



# START *Wining* THIS WINTER

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**T**ake a peak outside your frosted window. There's snow on the ground, ice on the streets and you are thinking of ways to stay warm. Well, what could be better than a glass (or bottle) of local and delicious wine to warm you up on these cold winter nights? Luckily, our prolific Pennsylvania soils are home to some impressive wineries and are close enough to home that you won't freeze in what can feel like our never-ending winter.

## **Lehigh Valley Wine Trail**

The *Lehigh Valley Wine Trail* is home to nine family-owned vineyards and wineries and is just an hour-and-a-half drive from Philadelphia. The wineries and vineyards include *Amoré Winery*, *Big Creek Vineyard*, *Blue Mountain Vineyards & Cellars, Ltd.*, *Clover Hill Vineyards & Winery*, *Franklin Hill Vineyards*, *Galen Glen Winery*, *Pinnacle Ridge Winery*, *Tolino Vineyards and Vynecrest Vineyards & Winery*. An easy escape for wine lovers, the Lehigh Valley Wine trail is committed to producing a quality experience and quality wines. From wine-tasting classes to tours and food pairings, the Lehigh Valley Wine trail does it all with a picturesque view. This March, the trail is offering a \$35 passport, which gives each guest access to special events and wine-and-food pairings with local chefs and purveyors every Saturday and Sunday in March.

[lehighvalleywinetrail.com](http://lehighvalleywinetrail.com)

## **Brandywine Valley Wine Trail**

An even closer option is the *Brandywine Valley Wine Trail*, which is home to five wineries and vineyards where wine-tasting season never ends. They include *Black Walnut Winery*, *Boderland Vineyard*, *Kreutz Creek Vineyards*, *Paradox Vineyard* and

*Penns Woods Winery*. During select weekends in February, the *Brandywine Valley Wine Trail* hosts wine and chocolate tastings as well as other romantic events for the season. Come March, each weekend features tastings at each winery where you can purchase a passport and visit them all. Whether it is a visit to get cozy with your significant other, or a group outing, the *Brandywine Valley Wine Trail* offers a true Pennsylvania wine experience.

[brandywinetrail.com](http://brandywinetrail.com)

## **Bucks County Wine Trail**

At the *Bucks Country Wine Trail*, bop around to nine different vineyards and wineries, located less than an hour away from home. The wineries and vineyards include *Buckingham Valley Vineyards*, *Crossing Vineyards and Winery*, *New Hope Winery*, *Peace Valley Winery*, *Rose Bank Winery*, *Rushland Ridge Vineyards*, *Sand Castle Winery*, *Wycombe Vineyards and Unami Ridge Winery*. The wineries, located in the gentle rolling hills of Bucks County, are both welcoming and scenic and offer great local wine. *Crossing Vineyards*, the most well-known and voted *Best Winery in Bucks* for four years in a row, offers many events this winter season. *A Dummies Guide to Wine Tasting*, *Wine Tasting for Singles*, *Pairing Wine and Chocolate*, *Champagne for*

*Lovers and Tarot Card Reading and Wine Tasting*, just to name a few. To find out exact dates and make reservations, visit [crossingvineyards.com](http://crossingvineyards.com). For a winery with a more local feel, the *New Hope Winery* is close to downtown and also *Peddler's Village*. Home to an intimate 250-seat concert venue, *New Hope Winery* hosts live music most weekends as well as chef-prepared foods. No matter which winery you try, you are sure to enjoy delectable wines and a tranquil getaway.

[buckscountywinetrail.com](http://buckscountywinetrail.com)

## **Chaddsford Winery**

Lastly, *Chaddsford Winery* is another local treat you will not want to miss. Located about 45 minutes away, *Chaddsford* is home to some famous (and delicious) mushrooms as well as luscious wines. Housed in a charming barn, *Chaddsford Winery* prides itself on a great atmosphere, an excellent experience and a great reputation that will keep you coming back for more. Try their second tasting room located in *Peddler's Village* for another historic atmosphere and a great selection of wines. Take a self-guided tour at the winery or sit and relax in the tasting room. Either way, you are sure to learn the history of Pennsylvania wine while sipping on sourced grapes from trusted growers.

[chaddsford.com](http://chaddsford.com)



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