

EPICENTER
OF
TEXAS WINE CULTURE
IN THE
48 HOURS





48 IN THE EPICENTER HOURS OF THE TEXAS WINE CULTURE

Nestled on the shores of Lake Grapevine between Dallas and Fort Worth, Grapevine is an urban oasis with a laid-back Americana vibe. Its easy accessibility via four major highways and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, combined with its unique attributes, make Grapevine the ultimate getaway in North Texas.

While in Grapevine, you will discover world-class attractions and events; culinary experiences that will leave you wanting more; art and culture every which way; luxurious hotels and resorts; and of course, fine Texas wines!

Grapevine is home to the **Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association** and host to more than a dozen renowned

wine related events, such as **New Vintage Wine and Gallery Trail & Blessing of the Vines**, **Jazz Wine Trains**, and Texas' quintessential wine festival, **GrapeFest®—A Texas Wine Experience**, the largest wine festival in the Southwest.

However, one of Grapevine's greatest assets is the **Urban Wine Trail**. Unique in its own right, the Trail features award-winning winery tasting rooms ranging from French-inspired chateaus and historic farmsteads to adaptive historic infill and contemporary spaces. It's easy to delight in the distinct personality of each establishment, as well as the journey your taste buds will take with each sip of these Texas specialty varietals.



Annual New Vintage Wine and Gallery Trail & Blessing of the Vines

With a dynamic combination of wine-centric events and an incredible collection of winery tasting rooms along the Trail, it's no wonder Grapevine is known as the epicenter of Texas wine culture.

DAY 1

Start your tour of the Urban Wine Trail away from Historic Main Street at **Delaney Vineyards**. This 8,000-square-foot winery is reminiscent of an 18th century French chateau and is set amongst a vineyard with 10 acres of lush grapevines in the middle of an urban environment. Tastings, special events and more allow wine aficionados and those just discovering Texas wines an amazing venue to enjoy.

Move closer to Main Street for your next Trail stop. Set in the Historic Dorris Brock home and one of the oldest structures in Grapevine, **Cross Timbers Winery** offers a unique wine tasting experience, featuring 11 varietals grown in the High Plains region. Surrounded by centuries-old oak and pecan trees, their expansive grounds provide a relaxed setting to sip and savor.

Take a quick break to savor the food flavors of Main Street. No matter what you're craving, you'll be able to find epicurean indulgences that will satisfy your inner foodie.

Next up on the Trail, **Messina Hof Grapevine Winery**, located in a historic infill replica of the Wallis Hotel, a charming space with a 19th-century atmosphere. As one

of the most highly regarded and award-winning Texas wineries, Messina Hof is a family-owned business featuring more than 50 wines from 28 different varietals. Be sure to check out their wine on tap and all the unique wine accessories for sale.

After a day of wine tasting and good eats, you'll want to find your rhythm in Grapevine's nightlife with several **locally-owned bistros and cafés along Historic Main Street**, such as **Tolbert's**, **Farina's**, **Chez Fabien** or **Willhoite's**, offering a mix of talented solo artists, duos and bands playing everything from classic rock to country and more. These are all bookended by the **Historic Palace Theatre**, which hosts musicians, comedians and classic movies, and the legendary **Texas Star Dinner Theater**, on the opposite end of Main Street, which offers hilarious murder-mystery dinner shows on weekends throughout the year.

DAY 2

Rise and shine for another glorious day of Texas wine tasting peppered with a dose of retail therapy and art gazing. Before you start your adventure, fuel up with internationally-inspired breakfast selections ranging from savory or sweet crêpes and croissants to huevos rancheros or a hearty traditional breakfast. Whichever you choose, you'll appreciate the myriad of flavor sensations lovingly prepared by Grapevine's top chefs.

The first tasting room on your list today is **Sloan & Williams Winery** which offers wines produced from carefully selected, certified fruits. Between the rustic feel and the passion and knowledge the winemakers of Sloan & Williams bring to their winemaking, the bar will be set high.

As you leave the tasting room, swing by **Roses on the Vine** and shop for a new outfit or gently used cowboy boots to either wear to out on the town tonight or save to show your friends exactly what they're missing. Bonus, your second Trail stop is next door.



A night of great jazz, fine wine and a trip back in time on board the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Jazz Wine Train



Mariachis lead a procession through Grapevine's Delaney Vineyards to celebrate the annual Blessing of the Vines



The Great Texas Champagne Cork Shoot-Off at GrapeFest®—A Texas Wine Experience

Experience the intimate ambiance of **Grape Vine Springs Winery**, featuring more than 32 different wines in production. This unique tasting room offers daily wine tastings, a wide variety of wine accessories, custom winemaking experiences where you'll be able to blend your own wine, complete with a custom label and the **Night Watchman Ghost Tour** you'll definitely want to sign up for.

Explore chic boutiques between here and your next stop which is only a few steps away. From chocolates made by a real physician to fashionista finds, you're sure to find something that calls to your personal sense of style.

Open the door to **Landon Winery** for an intimate tasting experience with more than 30 medal-winning handcrafted wines aged in stainless steel tanks and American, French and Bourbon barrels. Housed in a historic building, this tasting room has an intimate and energetic atmosphere, private back patio and a much-talked-about colorful, light-up bartop.

Take a break from sipping and shopping and head to the intersection of Main Street and Dallas Road. Here, you can explore chef-driven plates at the new European-style food hall, **Harvest Hall**, in the recently opened **Grapevine Main**, reminiscent of 19th-century grand rail stations. You can also visit **Hotel Vin**, the first transit-oriented hotel on Main Street in more than 80 years, as well as **Bacchus Kitchen + Bar**; and **Third Rail**, an intimate live performance venue. If you couldn't guess by the name "vin," it's a wine centric hotel, complete with wine tasting events and a partnership with fine crystal stemware makers, Riedel.

Once you've satisfied your cravings at Grapevine Main station, cross the street and continue along the Trail north on Main Street to **Bingham Family Vineyards** which produces all of their wines from more than 200 acres in the Texas High Plains American Viticulture Area. Some grape varieties you can expect to see are Viognier, Tempranillo and Dolcetto. Bingham Family Vineyards is a family-

owned-and-operated business, focusing on cultivation and care of the vineyards, resulting in high quality, award-winning wines. Stop next door at **Giddens Gallery of Fine Art** and engage with colorful contemporary works of art before you head to your next stop.

Conclude your Trail tour at **Bull Lion Ranch and Vineyard**. Sharing space with **Nomad**, a retail store specializing in local designs and unique outdoor products such as one-of-a-kind backpacks made from recycled materials, **Bull Lion** is located in a historically significant former service station. Relax underneath a porte-cochère, dating back to the 1930s, as you sip on more award-winning wines, and make sure you stop by Nomad to pick up a Grapevine wine-themed t-shirt.

While it's easy to explore the Trail on your own time, you can gather some friends and enjoy it one of three unique ways: board a **Grapevine Wine Tour**, which provides a guided food and wine pairing tour along Main Street via a climate-controlled tour bus; sign up for a **Grapevine Food Tour**, which are guided walking tours along Main Street with several stops to taste wine as well as other Grapevine culinary delights; or lastly, reserve a spot on a **Night Watchman Ghost Tour**, featuring an inside look at the spookier side of Grapevine, including a complimentary glass of wine at Grape Vine Springs Winery.

Whether your plan is to conclude your Grapevine wine getaway with a final dinner at one of the many delectable steakhouses in town—such as **Bob's Steak & Chop House**, reminiscent of mid-century supper clubs; **Perry's Steakhouse & Grille**, a modern chic hotspot; or **Dino's Steak and Claw House**, a restaurant housed in an Art Deco bank—or you want to relax and unwind in the comfort of your hotel, remember to purchase favorite bottles to enjoy in your hotel room or back home with friends. Each winery tasting room sells bottles to-go or, if you're looking for something rare or international, look no further than Grapevine's very own unique wine shop, **Off the Vine**.



Annual wine-related events in Grapevine:

- Sweetheart Wine Trail—*February*
- Jazz Wine Trains—*Spring*
- New Vintage Wine and Gallery Trail & Blessing of the Vines—*April*
- Texas Wine Tribute—*September*
- GrapeFest®—A Texas Wine Experience—*September*
- Halloween Trail—*October*
- Grapevine Wine Festival—*November*
- Christmas Wine Trains—*December*

As the sun sets on your two-day stay in this idyllic city, book an extra night to explore DFW's first-rate art, culture and sporting events less than 30 minutes from Grapevine. Can't miss attractions include **George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum**; **House of Blues**; **AT&T Stadium**; **Bass Performance Hall**; or high luxury shopping at **NorthPark Center** and the **Galleria Dallas**.

Either way, raise your glass to the unique Grapevine experiences you had and the many more that are yet to come. Cheers, y'all!