

# **DC's Wine Country**



With more than 40 wineries and tasting rooms, Loudoun is a premier East Coast wine region and leading the way in Virginia. Known as DC's Wine Country due to its proximity to Washington D.C., Loudoun's wineries are nestled along winding, unpaved roads, adjacent to horse farms and historic estates. Our boutique wineries house tasting rooms in everything from rustic barns and intimate cellars to architecturally stunning facilities. Indulge in tastings, tours, food pairings and conversation with award-winning winemakers.

Not-to-miss experiences: Horse-drawn carriage rides through the vineyard, a music and wine pairing done with augmented reality technology, barrel tastings and a progressive food and wine tour through 19<sup>th</sup>-century buildings.

## LoCo Ale Trail

Virginians have been producing wine for over 400 years but now the craft beer scene is making waves. Loudoun is where visitors can get a distinct, local taste at 32- plus breweries creating more than 250 unique brews. Home to the LoCo Ale Trail, Loudoun blends rural farm breweries with industrial-style tasting rooms. Experience tasting rooms on farms where brewers are growing hops, cherries and other fruits for use in their beer production or chat with a brewmaster at an urban brewery minutes from Dulles International Airport. Here, book a guided tour for a behind-the-scenes look of the Mid-Atlantic's first commercial-scale hops processing or bike to breweries along the W&OD Trail, which spans from Arlington to Purcellville.



## **Small Town Charm**



Experience authentic small-town America and get a glimpse into the past while visiting some of Loudoun's 10 historic towns and villages. The classical architecture of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-centuries is very much alive along the brick-lined streets of Middleburg and Leesburg. Get lost in the intricate details of a Romanesque revival—style bank turned restaurant or dine inside an old mill. Middleburg's iconic main street is filled with dozens of buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including the famous Red Fox Inn whose walls have housed people like the Kennedys and Elizabeth Taylor. While strolling the rustic towns, enjoy countless boutiques, hidden cafes and exquisite dining.



### **LoCo Ale Trail Passport**

Visit Loudoun launched its new LoCo Ale Trail passport in September. Collect stamps from all LoCo Ale Trail breweries to receive an exclusive prize for conquering the complete ale trail! #ConquertheTrail. Don't know where to start? Go cluster by cluster, winning a prize for each section of the trail!





## **DC's Wine Country Passport**

Taste your way through Loudoun's wine country with the new <u>DC's</u> <u>Wine Country Passport</u>. Created by Visit Loudoun, the passport offers exclusive perks to more than 20 wineries including 2 for 1 tastings, discounts on purchases, gift cards and more. Purchase an annual pass for \$55 or a three-day pass for \$25.





#### What's new in wine

<u>Chrysalis Vineyards at the Ag District</u> opened a creamery to produce fresh cheese from the dairy cows on site. The winery also welcomed a chef to create dishes from the onsite farm, creating a one-of-a-kind farm winery experience.

Wine is typically paired with food but at <u>Notaviva Vineyards</u>, the owners pair their wines with music. With the help of augmented reality technology, visitors can now

use a special app to scan the wine label and listen to the corresponding music.



#### **ION International Training Center**

The 90,000 square-foot, \$24 million ION International Training Center is slated to open May 2019 and feature two National Hockey League size sheets of ice. The concept for the facility was developed by former Olympic figure skater and Romanian National Champion Luiz Taifas and his wife, Mitra Setayesh. The building will include a full-service gym, café, pro shop, medical room and hockey training room, among other amenities.



#### **Summit Ropes Indoor Adventure Course**

Loudoun welcomed the U.S.'s largest indoor ropes course in January, featuring more than 16,000 square feet of adventure. Experience more than 120 different elements with multiple decision points, which allows visitors to take a new path during every visit. The center also includes a climbing wall that was inspired by Angel's Landing hike in Zion National Park.

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