

# Welcome to the Back Roads Wine Trail



Each winery is a scenic 15-minute drive from each other on or near Iowa Highway 92 in south-central Iowa, within an hour from the capital city of Des Moines.

The wines you'll discover are grown from grapes and processed on the property or nearby. Many of the wines are not available anywhere else for purchase.

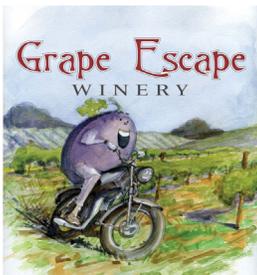
All 4 wineries are small businesses run and managed by the owners, each with award-winning wines.

## NEARWOOD



Nearwood Winery, 1699 Hwy. 14, Knoxville IA, 50138  
641-891-2469, [www.nearwoodwinery.com](http://www.nearwoodwinery.com)

Nearwood Winery & Vineyards started with a small Tasting Room in downtown Knoxville in 2011. The first grapevines (for commercial purposes) were planted in 2008 just south of Knoxville on the property where the new winery was built in 2018. Mike Van Natta and wife, Joann, offer a variety of wines including favorites Raceway Red and Speedway Sweet named in honor of the town's National Sprint Car races. The winery is available for large group gatherings.



Grape Escape 1185 40th Place, Pleasantville, IA 50225  
515-848-3094, [www.grapeescapeiowa.com](http://www.grapeescapeiowa.com)

Karen and Rod Haworth began their business in 2003 and produced 6000 gallons of wine in 2006. Wine tasting is offered in the outdoor gazebo overlooking the vineyard or inside the winery tank and tasting room where you can see how the wine is fermented and bottled. Outdoor movie night in the summer is a favorite of the locals.

## Annelise Winery

Annelise Winery, 15110 Highway 92, Indianola, IA 50125  
515-229-1299, [www.annelisewinery.com](http://www.annelisewinery.com)

This family-run winery began with just enough vines to make wine for the local farmer's market. Today Heidi and David maintain over 7,000 vines. David is an award-winning winemaker and wine industry consultant. Heidi and David opened the winery in 2014 and recently expanded with an event facility that can accommodate 250 people plus 112 additional guests in the barn. Weddings are their specialty.

## LA VIDA LOCA WINERY

La Vida Loca Winery, 7852 Jesup St., Indianola, Iowa 50125  
515-962-2236 • [www.lavidalocawinery.com](http://www.lavidalocawinery.com)

La Vida Loca Winery is a locally owned family business. The team of Ron Scheve, Tony and Sue Putz produce over 40 different varieties of wine. These include Iowa grown grapes, fruit and unique cooking wines. The winery offers a reception room that accommodates 150 people, with a pergola and deck that overlooks the vineyard, pond and beautiful Iowa countryside. During the summer months a gourmet "Dinner on the Deck" is offered. Please visit our website for additional details.