Alexander features a growing portfolio of wines from around the world.

[alexandervineyards.com](http://alexandervineyards.com) | 6360 Goehmann Ln. | 830.865.3975  
open daily 11am–6pm

### | 5 | Andreucci Wines

Experience Italian wines imported from Tuscany in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. [andreucciwines.com](http://andreucciwines.com) | 308 E. Main St.

830.992.3273 | Mon–Thurs, noon–7pm; Fri–Sat, 11am–9pm; Sun,  
11am–6pm

### | 6 | Armadillo’s Leap Winery

A portion of sales from these fruit-driven single varietals and non-traditional blends goes to charity. [armadillosleap.com](http://armadillosleap.com)

134 E. Main St. | 830.998.8910 | open daily 11am–6pm

### | 7 | Barons Creek Vineyards

Rent a villa and stay on property as you experience varietals including viognier, sangiovese and tempranillo.

[baronscreekvineyards.com](http://baronscreekvineyards.com) | 5865 E. US-290 | 830.304.3000  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, 11am–5pm; Sat, 10am–6pm; Sun, noon–5pm

**Named one of “10 Best Wine Travel Destinations in the World for 2014” — Wine Enthusiast Magazine**

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### | 8 | Becker Vineyards

One of Fredericksburg's most popular wineries, known for premium wines in the ambiance of a late 19th century German stone barn reproduction. [beckervineyards.com](http://beckervineyards.com) | 464 Becker Farms Rd. | Stonewall | 830.644.2681 | Mon-Thurs, 10am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-6pm

### | 9 | Bell Mountain Vineyards

Named for its location on the slopes of Bell Mountain, this winery offers Vina Rita wine cocktails. [bellmountainwine.com](http://bellmountainwine.com) | 463 Bell Mountain Rd. | 830.685.3297 | Sat, 10am-5pm; weekdays by appointment

### | 10 | Bingham Family Vineyards

This High Plains favorite is expanding to the Hill Country, featuring wines made with 100% Texas fruit. [binghamfamilyvineyards.com](http://binghamfamilyvineyards.com) | 3915 B, Hwy. 290 East | 210.724.9390 | open daily 11am-6pm

### | 11 | Calais Winery

Winemaker Benjamin Calais combines his French heritage with a love for Texas in a "wine cave" dug into the side of a hill. [calaiswinery.com](http://calaiswinery.com) | 8115 W. US-290 | Hye | 830.213.2124 | Fri, 2-4pm; Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, noon-4pm

### | 12 | Chisholm Trail Winery

Tour 15,000 gallons' worth of wine tank space, then enjoy a wood-fired pizza. [chisholmtrailwinery.com](http://chisholmtrailwinery.com) | Nine miles west of Fredericksburg off Hwy. 290 at 2367 Usener Rd. | 830.990.2675 | Fri-Sat, noon-6pm; Sun, Mon, Thurs, noon-5pm

### | 13 | Farmhouse Vineyards

The multi-generational family that runs this operation considers themselves "grape growers, first and foremost." [farmhousevineyard.com](http://farmhousevineyard.com) | 304 W. Main St. | Johnson City | 806.475.0760 | Thurs-Sat, noon-6pm; Sun, 2-6pm

### | 14 | Fat Ass Ranch and Winery

A Texas original, the watermelon wine and sangria blanca are a must-try. [fatasswines.com](http://fatasswines.com) | 51 Elgin Behrends Rd. | 830.644.2300 | Sun-Fri, 11am-5pm; Sat, 10am-6pm

### | 15 | Fiesta Winery Fredericksburg

Plan your visit to Fiesta on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, when live music plays. [fiestawinery.com](http://fiestawinery.com) | 147 E. Main St. | 830.307.3328 | Mon-Thurs, 10am-5:30pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-6:30pm; Sun, 11am-6pm

### | 16 | Fredericksburg Winery

Named among the top three wineries in Texas by *USA TODAY*, this winery only uses Texas grapes. [fbgwinery.com](http://fbgwinery.com) | 247 W. Main St. | 830.990.8747 | Mon-Thurs, 10am-5:30pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-7:30pm; Sun, noon-5:30pm

### | 17 | Grape Creek Vineyards

With more than 200 medals won in the last two years, this vineyard brings Tuscany to Texas. [grapecreek.com](http://grapecreek.com) | 10587 E. US-290 | 830.644.2710 | Mon-Fri, 11am-5:30pm; Sat, 10am-5:30pm; Sun, 11am-5pm

### | 18 | Hahne Estates Winery

President Lyndon B. Johnson was a close friend of the Hahne family, and the tasting room features an impressive collection of LBJ memorabilia. [hahneestateswinery.com](http://hahneestateswinery.com) | 104 E. Pecan St. | Johnson City | 281.702.2850 | Tue-Sun, noon-6pm

### | 19 | Hilmy Cellars

Every grape at this family-owned estate vineyard is harvested by hand in Texas. [hilmywine.com](http://hilmywine.com) | 12346 E. US-290 | 830.644.2482 | Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, noon-6pm

### | 20 | Hye Meadow Winery

Hye Meadow regularly experiments with new blends. [hyemeadow.com](http://hyemeadow.com) | 10257 E. US-290 | 855.493.9463 | Mon, Wed, Thurs, 11am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm



### | 21 | Inwood Estates Winery & Bistro

Named among The Daily Meal's 101 Best Wineries in America for 2016. [inwoodwines.com](http://inwoodwines.com) | 10303 E. US-290 | 830.997.2304  
Mon-Thurs, 11am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, 11am-5pm

### | 22 | Kuhlman Cellars

Kuhlman focuses on highlighting each fruit's strongest characteristics with minimal manipulation. [kuhlmancellars.com](http://kuhlmancellars.com)  
18421 E. US-290 | 512.920.2675(CORK) | Thurs-Sat, 11am-6pm;  
Sun-Mon, noon-5pm

### | 23 | Lewis Wines

Known for a subtle approach that showcases what Texas wine is all about. [lewiswines.com](http://lewiswines.com) | 3209 W. US-290 | Johnson City  
512.987.0660 | open daily 10:30am-5pm

### | 24 | Longhorn Cellars

All of Longhorn's estate wines are made from fruit grown exclusively in the Texas Hill Country. [longhorncellars.com](http://longhorncellars.com)  
315 Ranch Road 1376 | 830.990.2990 | Thurs, 11am-6pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-7pm; Sun, noon-6pm

### | 25 | Lost Draw Cellars

The 2015 Arroyo Rosé was named a Top 10 Texas Rosé by *Texas Monthly*. [lostdrawcellars.com](http://lostdrawcellars.com) | 113 E. Park St.  
830.992.3251 | Sun-Wed, noon-5pm; Thurs-Sat, 11am-6pm

### | 26 | Mendelbaum Cellars

The Texas Blend and Sea of Galilee are must-try varietals. [mendelbaumcellars.com](http://mendelbaumcellars.com) | 10207 E. US-290 | 830.997.7000  
Mon, 11am-6pm; Tue-Wed, noon-5pm; Thurs, 11am-6pm;  
Fri-Sat, 10am-8pm; Sun, 11am-5pm

### | 27 | Messina Hof Hill Country Winery

A reserve selection of ultra-premium and exclusive wines is unique to the Hill Country location. [messinahof.com/hillcountry](http://messinahof.com/hillcountry)  
9996 E. US-290 | 830.990.4653 | Mon-Wed, 11am-6pm; Thurs-Fri, 11am-7pm; Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 11am-6pm

### | 28 | Narrow Path Winery

Narrow Path's wines have been award-winning in non-commercial competitions since 2002. [narrowpathwinery.com](http://narrowpathwinery.com) | 6331 South Ranch Road 1623 | Stonewall  
830.644.2144 | Thurs-Mon, 11am-5:30pm; Tues-Wed, by reservation only

### | 29 | Pedernales Cellars

This boutique winery is known for producing benchmark tempranillo and viognier. [pedernalescellars.com](http://pedernalescellars.com) | 2916 Upper Albert Rd. | Stonewall | 830.644.2037 | Mon-Thurs, 10am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-6pm

### | 30 | Pontotoc Vineyard Weingarten

A new tasting room on Main Street is inspired by Vienna, perfectly complementing Fredericksburg's German and Northern European heritage. [pontotocvineyard.com](http://pontotocvineyard.com) | 320 W. Main St. | 512.658.0023 | Fri-Sat, noon-8pm; Sun, noon-5pm

### | 31 | Ron Yates Winery

Sip vintages in this contemporary 6,000 sq. ft. winery. [ronyateswines.com](http://ronyateswines.com) | 6676 W. US-290 | Hye | 512.585.3972  
open daily 11am-6pm

### | 32 | SantaMaria Cellars

A unique experience of 100% Texas-made wine with an Argentinean flare. [santamariacellarwines.com](http://santamariacellarwines.com) | 12044 Hwy. 16 S.  
830.998.5357 | Thurs, appointment only; Fri-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, noon-3pm

### | 33 | Signor Vineyards

Two friends have combined their skills in horticulture and winemaking to bring Signor Vineyards to life. [signorvineyards.com](http://signorvineyards.com) | 362 Livesay Lane off E. US-290  
830.304.7446 | Fri-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, 11am-5pm

### | 34 | Six Shooter Cellars

Get a diverse taste of Texas wines from Ft. Worth, Kemah, Baytown, Grapevine, Navasota and Lubbock under one roof. [sixshootercellars.com](http://sixshootercellars.com) | 6264 E. US-290 | 830.428.0810  
Mon-Thurs, 1pm-7pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-7pm; Sun, 1-5pm

### | 35 | Southold Farm & Cellar

Southold comes to Texas by way of two New Yorkers who (wisely) chose to relocate. [southoldfarmandcellar.com](http://southoldfarmandcellar.com) | 10474 Ranch Road 2721 | 512.829.1650 | Thurs-Mon, by reservation only

### | 36 | Texas Heritage Vineyard

The owners' vision is to pair their Texas wines with live Texas music in their spacious tasting room. [texasheritagevineyard.com](http://texasheritagevineyard.com) | 3245 E. US-290 | 830.456.6059  
Thurs-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun-Mon, 11am-5pm

### | 37 | Texas Hills Vineyard

Built right into the countryside, this winery provides a unique taste of the Hill Country. [texashillsvineyard.com](http://texashillsvineyard.com) | 878 RR 2766 Johnson City | 830.868.2321 | Mon-Thurs, 10am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm

### | 38 | Vinovium

This winery is home to the largest selection of wines on tap in Central Texas. [vinovium.wine](http://vinovium.wine) | 214 Edmonds Ave. | Johnson City  
737.600.3127 | Thurs, 2-7pm; Fri-Sat, noon-7pm

### | 39 | Vintner's Hideaway

This boutique tasting room only features wines from Texas and is home to the Rustic Spur Vineyards and Rivenburgh Wine labels. [vintnershideaway.com](http://vintnershideaway.com) | 207 S. Llano St.  
830.992.3370 | Thurs-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm

### | 40 | Wedding Oak Winery at Wildseed Farms

Sip wine made from 100% Texas grapes in the picturesque setting of Wildseed Farms. [weddingoakwinery.com/visit-us-in-fredericksburg](http://weddingoakwinery.com/visit-us-in-fredericksburg) | 100 Legacy Drive | 830.997.2510 | open daily 10am-6pm

### | 41 | William Chris Vineyards

William Chris wines strive to highlight the unique characteristics of each vineyard's fruit. [williamchriswines.com](http://williamchriswines.com)  
10352 US-290 | Hye | 830.998.7654 | Mon-Wed, 10am-5pm; Thurs-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm

### | 42 | Woodrose Winery

No wine snobs allowed—Woodrose produces approachable wines in a friendly setting. [woodrosewinery.com](http://woodrosewinery.com) | 662 Woodrose Ln. | Stonewall | 830.644.2539 | Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm; Sun, noon-6pm

### | 43 | Zero 815 Winery

The name is inspired by the owners' wedding date, and the wines are made exclusively from Texas grapes. [zero815winery.com](http://zero815winery.com) | 11157 W. US-290 | Hye | 830.644.2000  
open daily 10am-6pm



## DINING

**Local Favorites:** **Hill Top Café** (830.997.8922), **Burger Burger** (830.997.5226), **Hondo's on Main** (830.997.1633), breakfast at **Airport Diner** at the Hangar Hotel (830.997.4999), **Stout's Trattoria** at Grape Creek Vineyards (830.644.2710), **Vaudeville Bistro** on Main (830.992.3234), **Woerner Warehouse Café** (830.997.2246), **Backwoods BBQ** (830.992.3262), **Clear River Ice Cream, Bakery & Deli** (830.997.8490).

**Fine Dining:** **Cabernet Grill** (830.990.5734), **August E's** (830.997.1585), **Otto's** (830.307.3336).

**Wine Bar & Tapas:** **Treaty House** (830.997.0909).

## ACCOMMODATIONS

For an authentic Fredericksburg experience, opt for a quaint bed and breakfast. Guest favorites include **Hoffman Haus**, **Barons Creekside**, and the **Sunday Haus Cottages at Fredericksburg Herb Farm**.

Visit [FredericksburgTX.com](http://FredericksburgTX.com) for a complete list of options or get a recommendation from one of these reservation services:

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