



WINEMAKER'S CHOOSE- YOUR-OWN ADVENTURE

Valdemar Estates

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Winemakers - they are just like you! Spend a day touring around the Walla Walla Valley, selecting your path just like the winemakers do on their days off. Enjoy the day to day charm through the eyes of a local.

8:30 AM: Visit the [Walla Walla Roastery](#) for coffee and pastries for breakfast. The Roastery makes some incredible coffee - I would definitely recommend getting a few bags to take home.

9:15 AM: After you've had your coffee, head over to [Bennington Lake](#) to take a walk on the [Mill Creek Trail](#). This trail is gorgeous in the fall as the leaves change.

11:00 AM: Begin the day's wine tastings at [Tranche Estate](#). Their tasting room is surrounded by their beautiful Blue Mountain Vineyard - which we source some of our grapes from for Valdemar wines. It's the perfect spot to enjoy the beauty of wine country. Tranche also offers vineyard ATV tours - inquire with their team to schedule one and enjoy panoramic views of the blues and stomp through the vineyard.

[Reservations recommended for tasting.](#)

12:30 PM: Head to downtown for lunch at [Brasserie Four](#). This lunch spot is a favorite among Walla Walla Valley winemakers, and a great spot to people watch in downtown. Try the Niçoise salad for something light and fresh, or share a delicious bowl of bouillabaisse.

[Reservations are recommended.](#)

1:30 PM: After lunch, swing by [Bright's Candies](#) and grab some candy of your choosing - chocolate, fruity or something else! It's always good to have snacks during your tastings.

1:45 PM: For your afternoon of tasting, choose one of two paths - newer or founding wineries! Either option will offer a wonderful experience - and you can take the path you don't choose on your next visit.



If you want to try some newer wineries, start at [ALUVÉ](#) in the Eastside Wine District. Not only are the wines and owners JJ & Kelly wonderful, but their winery in the middle of their vineyard is a great spot to relax. JJ & Kelly attended the Walla Walla Community Enology & Viticulture Program, just like me!

[Reservations required for tasting.](#)

If you want to take the founding wineries path, head out to the Westside Wine District for a tasting at [L'Ecole N° 41](#). L'Ecole has been making showstopping wines for decades, and their tasting room in a historic schoolhouse is so unique. They were the third winery in the Walla Walla Valley.

[Reservations recommended for tasting.](#)

2:45 PM: Head to your next tasting location.

If you are on the “new” path, head over to the Incubators - an area that is home to five newer wineries in the Airport Wine District. Many of the owners and winemakers at these wineries also graduated from the Enology & Viticulture Program. A few of my favorites are [itā wines](#), [SMAK Wines](#), and [Hoquetus Wine Co.](#)

[Reservations recommended for tasting. Visit the winery of your choosing's website to make one.](#)

If you are on the “founding wineries” path, head to [Woodward Canyon](#) - right next door to L'Ecole N° 41! They have a strong winemaking tradition, and a quaint tasting room. If the weather is nice, enjoy some time in their garden. They were the second winery in the Walla Walla Valley.

4:00 PM: Make your way to the Southside Wine District of the Walla Walla Valley!

On the “new” path visit [Grosgrain Vineyards](#). Grosgrain has been open for a couple of years, and in that time they have planted some grape varieties that are new to the Walla Walla Valley. It's always fun to taste through their lineup.

[Reservations are required for tasting.](#)

On the “founding wineries” path, go for a tasting at [Amavi Cellars](#). Their tasting room features great views of the Valley and amazing wines. They also offer special experiences, such as a sensory experience, vineyard tours and happy hour! They have been making wine since 2003.

[Reservations are recommended for tasting.](#)

5:30 PM: End your day where I make wine - [Valdemar Estates](#)! Enjoy a tasting and great views of the Blue Mountains. Enjoy a dinner of tapas and raciones while you are with us! If you are visiting on a Thursday, try the Txuleta (ribeye steak) and on Sunday, order the Paella. Cap off an amazing meal with the basque cheesecake - it's incredible.

[Reservations are recommended for tasting and dining.](#)



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