



**WOODINVILLE WINE & BREW TRAIL EXPERIENCE  
CRAFTED SPECIFICALLY FOR XXXX**

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**Today's Date:** 30 June 2008

Date: TBD Summer 09  
Tour length: 6 hour of luxury wine country touring  
Pick up location: TBD  
Total guests: 25 Adults  
Total estimated cost: XXXX plus tax

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**Tour Length:** 6 Hours  
**Tour Code:** EV39 Custom  
**Departing:** 12:45p  
**Returns:** around 6:45p

**Activities:** Wine tasting, private winery tours, nature walks and scenic sightseeing  
**Interests:** Local & natural history, sustainability, botany, viticulture, biodynamic wine

**Escape Plan:**

It is here we leave the 'average' Seattle tourist behind and experience one of the things that makes the city so special to the locals. You will unlock a piece of Washington you would never have known existed. Go from a bustling city to an acclaimed wine country just around the corner and 20 minutes later we arrive into the small town of Woodinville in Washington's Sammamish River Valley. It is in this renowned wine region that we spend the afternoon uniquely experiencing select wine like never before.

The wineries in Woodinville share more than locality; they share a commitment to creating fine, world-class wines from the best of Washington vineyards. The draw of these wineries alone makes Woodinville one of the Seattle area's top visitor attractions. Since 1998, when Wines Northwest first launched their online tour guide, Woodinville has become a haven for fine winemakers. Their commitment to quality is quickly becoming legendary among serious wine enthusiasts, and their wineries have more than doubled in number.

Today we will visit some of Woodinville's most acclaimed wineries, that will include the following wineries/breweries; *Redhook Brewery, Januik-Novelty Hill, JM Cellars, DeLille Cellars and Hollywood Hill Vineyard* with a twist. Our focus is not only on the quality of the wine and the exclusive experience but on the local natural history, the winemakers' commitment to sustainability and the practice of biodynamics in viticulture.

We start the day at the Redhook Brewery for a brewery tour and lunch at Forecasters Public House. At Redhook Brewery they toss out the customary and get rid of the conventional. They



do things their own way. They invite you to take a look today 'behind the scenes' to see what they mean! The tour will include at least 4 samples of beer, a souvenir glass, a walk through the brewery, some Redhook history and an explanation of just how they make their fine ales.

Our second stop on our wine trail will be Januik Winery. In an intimate and relaxed setting we will sample a selection of Januik wines, along with wines from their partner winery, Novelty Hill. Your group will partake in a *Private Blind Varietal Tasting Game* - guests receive individual game sheets customized for your group, six different varietels (usually 2 white & 4 red.) These are decanted and poured one at a time by a winery staff member assigned to run the game. You will be given 4-6 minutes to determine a guess for each pour. You can either talk amongst yourselves or make it more exciting and keep your answers a secret from the group. The Winery will provide crackers and ice water for cleansing pallet between tastes to help you keep on *your game*. In the end, the winner will receive a Mike Januik signed bottle of wine to take home with them! We then embark on a private "Behind the Scenes" tour and observe how Januik Winery combines the rhythm and geometries of the agricultural landscape, along with the craft, technology and patterns of wine production, together shaping the architecture and landscape of the Novelty Hill • Januik Winery.

Next on our wine trail we visit either acclaimed **JM Cellars**. John & Peggy Bigelow's wines are handcrafted for balance, power, dimension and finesse. Their goal is to make interesting wines with varietal intensity, balanced tannins and acids, and complexity. The winemaker, John Bigelow says, "We make what we like to drink; and we admit to a bias for red blends." We enjoy a private fireside tasting with John before heading into the cellar for a tasting right from the barrel! The winery sits perched above the valley surrounded by lush flora and fauna. Your guide will take you on brief nature walk down to the native wetlands, along the way viewing the largest cherry tree in North America.

Next we experience a rare and exclusive visit to **DeLille Cellars**. Founded in 1992, DeLille Cellars is a small winery that is simply states, "our goal is to make the very best handcrafted, old-world style red and white wine made in the State of Washington." They are a family and independently owned winery with an uncompromising philosophy about the quality of what will be in your bottle of wine. They have built a traditional "chai" styled winery on the family farm owned by the Lill family. This beautiful ten-acre site sits above the Woodinville valley floor, overlooking the wineries of Chateau Ste. Michelle and Columbia Winery. The traditional DeLille Cellars structure allows for winemaking methods as seen in the finest chateaux of Bordeaux, including open top fermenters and an underground barrel cellar. If we are lucky, renowned winemaker Chris Upchurch is known to drop in on our groups from time to time!

To end the day we climb up the **Hollywood Hills** to a quaint family owned property that features the only vineyard in all of Woodinville, Hollywood Hill Vineyards. We will take in the scenery of this charming winery nestled on several acres of former horse pasture. We set out on a short tour of the vineyard with the winemakers, followed by some barrel tasting of their Estate Grown wines. From there we move up to the tasting room where we will open our 2005 "Rattlesnake Hills" Cabernet Franc and 2005 Yakima Valley Syrah. We'll even indulge in an appetizer selection of local organic cheeses and some chocolate to pair with the fine wines. With an indulgent afternoon on the wine trail, we now set our destination to the Barking Frog for dinner.



It's difficult to say what is most appealing about the Barking Frog – the food, the wine, the atmosphere. All of the above earned this casual bistro featuring country fresh Northwest cuisine rave reviews. Honors have included “Restaurant of the Year” and “Most Innovative Wine List” awards, presented by the Washington Wine Commission. Delectable dishes entice guests to linger in the light-filled dining room or to gather around the fireplace.

*\*Depending on time, we may sneak in another exclusive wine experience at a surprise stop along the trail. Acclaimed winery may include: Brian Carter, Sparkman Cellars, Woodhouse Family Cellars or Alexandria Nicole Cellars!*

**Inclusions:**

- Pick up & drop off at TBD Downtown Seattle location
- Two highly qualified and knowledgeable naturalist/wino guides
- Travel in luxury vehicles, Mercedes Van aka “Escape Hatch” & “Lahar”
- Comprehensive Naturalist/Wino commentary
- Private winery tour, tasting and unique experiences at each winery
- Water, refreshments, organic and/or local fruit & energy bars on board

*\*\*Please note: Lunch at Redhook & Dinner at Barking Frog will be at client's own expense. Reservations will be made by EverGreen Escapes on your behalf.*

*\*\*\*Itinerary and total cost subject to change until confirmed*

*Thank you very much!*