

discover the

Shores & Islands Wine Trail



your guide to the wineries of
Central Northwest Ohio



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Brady Vineyards & Heron Creek Winery



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OF OHIO

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Brady Vineyards of Ohio grows and ferments the grapes used to produce Heron Creek Wine at a 140-acre family farm in the Lake Erie region of North Central Ohio. The vineyard is located in Rochester Township and has approximately 8,000 vines planted on 14 acres. The winery is open on select Saturdays throughout the year. Visit website for details.

Crooked Tree Vineyard is a five-acre quiet oasis located on Kelleys Island. The tasting room, with both indoor and outdoor seating, offers eight wines from dry to sweet produced on-site. Grapes grown on the property are the foundation for the wines. The tasting room is open mid-May through mid-September annually. Visit them online or via Facebook for hours and updates on vineyard activities.

Crooked Tree Vineyard

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D & D Smith Winery

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NORWALK
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Operating from a remodeled 1870's era house situated along Norwalk Creek, D&D Smith Winery is a family run winery in its 15th year offering 45+ award winning wines, ciders, and wine slushies. They also offer an

assortment of beers and liqueurs. To satisfy appetites, brick oven pizzas made from their own handcrafted dough recipe, and other delicious meals and appetizers are available.

Firelands Winery, circa 1880, is located in beautiful Sandusky, OH. Their vineyards are located on site, where wine has been produced for almost a century and a half. Firelands' award-winning wines have made Firelands the state's premier winery. They are dedicated to producing the highest quality wines. They believe wine can significantly enhance the quality and enjoyment of life.

Firelands Winery



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Gideon Owen Wine Company

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Gideon Owen Wine Company, a premier wine and culinary destination, is situated on Catawba Island on Lake Erie. Their specialty is curating extraordinary, immersive experiences that bring people together while celebrating the 150-year-old wine traditions of their landmark winery. First known as the Catawba Island Wine Company, the winery is nestled in the heart of the Lake Erie Wine Region.

Heineman Winery was established in 1888 by Gustav Heineman. Entering it's 6th generation, Heineman's is the oldest family owned and operated winery in Ohio. Enjoy a ferry boat ride to Put-in-Bay and sample over 20 different varieties of award winning island wines in their beautiful wine garden. They also produce 2 kinds of grape juice and are home to Crystal Cave the world's largest celestite geode!

Heineman's Winery



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PUT-IN-BAY
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Jilbert Winery



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VALLEY CITY
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Jilbert Winery, established in 1999, is a family-owned and operated boutique winery specializing in the production of premium Ohio grape and honey-based wines. Jilbert Winery offers a variety of wines reflecting the diverse palates of our customers. Experience the winery housed in days-gone-by historic dairy barn built in 1905.

John Christ Winery began producing wine in 1946 when the original owner, John Christ, came to Avon Lake from Macedonia to cultivate his vineyards and fruit farm situated on 27 acres of land. After he retired, the property and winery was sold to its current owner. Today John Christ Winery continually receives numerous medals for its outstanding wines.

John Christ Winery



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AVON LAKE
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JOHNCHRISTWINE.COM

Klingshirn Winery

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33050 WEBBER RD.
AVON LAKE
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KLINGSHIRNWINE.COM



Growers and producers of Ohio's finest award winning wines since 1935. Visit their retail store to sample and purchase your favorite varieties. Bring a picnic basket and sit in the yard on a sunny day. Check their

website for upcoming events. Fresh local juices available in the fall for drinking and home wine making. Hours: Mon thru Sat-10am 'til 6pm, closed Sundays & holidays

Established in 2016 on the family farm. 6 Acres of Hybrid grapes with 18 different varieties. Biggest wine club around!

Enjoy their outside covered and heated pavilion or watch the awesome sunsets on a table in the lawn. Live Music every Thursday & Saturday evenings.

You're welcome to bring in your own food or enjoy their food vendors.

Voted Best in their County 4 years in a row including Best Northeast Winery in 2019.

Matus Winery



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WAKEMAN
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North Coast Wine Club



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SOLON

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NORTHCOASTWINECLUB.COM



Born out of their love for fine wines, North Coast Wine Club has become the premier location for making fine wines in Northeast Ohio. The North Coast Wine Club provides: A place to make wine, utilizing professional equipment in a social group atmosphere. A social environment, where one can make and develop new friendships with people of varied backgrounds. Double Gold & Gold Medal Award Winning Wines.

Paper Moon Vineyards is a family-owned winery (est. 2009) which offers award-winning wine, cider, beer, live music (Fridays/Saturdays), & good times. The tasting room is lovely with a fireplace, copper tasting counter, plenty of seating, & a view into the wine-making room. The outdoor area features a covered porch, tent, expansive courtyard with tables, & a fire pit. Conveniently located right off Route 2.

Paper Moon Vineyards

2008 STATE ROAD
VERMILION

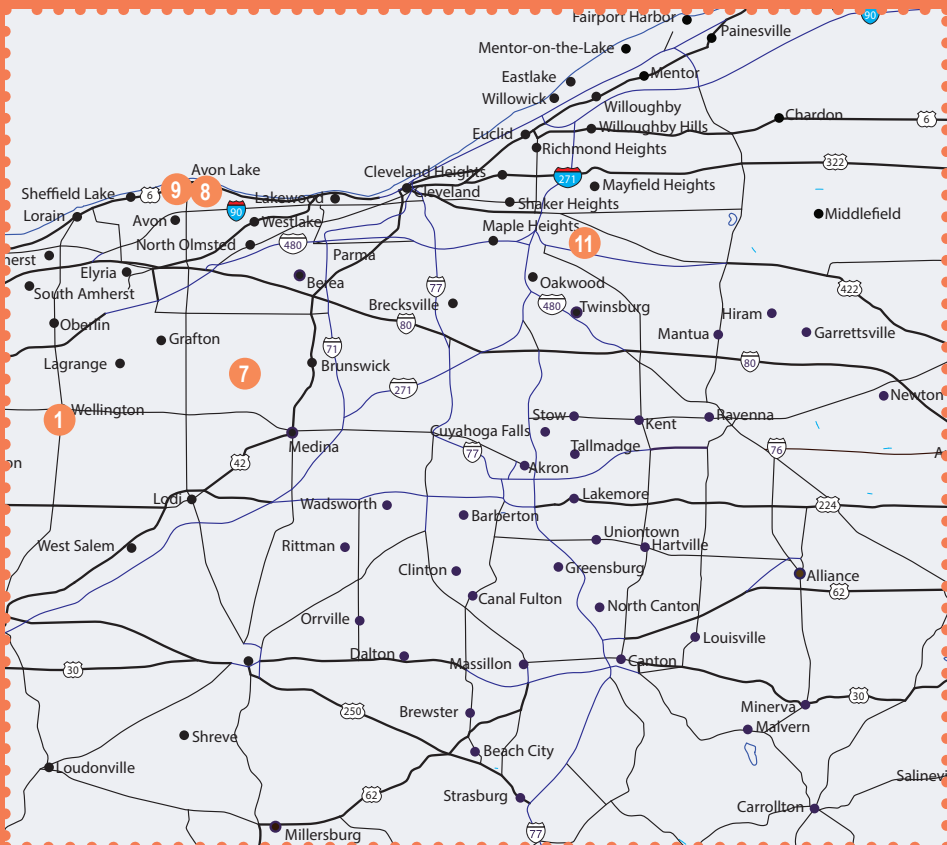
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Quarry Hill Winery

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QUARRYHILLWINERY.COM



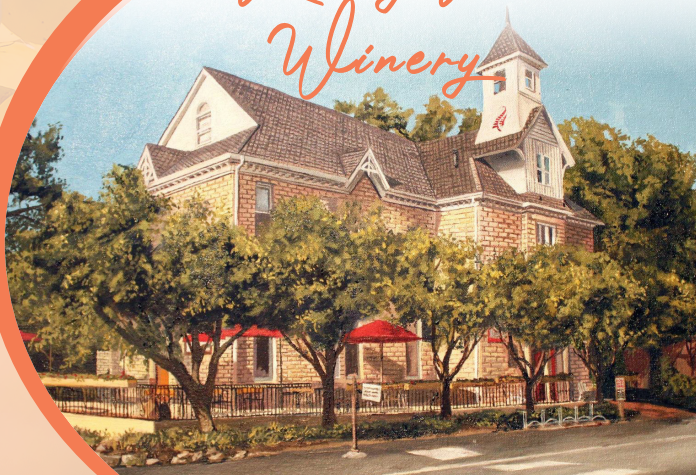
Quarry Hill Vineyard was established in 2005 in partnership with Quarry Hill Orchard, owned by the Gammie Family.

Well known for their estate grown grapes and fruit wine, vantage point and distant Lake

Erie views make it the perfect combination of delicious wine and beautiful atmosphere. Our winery offers a comfortable and scenic environment for visitors to enjoy the wines grown and carefully crafted as the perfect extension of the Gammie family vision.

Located in the heart of Ohio's Shores and Islands region, Rocky Point Winery is also home to the Red Fern Inn, the area's only 5-star inn. Rocky Point is open year-round and an easy drive from Columbus and Cleveland. Their name originates from the Marblehead Lighthouse and local Lake Erie shoreline. Rocky Point Winery has something for everyone with a welcoming setting, friendly staff and terrific wine.

Rocky Point Winery



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MARBLEHEAD
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Sandy Ridge Vineyards & Mercantile

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180 ST RT 61 E

NORWALK

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SANDYRIDGEVINEYARDS.COM



A chef inspired wine & food experience specializing in private events and memorable occasions.

The historic barn features a tasting room with deliciously fresh dishes created by chef jamie mcfadden. Sandy ridge is also home to a local market with fresh baked goods and sweets, regular live entertainment, a gorgeous patio and wines available either for purchase, or to sip by the glass. Open March - December for lunch, dinner and special events.

The Winerie, sister location to Vermilion Valley Vineyards, is a full-service Estate Winery offering something for everyone. Their tapas-based menu includes shareable, charcuterie, flatbreads, salads, and desserts. From a Wednesday evening girls' trip to a special weekend date night, or privately rented special event The Winerie is the perfect location and atmosphere paired with delicious estate wines.

Hours:

Thursday 4-8

Friday 4-10

Saturday 12-10

Sunday 12-6

The Winerie



6413 HAYES AVE.

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The Wishmaker House B&B & Winery

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116 MAIN ST.
BELLVILLE
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WISHMAKERHOUSE.COM



The Wishmaker House is a historic eight room bed and breakfast, restaurant and winery located in the heart of the picturesque village of Bellville, OH. They have twenty-six varietals of wine, a delicious full menu of food and our variety of 130+ signature homemade cheesecakes.

Vermilion Valley Vineyards is an estate winery set into the rural landscape of the Vermilion River Watershed. Celebrating a four part mission: To produce WORLD-CLASS quality wines grown in North Central Ohio, provide a warm and inviting atmosphere where friends and family can gather and explore, to educate and promote SUSTAINABLE building and land use practices, and to view their community through a PHILANTHROPIC lens.

Vermilion Valley Vineyards

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Wine Labels Offer Lots Of Information

1. *Brand* - The name of the winery
2. *Vintage Date* – This means 95% of the wine was from grapes GROWN in that year.
3. *Appellation of Origin* – Indicates where the grapes were grown. It can be a political designation like “Ohio,” or “Erie County.”
4. *Viticultural Area* - A United States viticultural area is a well defined grape-growing region with similar soil, climate, history, and geographical features.
5. *Varietal Designations* - The names of the dominant grapes in the bottle. Examples: Riesling, Vidal Blanc, and Pinot Noir.
6. *Proprietary Names* - These are often whimsical and made up by the vintner. Example: Lake Erie Reflections or Maria's Rosé
7. *Estate Bottled* - Means 100% of the wine came from grapes grown on land owned or controlled by the winery, AND within a Federally approved AVA
8. *Alcohol Content* – Reflects the alcohol content in percent by volume.
9. *Vineyard Designation* – For the winemakers to recognize the efforts of their growers' vineyards.



The Shores and Islands Wine trail wineries owe much of their existence to the shallowest of the Great Lakes – it offers winegrowers a myriad of gifts

In the late 1970's, the federal government began granting designations known as Appellations of Origin to American grape growing regions. These labels are assigned to recognize distinctive and historic growing districts that produce wines with unique and identifiable characteristics. The first granted was to the Augusta, Missouri district; the best-known national Appellation is California's Napa Valley.

The primary Appellation in our region is 'Lake Erie.' Along the south shore of the Great Lakes' most shallow body of water, escarpments, [a series of ridges formed by ancient glacial lakes] is 22 miles wide at Toledo, Ohio and narrows to less than three miles in the Chautauqua region of New York. These natural boundaries generally demark the Lake Erie Viticultural Area. And while there are smaller 'micro-climates' [Grand River Valley and Conneaut Creek east of Cleveland, Isle St. George, aka North Bass, in the Lake Erie Island's western basin] within the larger region, the lake is THE reason grape growing exists here.

When diseases devastated the vineyards of southeast Ohio in the mid 1800's, German immigrants traveled north to the islands where lake breezes protected vines from the rot and

mildew which doomed grape growing around Cincinnati. They planted many native varieties like Concords, Niagaras, and Catawbas which helped the industry survive through Prohibition. These traditional labrusca wine continue to be enjoyed in the region.

But as the industry moved through the mid-21st century, Lake Erie also has provided a foundation for the region to grow world class viniferas. Without the lake's temperature moderation, these varieties would have only remained a dream in the minds of many growers.

The influence of the lake on grape growing is dramatic, through every season. Each spring, steady, cool breezes skim across the ice-clogged waters. The winds are trapped by the escarpment and drop, cooling the air temperature significantly, preventing premature bud break and damaging frosts in the vineyards.

In the fall, breezy currents blow across the sun-warmed lake and drop again extending the growing season north of the escarpment for another week or two.

The total effect is to increase frost-free season on the lake's eastern and southern shores by 30 to 40 days. [Where less than 165 growing days are available, viticulture is virtually impossible; when 180-190 days exist, winegrowers can and do produce quality fruit but for the viniferas, 200+ days are most desired.]



Play & Stay

Shores & Islands Ohio is more than just a place, it's a feeling. Make our **Cheers Trail** part of your Shores & Islands adventure! Our region is always in season, where you can sample locally-made craft beverages and wines year-round. Whether you're a first timer or a regular, experiences here stay in your heart for a lifetime.

Find your Lake Erie Love at SHORESandISLANDS.com/plan/trails.

Cheers!



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