Winetinerary: Kansas City, Missouri

The grand parks, boulevards, public squares and fountains of Kansas City, Missouri have earned it the nickname, "Paris of the Plains." Kansas City offers rich history, soulful music, famous barbecue and its very own scenic wine country. With two wine trails just outside of Kansas City, there are several options for your one-day getaway in the KC area.

The <u>Kansas City Wine Trail</u> boasts nine wineries in and around Kansas City along I-70. The <u>Northwest Missouri Wine Trail</u> includes nine wineries spread throughout the Northwest area of Kansas City. These wine trails are great ways to map the route for you KC area visits, so be sure to see what the wineries have going on during your day trip!

On your way into the city heading west, many wineries provide great stops. Visit <u>Odessa Country Winery</u> in Odessa for specialized artisan country wine, stop by <u>Fahrmeier Family Vineyards</u>' restored 1930s-era tasting barn in Lexington, and discover a variety of wines on the patio of <u>LaBella Vineyards & Winery</u> in Wellington.

As you trek closer to Kansas City, its suburbs house noteworthy wineries. Look over the Little Blue Valley of Independence at <u>Albonée Country Inn & Vineyards</u>, then visit Top <u>Hat Winery</u> located near Independence's historic town square. Enjoy the unique events at <u>Mallinson Vineyard and Hall</u> in Sugar Creek, and relax in the inviting atmosphere of <u>Stonehaus Farms Winery</u> in Lee's Summit. While in the heart of the city, be sure to visit <u>Amigoni Urban Winery</u>, located on the first floor of the historic Daily Drover Telegram building in the Stockyards District of Kansas City.

A detour north of the city also provides many noteworthy stops. Take a tour of the 110 year history of Belvoir Winery's property, located in the historic Odd Fellows Home in Liberty then travel 20 minutes for wine pairings at Fence Stile Vineyards & Winery in Excelsior Springs or delicious wood fired oven pizzas at Van Till Family Farm Winery. Tour the four acre vineyard at Ladoga Ridge Winery in Smithville and stop by Jowler Creek Vineyard & Winery nestled in the hills of Platte City. Then travel just 15 minutes to Weston to try Pirtle Winery's international award-winning mead and to visit Weston Wine Company's enchanting tasting room. If you feel like escaping the city, look further into the northwest area and you'll find Grindstone Valley Winery, Tipple Hill Winery & Vineyard, and Windy Wine Company just east of St. Joseph along Highway 36.

The possibilities are endless as you plan your wine country outing in the Kansas City area!