



Virginia Wine Industry

Fast Facts



- ★ In 2007, Virginia's annual production of wine grapes was 5,600 tons and 350,000 cases of wine.
- ★ In 2007, Virginia had 2,400 acres of grapes which produced cash receipts of \$7,560,000.
- ★ The Chardonnay grape comprises 19% of Virginia's harvest.
- ★ Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Vidal Blanc are the top five varieties produced in the state of Virginia. There are 16 total varieties in Virginia. To view them, visit www.virginiawine.org/learn/wine-varieties.
- ★ The Norton grape is native to Virginia, and it is the oldest grape variety in North America.
- ★ Virginia boasts 15 wine regions. To view them, visit www.virginiawine.org/regions.
- ★ Williamsburg Winery is Virginia's largest winery and Mountain Cove Vineyard is Virginia's oldest winery, established in 1973.
- ★ Of all of Virginia's visitors annually, over one million visit at least one winery while in Virginia.
- ★ Virginia has 12 wine trails and 6 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs).
- ★ Travel + Leisure magazine recently named the state of Virginia as one of the world's top 5 up and coming wine regions.
- ★ Barboursville Vineyard, located in Orange County, provided two of the wines served at an inauguration ball for President Obama in 2009.
- ★ Virginia Wine Month is in October each year. This trend was started in 1988.
- ★ In 2008, national wine consumption per person was up from the previous year, and has been steadily increasing since 2001.

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