

# Dundee Hills Winegrowers Association

## 2. Great wines and exceptional, on site experiences

Exceptional and unique guest experiences are an integral part of a visit to Dundee Hills wineries. Barrel tastings, blending seminars, unique wine pairings and customized vineyard tours just scratch the surface of the many personalized encounters available to visitors.

### **SOKOL BLOSSER PAIRS CHEF-CURATED BITES WITH WINE TASTING**

Elevating a typical wine tasting, the new Farm + Forage experience at Sokol Blosser offers six carefully curated small bites, prepared by their chef, paired with six wines for a personal, intimate experience at the winery. Food is sourced from local purveyors and foraged from the Sokol Blosser property. Farm + Forage is limited to eight guests, costs \$75 per person, and typically lasts 90 minutes.

Also, on site at Sokol Blosser, an estate tour can be scheduled any time with advance reservations, and seated tastings offer a deeper understanding of Sokol Blosser wines, winemaking, and Sokol Blosser's pioneering history.

### **A GLOBAL APPROACH TO WINE TASTING AT ALEXANA**

With three wineries—one in Oregon, one in the Napa Valley and one in Argentina—Alexana captures the global nature of winemaking. On the first Sunday of each month, Alexana's sommelier offers a unique opportunity to blind taste six wines, with one of Alexana's wines compared to the same varietal from various regions around the globe.

Visitors can also taste up to 15 varietals from Oregon, California and the Uco Valley Mendoza region of Argentina. In addition, depending on weather and production, vineyards and winery tours are available on request.

### **INTIMATE AND EDUCATIONAL TASTINGS OF SMALL PRODUCTION WINES AT ERATH**

Erath wines begin on land the winery has cultivated for more than 40 years, longer than any other winery in the Dundee Hills. At Erath, guided tastings of single-clone wines delight the palate while visitors learn about Oregon's rich winemaking history and world-class growing regions.

Or visitors can reserve a seated tasting that perfectly pairs an assortment of

An aerial photograph of a vineyard in the Dundee Hills region of Oregon. The rows of grapevines are arranged in a grid pattern, and the landscape is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, with some clouds visible. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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hand-selected artisan cheese chosen by experts from Portland Cheese Course with a range of award-winning wines. The tasting includes limited production wines and current releases.

### **WINDERLEA LIBRARY WINES IN A “VERTICAL DINNER” AND A NEW CLUB**

With a tasting room in Dundee and another in McMinnville, there are more opportunities to sip and taste Winderlea’s limited production Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Showing off their food-friendly wines, Winderlea offers Friday Summertime lunches which include a Library wine each week. A “vertical dinner” each June highlights a single vineyard in a five-year vertical of that wine paired with a five-course dinner.

Launched in 2006, Winderlea’s Anthology Club offers 10-year old wines in an Anthology Collection to a limited membership. In September, a special Anthology dinner pairs Anthology wines with a four-course dinner highlighting a special chef. In 2017, Matt Lightner, the founding chef who earned two Michelin stars for Atera in New York City, was the guest chef.

Hosted by a veteran associate, Winderlea provides private tasting experiences each Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. The experience includes a vineyard overview and seated tasting of current release wines.

### **NATIVE FLORA, PRESERVING THE ORIGINAL OREGON WINE EXPERIENCE**

Decades ago, Oregon’s pioneering wine families established the Willamette Valley. Their diminutive scale and collaborative spirit meant that early tastings were always led by the proprietors of each fledgling estate in a convivial atmosphere. Oregon became known for intimate tastings led by hands-on producers of world class wines.

Despite Oregon’s “wine explosion”, Native Flora still offers discerning wine buyers an extraordinary experience reminiscent of Oregon’s early wine days. They offer tastings by appointment in an uncrowded, unhurried environment, always poured and narrated by the owners. They display the infectious passion and fun inherent in growing and fermenting small batch offerings. Their wines are not found on store shelves or in wine magazine reviews because their production is limited and sold largely, if not exclusively, to individual wine collectors. If you are seeking to acquire excellent wines in an intimate, hands-on environment, this is a marvelous adventure.



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### **WINTERS HILL, NOTHING LIKE AN EDUCATIONAL VINEYARD & WINERY TOUR ENDING WITH A GOURMET LUNCH**

Winter's Hill offers a tour which begins with a lovely stroll through majestic oak woodlands leading guests to their vineyards. Great wine starts in the vineyard and guests will be treated to details of how the vines are tended, the grapes are grown and ultimately transformed into wine. The experience also includes a tasting, a tour of the winery, and ends with a gourmet picnic lunch on their patio.

### **VIEWS AND ACTION, FURIOSO**

A new gem amongst the Dundee Hills AVA tasting rooms, Furioso Vineyards is nearing completion on their truly unique space. Furioso's new tasting room, nestled in the vines of one of Dundee's oldest vineyards, is seventy feet long and thirty feet deep, with fourteen-foot-high glass walls offering an unobstructed view on all four sides. This incredible design features a shared glass wall with the winery's Crush Pad facility. This enables Furioso the ability to offer all guests an up-close harvest experience from the warmth and safety of the tasting room. The new Winery, Barrel Room, and Tasting Room complex is expected to open in early May 2018, with tours and seated tastings available. Reservations will not be required but are recommended.

### **ELEVATING YOUR WINE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE AT STOLLER FAMILY ESTATE**

The Stoller family established the property in 1943 and the vineyard 50 years later. Today, they are the largest contiguous vineyard in Oregon's Dundee Hills controlling every step of the process, from pruning to bottling and everything in between. The result is award-winning wines that are balanced, complex, and consistently exceptional.

Upon arriving at the tasting room, two things are immediately evident: the breathtaking view of their vineyard and their friendly and knowledgeable staff. Their "Elevated Experience" offers The Library or Gastronomic Tour and Tasting options, each delivering a different heightened sensory component to ensure a memorable visit.

### **INTIMATE, EDUCATIONAL AND EVOCATIVE AT WHITE ROSE ESTATE**

White Rose Estate offers an intimate, educational, and evocative tasting experience in one of the most unique and beautiful settings in the Willamette Valley. Manicured grounds and breathtaking views from atop the Dundee



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Hills lead to a tasting room reminiscent of a heavy-timbered fortress. Friendly, knowledgeable staff greets guests and leads them through a flight of Pinot noirs. Tours can be arranged by calling in advance. From the hand-forged harvest tools in the fermentation room to the intimate lighting in the barrel room, each detail has been carefully thought-out. Cap off the tasting with an espresso, or just relax outside under the willow tree and enjoy the view.

### **TORII MOR, UNIQUE TASTING OPTIONS**

Torii Mor combines their unique location and winery setting to offer multiple intimate tasting options throughout the summer months:

- A traditional tasting flight can be experienced in their unique, Japanese style haiku house, nestled among the trees in a traditional Japanese garden.
- An outside tasting can be enjoyed overlooking the Olson Estate Vineyard complete with serene views of the Willamette Valley and Mount Hood.
- For the more serious taster, an appointment for one of their cellar tastings can be made which includes an intimate guided tour of the Olson Estate Vineyard, their LEED Gold Certified winery, and ends with a reserve tasting and barrel samples within their subterranean barrel cellar.

### **BRIAR ROSE CREAMERY..... A PERFECT PAIRING**

Briar Rose Creamery might not be a winery, but they certainly draw a lot of attention and visitors from all over the country to their tiny cheese making facility in the Dundee Hills.

Producing some of the best cheeses in the nation they earn awards and acclaim at many national and global cheese contests. This tiny creamery was recently touted by Wall Street Journal as “the next big thing!”

Visitors can stop by the creamery while driving through the hills above Dundee and experience a guided tasting through the catalog of fresh and aged cheeses. Guests can talk to the cheesemakers (also the owners) and often witness cheesemaking in action. Complimentary tastings include at least four cheeses and frequently guests are treated to the owner’s latest creation (only available on site).

This is a rare opportunity for anyone who appreciates hand-crafted products, not to mention lovers of cheese!