

## Metropolitan Triangle Tour- Winetinerary



Missouri boasts more than 125 wineries and many of them are in the backyard of the state's major metropolitan areas. Start your journey on the east side of the state in St. Louis then travel southwest to Springfield and Branson and end up at the western border in Kansas City, Missouri. While making your way through this triangle of food, music, and city life, be sure to venture into the nearby wine countries of these metro areas.

St. Louis is home to the Gateway Arch, Forest Park, the Cathedral Basilica and many spectacular Missouri wineries! From this metro area, travel only 20 miles west along Interstate 70 (I-70) to St.

Charles, home of [Little Hills Winery & Restaurant](#) or continue only 10 miles further to Cottleville, home

of [Rackhouse West Winery](#) – both locations are great stops for lunch or dinner paired perfectly with Missouri wine. From here, head west to Defiance.

Relax among the rolling hills of Defiance at [Yellow Farmhouse Winery](#), [Sugar Creek Winery & Vineyards](#), and [Chandler Hill Vineyards](#). A quick 10 minute drive from Defiance is Augusta, Missouri. Federally recognized as the first American Viticultural Area (AVA), Augusta is home to [Augusta Winery](#), [Balducci Vineyards](#), [Montelle Winery](#), [Mount Pleasant Winery](#) and [Noboleis Vineyards](#). Just outside of Augusta lies [Blumenhof Vineyards and Winery](#) in Dutzow. Enjoy the breath-taking views and wines the Augusta area offers before jumping on Interstate 44 toward Springfield. Be sure to make time for stops at the various wineries nestled along I-44. Heading southwest on I-44, you will find Belmont Vineyards and Winery in Leasburg, then the St. James area wineries which include [Heinrichshaus Vineyard & Winery](#), [Meramec Vineyards](#), [St. James Winery](#), and [Three Squirrels Winery](#). On your way into St. James, be sure to stop at the [Rosati Winery Museum](#) – this historic winery built after Prohibition by Italian immigrants is now dedicated to those settlers who developed the area's wine and grape industry. After exploring in St. James, keep venturing along I-44 to the next metro area – Springfield!

Nicknamed “Queen City of the Ozarks,” Springfield boasts civil war museums, historic downtown districts, parks, and unique wineries! Explore the Norwegian heritage and fruit wines offered at [OOVDA Winery](#) and the refurbished 1905 farm house tasting room at [Tyler Ridge Vineyard & Winery](#). Travel less than 25 miles northwest of Springfield to Walnut Grove where [7C's Winery & Vineyard](#) specializes in unique wines and meads, or make the 45 minute journey north of Springfield to Buffalo where [Leaky Roof Meadery](#) is making unique products from this fermented honey beverage. Just 35 miles east of Springfield is Seymour, MO where you can visit the sheep farm winery setting of [Lambs and Vines Winery](#) then overlook a valley just north of the second highest point in the state at [Whispering Oaks Vineyard & Winery](#). While in the Springfield area, be sure to visit [Williams Creek Winery](#) located in Mount Vernon one block south of the town's historic courthouse square.



From Springfield, journey on Highway 65 south to Branson and be sure to make a stop in Galena at [Lewsi Winery](#) nestled on top of Virgin Bluff overlooking Table Rock Lake. Branson is known as Missouri's southern hub for entertainment; Boasting concerts, shows, museums and amusement parks, Branson is also home to wineries. [Stone Hill Winery](#) offers daily winemaking tours and tastings of award-winning wines in their 12,000 square foot Branson location. Relax at the black stone bar or bottle your own wine at [Mount Pleasant Winery](#) and visit [Lindwedel Winery](#) to overlook bustling Branson from their hilltop settings.

The final point of this triangle tour will take you to Kansas City, Missouri. Kansas City is home to scenic fountains, public squares, the National World War I Museum, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, jazz music, famous barbecue joints, and wines that pair perfectly with all the city has to offer! On your way into the city, many wineries provide great stops. Visit [Odessa Country Winery](#) in Odessa for specialized artisan country wine, stop by [Fahrmeier Family Vineyards'](#) restored 1930s-era tasting barn in Lexington, and discover a variety of wines on the patio of [LaBella Vineyards & Winery](#) in Wellington. As you trek closer to Kansas City, its suburbs house noteworthy wineries. Look over the Little Blue Valley of Independence at [Albonée Country Inn & Vineyards](#), enjoy the unique events at [Mallinson Vineyard and Hall](#) in Sugar Creek, and relax in the inviting atmosphere of [Stonehaus Farms Winery](#) in Lee's Summit. While in the heart of the city, be sure to visit [Amigoni Urban Winery](#), 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 and travel 20 minutes for wine pairings at [Fence Stile Vineyards & Winery](#) in Excelsior Springs. 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](#), [Tippie Hill Winery & Vineyard](#), and [Windy Wine Company](#) just east of St. Joseph along Highway 36. The possibilities are endless in this region.



Each Missouri metro area offers unique history, sites, landscape, people and wine. Escape to these metro wine countries on your triangle tour through Missouri!