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LITTLE ITALY TOUR

Discover the treasures Missouri's Little Italy has to offer on this tour through Italian heritage and incredible wine.



Explore Italian history and traditions on this tour through Missouri wine country's Little Italy. Italian immigrants established themselves and began producing wine in the St. James area in the late 1800s. Today, the region still embodies Italian influence – including award-winning wines.

Start your journey in St. Louis and travel southwest on Interstate 44 (I-44) toward St. James. A must see on this voyage is the [Rosati Winery Museum](#). This historic winery was built after prohibition in 1934 by Italian immigrants who settled the Rosati community in 1898 and developed the area's wine and grape industry. The winery building is now a museum dedicated to those Italian

immigrants. Travel back in time as you explore artifacts, photographs, vintage wine-making equipment and more. The museum even features its own tasting room where you can sample and purchase award-winning Missouri wines – grab a glass and sip while you tour the Italian legacy of Rosati Winery Museum.



Only 5 miles past the community of Rosati is St. James; home to many of the area's wineries. Continue your education of Italian influence in Missouri at St. James Winery. Opened in 1970 during the restoration of the Missouri wine industry, [St. James Winery](#) has remained a leader in the Midwest industry for the last 40 years and has been among the top ten most medaled wineries in the country for the last decade. [Meramec Vineyards](#) in St. James began with a vineyard planted by original Italian immigrant families in the Ozark area. Today, Meramec Vineyards features an art gallery, lunch in their Bistro d'Vine and a demonstration vineyard for visitors to tour. [Three Squirrels Winery](#) in St. James is both a winery and an art gallery. Relax in the dairy barn turned gallery and tasting room and enjoy wine on the covered deck overlooking the vineyards.



Before leaving St. James, try the Italian cuisine at the family-owned [Sybill's St. James Restaurant and Gift Shop](#) and the award-winning homemade ice cream at [Ruby's Ice Cream](#). Depending on the time of your visit, [St. James' Sip n' Savor Annual Wine and Microbrew Festival](#) is a great way to learn more about area wines and the people who make them.