



**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** 2012 Cleveland Wine Festival; Valley Vineyards Winery; Wyandotte Winery



# GRAPE GETAWAYS

As the weather gets warmer, more wineries are opening their doors and allowing visitors to stop by for tastings and events. Visit [www.tasteohiowines.com](http://www.tasteohiowines.com) or [www.tasteohiowines.mobi](http://www.tasteohiowines.mobi) for a complete list of wineries in Ohio.

Spending a weekend visiting any of the nearly 200 wineries in Ohio will give you a glimpse of another side of the Buckeye State. Concerts, tastings, festivals and many other events give visitors the perfect opportunity to enjoy a wine- and fun-filled weekend. In addition to visiting wineries, you can make your trip even more exciting by visiting restaurants and other local places of interest along your chosen route. Whether you want to learn more about wine, expand your palate with wines from new vineyards, or just want to have fun at some tastings, you're sure to have a great time at an Ohio winery.

To begin planning your wine weekend, you'll need to decide what you want to base your trip around. If you're planning on going to a festival or major event, you'll need to find a place to stay overnight. Most of your time will be spent at the event, so you won't need to plan any additional things to do.

If you want the focus to be more on the wine itself, you can plan your trip around a certain type of wine or

wine region. Look up the wineries that produce that particular type of wine and map out a route that connects them. You can also visit wineries in a wine region that you prefer or explore a new one that you're interested in.

Visiting a winery is a great way to unwind in a relaxing atmosphere while enjoying Ohio wines. Some wineries also offer tours that give you an inside look at the property and allow you to experience the art of winemaking firsthand. Contact the wineries you plan to visit to see if they have tours available. If you're planning on visiting more than one winery that day, be sure to ask how long the tours take so that you can plan accordingly and won't feel rushed between stops.

Support your local vineyards by attending events or just stopping by for a tasting and good company. Beginning in June you can take advantage of the new Ohio Wines VIP program and earn rewards for your visits. Grab some friends and start planning your Ohio winery weekend today!

## OHIO WINES VIP PROGRAM

Get rewarded for visiting Ohio's nearly 200 wineries. Collect a ticket at any of the participating wineries you visit during a 12-month period beginning in June and receive points for each visit throughout the year.

Use your points to **EARN REWARDS** including tickets to wine events, exclusive sweepstakes entries, wine accessories and gadgets and more.

It's **simple** and **FREE!**

- 🍷 **REGISTER** online and receive your free gift for becoming an Ohio Wines VIP.
- 🍷 **VISIT** one of Ohio's nearly 200 wineries and begin collecting VIP reward ticket codes.
- 🍷 **REDEEM** your ticket codes and begin earning your rewards.

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