

LEHIGH VALLEY WINE TRAIL GUIDE

The AVA-designated wine region with 30+ wineries

The Lehigh Valley is a federally designated American Viticultural Area (AVA) — established March 11, 2008 — and one of the most respected wine regions in the Mid-Atlantic.

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CLOVER HILL VINEYARDS & WINERY

Breinigsville, PA (9850 Newtown Rd) — One of the valley's most established wineries, founded in 1985 and spanning six vineyards totaling about 80 acres across Berks and Lehigh counties. Known for approachable, award-winning wines and tasting rooms with sweeping countryside views; recently voted Best of the Lehigh Valley.

VYNECREST VINEYARDS & WINERY

Breinigsville, PA (172 Arrowhead Ln) — The oldest existing vineyard in Lehigh County, family-owned since John and Jan Landis planted their first vines in 1974 (licensed 1989) and a 1998 charter member of the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail. A warm, welcoming tasting room with a portfolio ranging from dry reds to sweet dessert wines.

GALEN GLEN WINERY

Andreas, PA (255 Winter Mountain Dr) — Nestled in the hills above the valley, Galen Glen is internationally recognized for cool-climate whites. Its Grüner Veltliner (first planted in 2003) is the oldest planting of that grape in America east of the Rockies; winemaker Sarah Troxell's Rieslings and Grüners regularly earn 90+ point scores and national awards.

WEATHERED VINEYARDS

New Tripoli, PA (7618 Carpet Rd) — A small, family-owned hilltop winery bringing a modern, small-batch sensibility to Lehigh Valley winemaking. Open Friday through Sunday with a stylish tasting room and commanding countryside views, plus a sister tasting room at the Historic Smithton Inn in Ephrata.

FOLINO ESTATE VINEYARD & WINERY

Kutztown, PA (340 Old US-22) — One of the valley's most ambitious destinations (established 2015), with a Tuscan-inspired estate, a full from-scratch Italian kitchen and wood-fired pizza, an outdoor pavilion, bocce, and a packed events calendar. Open Wednesday through Sunday with live music most Sundays.

BLUE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS & CELLARS

New Tripoli, PA (7627 Grape Vine Dr) — Established in 1986 and now one of the largest wineries in Pennsylvania, Blue Mountain pairs a rustic tasting room with panoramic views of a 26-acre vineyard, ponds, and the mountains. Sunday music, tours, a wine club, and an annual 'Run the Vineyards' 5K make it a popular stop.

TOLINO VINEYARDS

Bangor, PA (280 Mt Pleasant Rd) — A family-owned, nine-acre winery established in 2007 and a newer member of the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail, with additional tasting rooms in Easton and Stroudsburg. Offers \$10 four-wine flights, slushies, craft beer, live music, and wide hilltop views.

TIPS & PLANNING

Most wineries are open for tastings on weekends and many on Fridays; check each winery's hours before you go, as several are closed early in the week. Group tastings and private tours can usually be arranged in advance. The Lehigh Valley Wine Trail runs coordinated passport and tasting events across its member wineries, so consider buying a trail pass rather than visiting piecemeal. Designate a driver or book a wine-trail shuttle service. Spring and fall are especially scenic, when the vineyards are budding or turning color. Note that the towns are spread out (Breinigsville, New Tripoli, Andreas, Kutztown, Bangor), so plan a route to minimize backtracking.

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