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WALLA WALLA VALLEY WINE



COLLEGE CELLARS OF WALLA WALLA

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EDUCATION, WINE + COMMUNITY



"I'm new to the Walla Walla Valley, but after 20 years in the wine industry, I'm excited to call this incredible community home. As the Director of the Enology and Viticulture program at Walla Walla Community College (WWCC), I have the privilege of working with students as they explore every aspect of the wine industry. [Let me take you through a day that celebrates the strong connection between wine, education, and this vibrant community.](#)"

9:00 AM | MORNING BUZZ AT WALLA WALLA ROASTERY

Start your day just like I do—with a stop at [Walla Walla Roastery](#). You can find me here a couple of times a day, enjoying a perfectly brewed Americano or grabbing a pastry. It's my go-to spot for fueling up before a busy day, and trust me, their coffee is the best in the Valley.

9:30 AM | STRETCH YOUR LEGS ON THE MILL CREEK TRAIL (OR KLICKER'S)

After your coffee, take a stroll along Mill Creek Trail. This scenic path is a great opportunity to hit the Mill Creek Trail or visit [Klicker's](#), a local shop that has been a staple in the Walla Walla Valley for over 50 years! You can find seasonal produce, antiques, and their famous strawberries! It is definitely worth a visit.

10:30 AM | WINE TASTING AT WALLA WALLA VINTNERS

Let's taste some wine! Your first winery stop of the day is [Walla Walla Vintners](#). Winemaker Derek Vipond, a WWCC alum, creates wines that are age-worthy and complex. Enjoy the relaxed environment and stunning views the Eastside of the Valley has to offer.

11:30 AM | TASTE THE FUTURE AT COLLEGE CELLARS

Now, let's head over to [College Cellars of Walla Walla](#), where I proudly teach the Enology & Viticulture program. What's special here is that the wines are crafted entirely by our students. You'll get to taste what the next generation of the Walla Walla Valley winemakers are creating—hands-on, from grape to glass. It's an exciting way to see how education and winemaking come together to shape the future of this region!



12:30 PM | DISCOVER HOQUETUS WINES THE AIRPORT DISTRICT

Next up, let's visit [Hoquetus Wines](#), where WWCC alum Robert Gomez is making vibrant Nouveau-style wines. His tasting room is located in the Airport Wine District's incubators—designed to give new wineries a boost. It's a great example of the tight-knit, supportive community that makes the Walla Walla Valley so special, and what drew me in!

1:30 PM | GRAB LUNCH AT YAMAS GREEK EATERY

Now it's time to eat! [Yamas Greek Eatery](#) is the perfect stop for a laid-back lunch. Whether you want a gyro or some fresh falafel, the Mediterranean flavors will hit the spot. After lunch, I always like to stop by [The Thief](#), my go-to wine shop in town. They've got a great selection and an incredibly knowledgeable staff!

3:00 PM | TASTING AT WOODWARD CANYON

After lunch, head over to [Woodward Canyon](#), one of Walla Walla's founding wineries. WWCC alum Sager Small and his sister Jordan are continuing their family's legacy here, crafting age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignons and an iconic Washington State Chardonnay. Enjoy a tasting while taking in the beautiful countryside. It's a wonderful example of the valley's long-standing traditions, carried on by new generations.

5:30 PM | DINNER AT WALLA WALLA INDIAN CUISINE

For dinner, I recommend [Walla Walla Indian Cuisine](#). It's one of my favorites in town. Whether you go for the Chicken tikka or Palak Paneer, the flavors are rich and bold. Don't forget the naan to go with it! Grab a seat on their sidewalk patio, even when the nights get cooler, there are patio heaters to keep you warm!

7:00 PM | NIGHTCAP AT THE MARCUS WHITMAN HOTEL

To wrap up the day, stop by the newly renovated bar at the [Marcus Whitman Hotel](#), the tallest building in downtown Walla Walla, it's a classy spot to stay and to sip on a craft cocktail or a glass of local wine before calling it a night



While you're in the Walla Walla Valley, I suggest you take some time to explore the [Airport Wine District](#), where WWII barracks now house wineries, breweries, and distilleries. The Wine Incubator Project is especially close to my heart—it supports new wineries, many started by WWCC alumni like [SMAK Wines](#), [Itä Wines](#), and [Hoquetus](#). You'll also find breweries like [Burwood](#) and [Quirk](#), or distilleries like [DW Distilling](#)—it's a unique area and well worth a visit!



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