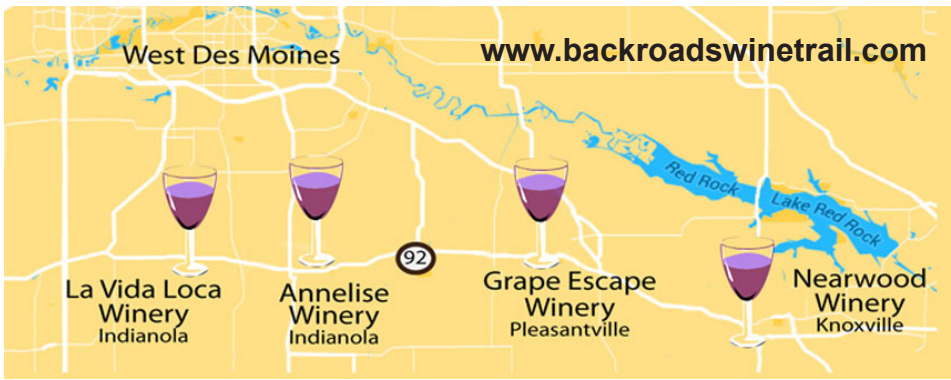


# Welcome to the Back Roads Wine Trail



Thank you for your interest in our wine trail. You'll find each winery has its own distinct style of wines and presentation.

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

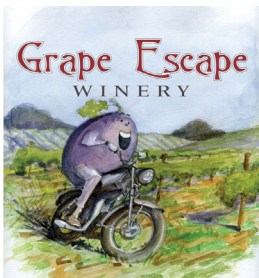
The wines you'll discover are grown from grapes and processed on the property or nearby. Many of the wines are NOT available anywhere else for purchase.

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



Nearwood Winery, 210 E. Robinson, Knoxville IA, 50138  
641-891-2469, [www.nearwoodwinery.com](http://www.nearwoodwinery.com)

Nearwood Winery Tasting Room was opened in downtown Knoxville by Mike Van Natta in 2011. His first grapevines (for commercial purposes) were planted in 2008 on his properties located in Knoxville, where they are harvested and processed. The Tasting Room is the retail outlet for Nearwood wines and features indoor and outdoor space. Groups of up to 30 people can be accommodated. Every first Tuesday of the month is Wine & Art. Watch for live music events.



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

Tony Putz began his winemaking career as a hobby. Soon he got the idea to combine the wild berries growing on his property in rural Warren County into his wine. Since then the winery has specialized in delicious and unique fruit wines. Tony's interest grew into La Vida Loca Winery, offering a reception area that accommodates up to 150 guests and overlooks a gazebo, large deck and vineyard. Every month during the summer a gourmet "meal on the deck," is offered, reservations are required.