## 21 Wineries In The US You Need To Visit At Least Once



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America's fascination with wine dates all the way back to the 16th century with the arrival of Ponce de Leon from France. However, it took a while for new settlers to perfect the art of growing their wine grapes on American soil, as unfamiliar pests and other interferences got in the way. It wasn't until the 1800s that people began successfully creating beautiful vineyards across the United States (via The Conversation).

That history brings us to today, with more than 11,000 wineries in the 50 states. California leads the way, hosting more than half of the country's wineries (per Statista). With so many incredible wineries full of gorgeous scenery, entertainment, relaxing vibes, and delicious wines, it can certainly be a challenge to choose which ones are must-visits.

This guide highlights some of the very best wineries in the US to add to your bucket list wherever your travels take you.

## 10. Abeja Winery & Inn



Wine enthusiasts head to Abeja Winery & Inn to taste some of its award-winning wines, but Abeja is known for so much more. This winery presents a true experience to anyone who visits, from its refurbished farmhouse to its picturesque weddings with lodging for up to 28 guests. Abeja also hosts retreats, family reunions, private meetings, and other events throughout the year. Wine tastings are by appointment. What started as a plan to grow world-class Cabernet Sauvignon has turned into a 38-acre must-see travel destination in Walla Walla, an area of Washington well-known for its fertile soil and expansive agriculture.

The scenery surrounding Abeja is eye-catching, according to Yelp reviewers. One says, "This place is heaven on earth: beautiful, tranquil landscape, friendly and knowledgeable people, gorgeous detailed architecture, and great wine." Another adds, "This is why you come to Walla Walla: to get away from it all. The Inn and winery sit at the base of the hills, surrounded by vineyards and simple beauty. The grounds are well-groomed yet inviting. You may lose your shoes at some point." With such high praise, visiting Abeja is a no-brainer!