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IDAHO WINE HAS

GET TO KNOW IDAHO’S WINE INDUSTRY

Idaho is a growing wine region with the natural resources to sustain world-class vineyards and wineries statewide. The state’s rich, volcanic soils; desert climate; and direct access to water make it an ideal location for fruit-forward wines with good structure.

Facts & Statistics

60
WINERIES
in Idaho

131,756
GALLONS
produced in 2018

1,300
ACRES
planted

$209.6
MILLION
economic impact in 2017

160,000
AVERAGE CASES
of wine produced annually

2,800
TONS
of grapes harvested in 2018

600 - 3,000
FEET
elevation

3
AVAs
Snake River Valley, Eagle Foothills, Lewis-Clark Valley

15.5
PERCENT
of wine sold in the state is from Idaho

Leading Varietals

**White:** Riesling, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer

**Red:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah

The number of Idaho wineries has increased by nearly 58 percent in the last decade.
Idaho – The New Wine Frontier

Named one of the fastest growing wine regions in the country, Idaho is known for growing and producing vinifera wine grape varieties such as Syrah and Viognier, as well as classic varieties including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling. The first wine grapes planted in the Pacific Northwest were in the 1860's by French and German Immigrants in the Clearwater Valley of Northern Idaho. These have produced award-winning wines throughout the country.

Idaho’s American Viticultural Areas

Today, Idaho is home to three registered American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) – Snake River Valley, Eagle Foothills and the newest addition, Lewis-Clark Valley.

- **The Snake River Valley AVA:** The first registered AVA for the state, officially designated in April 2007, Snake River Valley is made up of flat river land surrounded by the Tetons and the Rocky Mountains. The AVA covers an area of 8,000 square miles with 1,125 acres planted. It has comparable latitudes to many famous wine regions of the world.

- **The Eagle Foothills AVA:** Approved in November 2015, Eagle Foothills encompasses 49,815 acres fully within the Snake River AVA, as well as the state of Idaho. It has 67 acres planted with approximately 472 planned and three wineries.

- **The Lewis-Clark Valley AVA:** Approved in April 2016, the Lewis-Clark Valley encompasses 479 square miles with 80 vineyard acres currently planted and six wineries. Lewis Clark Valley AVA is made up of steep canyons of the Clearwater and mid-Snake Rivers and their tributaries.