

Wineries and Vineyards

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Texas Wine Facts

Texas has 8 recognized American Viticultural Areas

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 4,000 acres of producing vineyard farmland. The U.S. Department of Treasury through the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau officially designates American Viticulture Areas (AVA). 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.

1. Bell Mountain

Designated in 1986, it is the first established AVA in Texas, covering 3,200 acres about 15 miles north of Fredericksburg.

2. Escondido Valley

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

3. Fredericksburg

This viticultural area covers about 110 acres with approximately 60 under vine.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Texas High Plains

Located west of Lubbock in the Panhandle at an elevation of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, the climate of this appellation is very dry. While the AVA encompasses over 8 million acres, there were approximately 3,500 acres dedicated to grape growing in 2005.

7. Texas Hill Country

Located west of Austin & San Antonio, this appellation is the second largest AVA in the country, encompassing more than 9 million acres. Two smaller appellations have been designated within the Texas Hill Country due to the unique micro-climates they embody. Many wineries are located in this scenic area.

8. Texoma

Located in North-Central Texas, this area contains approximately 3,650 square miles along the Texas-Oklahoma line.



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- 1 **Yepez Vineyards**
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yepezvineyard.com

Burton

- 2 **Saddlehorn Winery**
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saddlehornwinery.com

Chappell Hill

- 3 **Texas Star Winery**
10587 Old Chappell Hill Rd
979/251-7282
texasstarwinery.com

College Station

- 4 **Messina Hof Winery & Resort**
4545 Old Reliance Road,
Bryan
979/778-9463
messinahof.com

- 5 **Perrine Winery**
11405 N Dowling Rd
979/703-1843
perrinewinery.com

Conroe

- 6 **Blue Epiphany Vineyards**
400 Bryant Rd
281/967-9799
blue-epiphany.com

Eagle Lake

- 7 **The Vineyard II**
217 E Main St
979/232-3111
thevineyard2.com

Katy

- 8 **Toddy Blends Winery & Distillery**
20120 Franz Rd
281/344-2414
toddyinc.net

Kemah

- 9 **Clear Creek Winery**
709 Harris Ave
281/334-8300
clearcreekvineyard.com

Montgomery

- 10 **H Wines Tasting Room**
14343 Liberty Street
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- 11 **Whitley Vineyards Wine Bar**
401 College St
936-449-8052
whitleyvineyards.com

Navasota

- 12 **Threshold Vineyards**
14615 County Rd 318
979/694-2954
thresholdvoneyards.com

Plantersville

- 13 **Bernhardt Winery**
9043 CR 204
936/894-9829
bernhardtwinery.com

Sante Fe

- 14 **Haak Vineyards & Winery**
6310 Avenue T
409/925-1401
haakwine.com

Sealy

- 15 **Cast Iron Winery**
1657 Meier Rd
281/881-6395
castironwinery.com

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- 16 **Bruno & George Winery**
400 Messina Road
409/963-8235
brunoandgeorge.com

Spring

- 17 **Gadela Winery**
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832/928-3688
gadelawines.com

- 18 **Wild Stallion Vineyards**
5969 W Rayford Rd
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- 19 **Cellar Twenty Four**
6700 Woodlands Pkwy
281-419-9966
cellar-24.com

- 20 **Sixty Vines**
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346-478-5360
sixtyvines.com

- 21 **Threshold Vineyards**
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- Rohan Meadery**
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Texas Wine Varietals

The term 'varietal' describes a wine made primarily from a single-named grape variety, and these wines will typically display that variety on their labels.

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.*

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.*

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