



Visit Texas Wine Country

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Texas Appellations of Origin

Texas has six federally recognized American Viticultural areas, or appellations of origin. They are the Texas Hill Country, Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country, Bell Mountain, High Plains, Texas Davis Mountains and Escondido Valley. The Texas Hill Country viticultural area, established in 1991, is the largest in the United States, covering 15,000 square miles and 22 counties. The High Plains area is the nation's third largest appellation. Bell Mountain, established in 1986, is Texas' oldest and smallest Texas appellation, covering 5 square miles on the south and southwestern slopes of Bell Mountain in Gillespie County.

Take a Tour of Texas Wine Country

Drink in the beauty of the Lone Star State while sampling excellent Texas wines by exploring one of the state's many scenic wine trails - the Palo Duro, the Brazos, the Munson, the Highland, the Pecos, the Enchanted and the Balcones - and the wineries located along each one. For information on the Hill Country Wine Trail, which features 16 Texas wineries and five seasonal "wine trail" events, go to www.texaswinetrail.com.



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Texas can trace its winemaking history to 1662, when Spanish missionaries established the state's first vineyards at Ysleta Mission near modern-day El Paso. Today, Texas has more than 40 wineries and the number keeps growing. Visit www.gotexanwine.org for a list of wineries in Texas, including their locations and websites.

Texas' New Wine Shipping Rules

Can't make it to Texas Wine Country to purchase your favorite wine? Texas law now allows Texas wineries to ship your favorite wines within the state. Contact the winery with your order and they will help you locate a participating package store where you may go to pick up your Texas wine shipment. If you prefer, the package store can have the wine delivered to your door. Ask your Texas winery for more details about the shipping program, visit www.gotexanwine.org or call toll free 866.4TX-WINE.

Propose a toast to Texas: look for the GO TEXAN logo for agricultural products made and grown in the Lone Star State.



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Susan Combs, Commissioner

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