

Vineyard Info:

[The Columbia Valley](#) AVA is Washington's all-encompassing region with some 11 million acres of land in all. Included within its confines are six other American Viticultural Areas (AVA) including Yakima Valley, Red Mountain, Walla Walla Valley, Horse Heaven Hills, Rattlesnake Hills and Wahluke Slope. Despite the number of sub-appellations within its boundaries, there is the potential for further AVA development.

Bacchus Vineyard – Cabernet Sauvignon
Evergreen Vineyard – Chardonnay, Riesling, & Sauvignon Blanc
Sagemoor Vineyard – Cabernet Sauvignon & Sauvignon Blanc

[Red Mountain](#) is arguable Washington's most well-defined and distinctive viticulture area, in large part due to its geography. A moderately steep slope facing southwest which rises above a sharp bend in the Yakima River, Red Mountain is one of the hottest sites in the state, and ripens Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and a wide variety of Rhone grapes such as Syrah exceptionally well. The sandy loam soil is high in calcium and alkaline, which is reflected in the quality of the grapes that grow here. The AVA totals 4,040 acres, with just 700 under vine.

Red Mountain is home to some of Washington's most prestigious vineyards such as Ceil du Cheval and Klipsun, and EFESTĒ has recently planted its own estate vineyard on the mountain.

Ceil du Cheval – Syrah
End of the Road Ranch – Syrah
Kiona Vineyard – Cabernet Sauvignon
Klipsun Vineyard – Merlot, Syrah, & Cabernet Sauvignon

[The Wahluke Slope](#), along with Red Mountain, is Washington's warmest site, with heat units exceeding 3,000 year in and year out. The desert heat and abundance of water create the right conditions for large-scale production of fine wine grapes. The AVA has more than 20 vineyards accounting for more than a fifth of Washington State's wine grape production. It does especially well with Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.

North Ridge Vineyard – Cabernet Sauvignon
Stone Tree Vineyard – Mouvedre & Syrah
Weinbau Vineyard – Syrah & Cabernet Sauvignon

[Yakima Valley](#), the first appellation established in Washington that is located in the southern center of the state, just across the spectacular Cascade Mountains from the metropolitan areas of Seattle and Portland. The sunny slopes of the Yakima Valley foothills provide the perfect growing conditions for producing intensely flavored, balanced and complex wines such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Syrah. Long sun-drenched days and cool evenings in this desert climate yield bold, hearty, and luscious world-class wines.

Dick Boushey Vineyard – Syrah
Red Willow Vineyard – Syrah & Cabernet Sauvignon

Our Vineyards:

EFESTĒ purchased land and in the Spring of 2008 planted over 40 acres of vineyards on prestigious Red Mountain. There are two separate plots, the North vineyard and the South vineyard. High density planting techniques have been utilized with an emphasis on growing unique clones of Bordeaux and Rhone fruit that suit Washington's distinctive terrior. The vineyards are being managed by Dick Boushey, a seasoned grower with years of viticultural experience.

The South vineyard is sloped to the southwest providing exceptional exposure and heat. The grape varietals planted were Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Mouvedre. The North vineyard is a more level growing surface and EFESTĒ has planted Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot grapes in this vineyard.

Twenty-five acres was also purchased and planted in the Yakima Valley. A southwest-sloped vineyard, situated over 1200 feet high in elevation, the vineyard contains Grenache, Mouvedre, and Syrah grapes and is being managed by Dick Boushey.