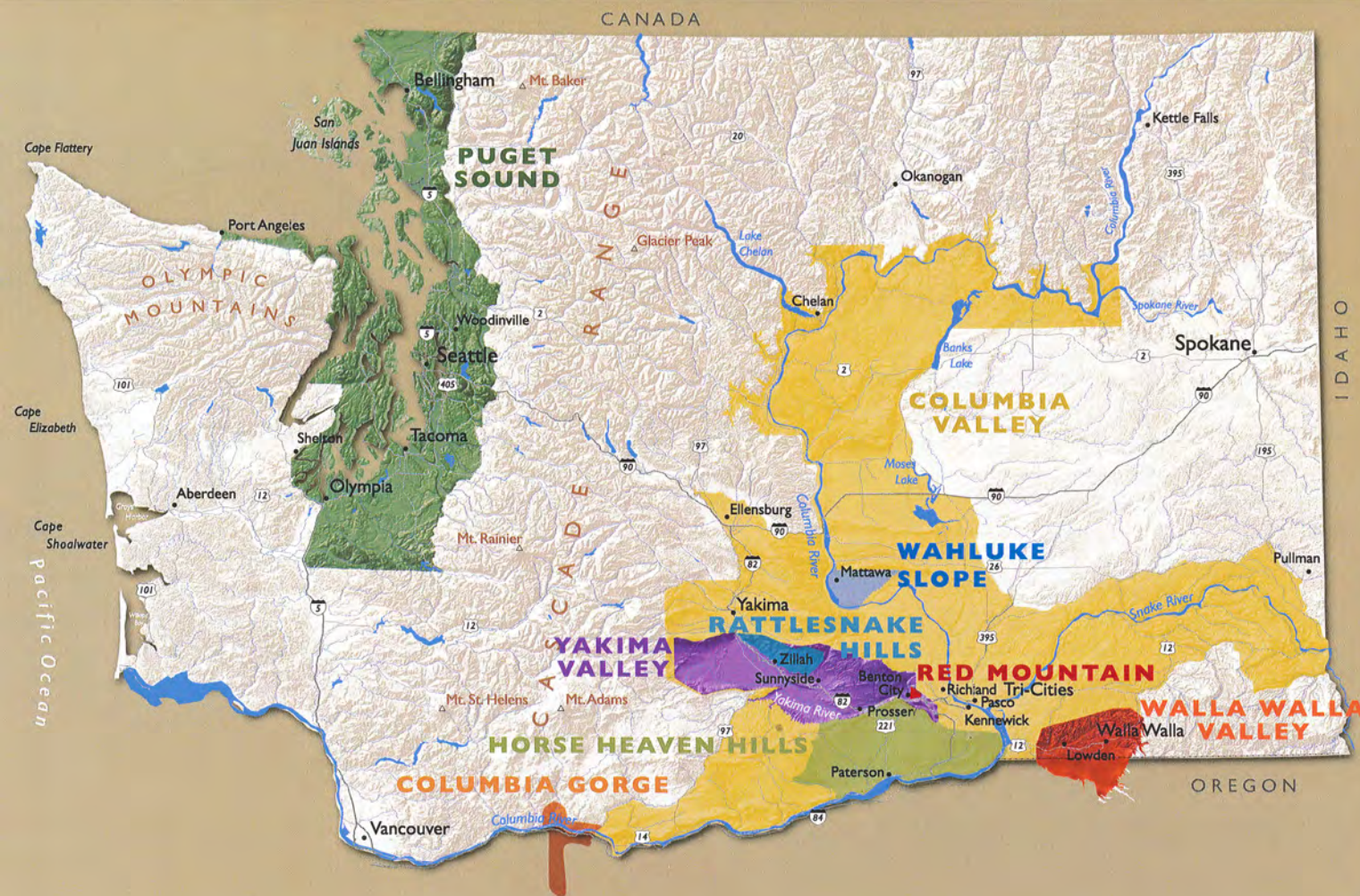


Washington State's Viticultural Areas



PUGET SOUND

- Established 1995
- More than 100 wineries located within the greater Puget Sound region
- More than 80 vineyard acres (32 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Madeleine Angevine, Siegrebbe, Müller-Thurgau, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris

RED MOUNTAIN

- Established in 2001
- 12 wineries
- Over 710 vineyard acres (287 hectares) currently planted
- Primary grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Sangiovese
- Red Mountain is located within the larger Yakima Valley, at its easternmost tip

COLUMBIA GORGE

- Established in 2004
- Includes areas in Washington State and Oregon with more than 15 wineries
- Approximately 350 vineyard acres (142 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Riesling and Pinot Gris

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

- Established 2005
- 4 wineries
- 6,040 vineyard acres (2,444 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon

WAHLUKE SLOPE

- Established 2006
- 3 wineries
- 5,200 vineyard acres (2,104 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Riesling, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon

RATTLESNAKE HILLS

- Established 2006
- 20 Wineries
- More than 1,500 vineyard acres (608 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Merlot, Syrah, Malbec Chardonnay, Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon

Washington State has nine major American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) as recognized and defined by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, (TTB). An AVA has unique climate, soil and physical features, which distinguish it from surrounding areas.

YAKIMA VALLEY

- Established 1983
- Washington State's first appellation
- Includes more than 50 wineries
- 11,000 vineyard acres (4,452 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

- Established 1984
- More than 100 wineries
- More than 1,200 acres (486 hectares) of vineyards
- Primary grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay and Syrah

COLUMBIA VALLEY

- Established 1984
- Washington's largest viticultural region, with 100 wineries & 16,000+ vineyard acres (6,880 hectares)
- Primary grape varieties: Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah
- Columbia Valley contains Red Mountain, Rattlesnake Hills and both Yakima and Walla Walla Valleys within its borders

Washington State Wine Industry Facts



Washington State's northerly latitude provides an average of 17.4 hours of sunlight during the summer growing season, two more than California's prime growing regions. This extra daylight lets grapes ripen fully and cool nights allow the fruit's natural acids to remain high, creating richly flavored and well-balanced wines. Here are some other interesting facts about Washington's wine industry:

- Ranks second nationally in wine production
- Washington wineries — more than 500
- Wine grape growers — 350
- 2005 harvest — 116,000 tons
- Contributes \$3 billion annually to the state economy
- Full-time equivalent wine-related jobs — 14,000
- Red to white wine grape ratio — 47% to 53%
- Leading red varieties — Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Sangiovese
- Leading white varieties — Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier
- Annual rainfall — Eight inches (20 cm) in Eastern Washington (the major grape growing region), 37 inches (94 cm) in Western Washington.

Wine grape acreage growth

- 1993 — 11,100 acres (4,492 hectares)
- 1999 — 24,000 acres (9,712 hectares)
- 2005 — 30,000 acres (12,140 hectares)

Winery growth

- 1981 — 19 wineries
- 1996 — 80 wineries
- 2001 — 170 wineries
- 2007 — 500+ wineries

Wine production growth

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| • 1981 — under 1m cases | 2m gals | (7.5m liters) |
| • 1996 — 2.2m cases | 5.3m gals | (19.9m liters) |
| • 2001 — 6.5m cases | 15.5m gals | (58.5m liters) |
| • 2005 — 7.5m cases | 18m gals | (68.3m liters) |



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