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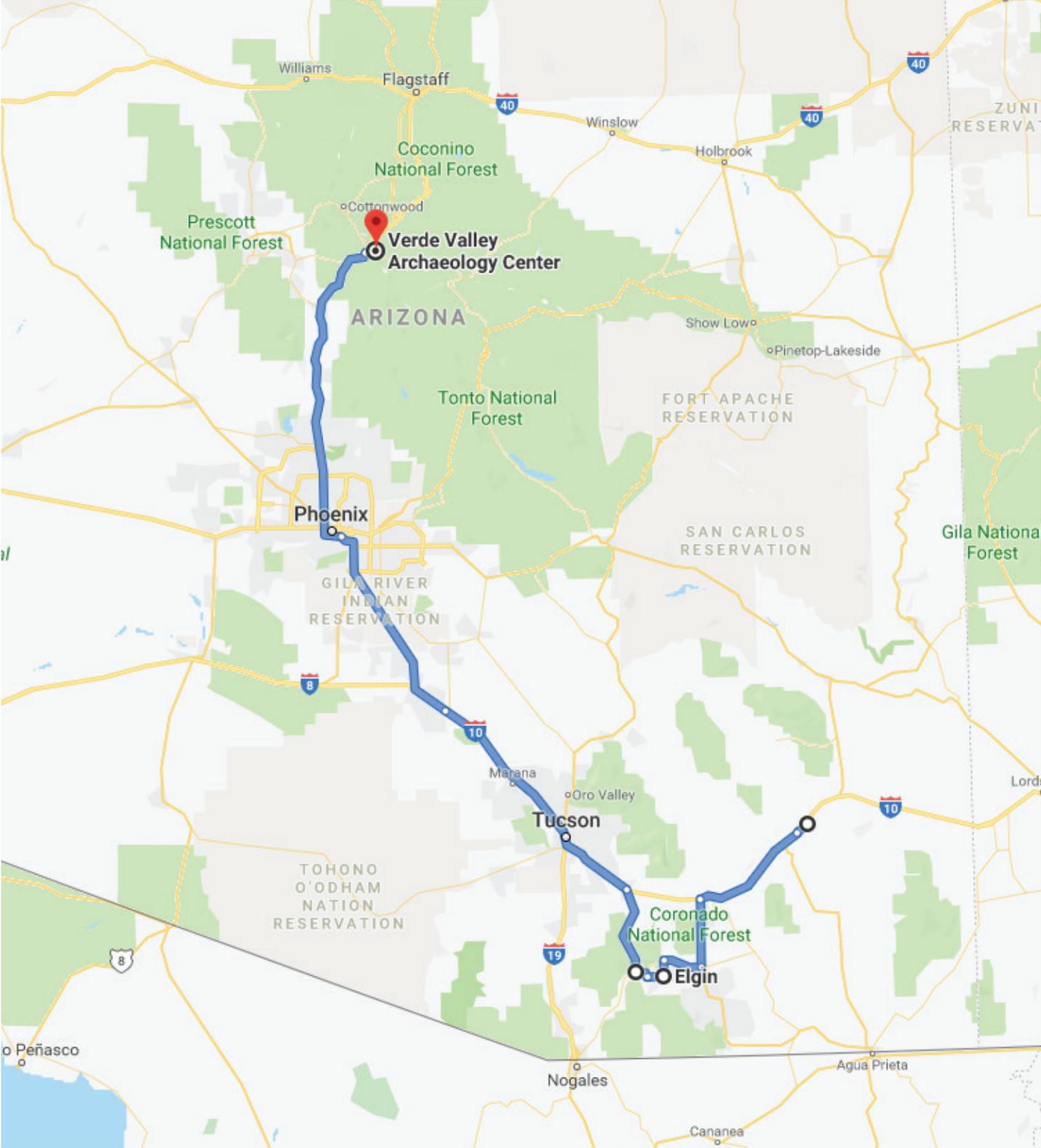
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The history of viticulture in Arizona began in the 16th century when Spanish missionaries planted grapevines to make wine for use in religious ceremonies. Today, tasting rooms dot Arizona's three wine-producing regions, including the southeastern hills of Sonoita and Willcox, the only two designated American Viticulture Areas in the state. Oenophiles will find plenty to delight their senses in the Arizona wines made predominantly from the grape varietals native to Spain, Italy and the Rhône River Valley of southern France.



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THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA WINE TOUR - WILLCOX, ELGIN, SONOITA

Visit some of the most amazing scenery and cultural areas of the Southwest in Arizona's southeast. Highlights of this tour include:

CALLAGHAN VINEYARDS – Established in 1990, born out of a love of European wines, Callaghan Vineyards is wholeheartedly committed to growing and producing the best possible wines in Elgin. Together, Kent Callaghan and his father Harold planted the original vineyard, and Kent has personally tended the vines and made every wine since the vineyard's inception. Callaghan is particularly known for their Spanish varietals with an emphasis on depth of flavor and complexity.

callaghanvineyards.com / (520) 455-5322

DOS CABEZAS WINEWORKS – This family owned and operated winery has been producing exceptional wines in Arizona since 1995. Originally located on the 80-acre Dos Cabezas Vineyard near Willcox, the winery was purchased in late 2006 by winemaker Todd Bostock. He later moved production to Sonoita, where he operates the winery with his wife, parents, two cats and a dog.

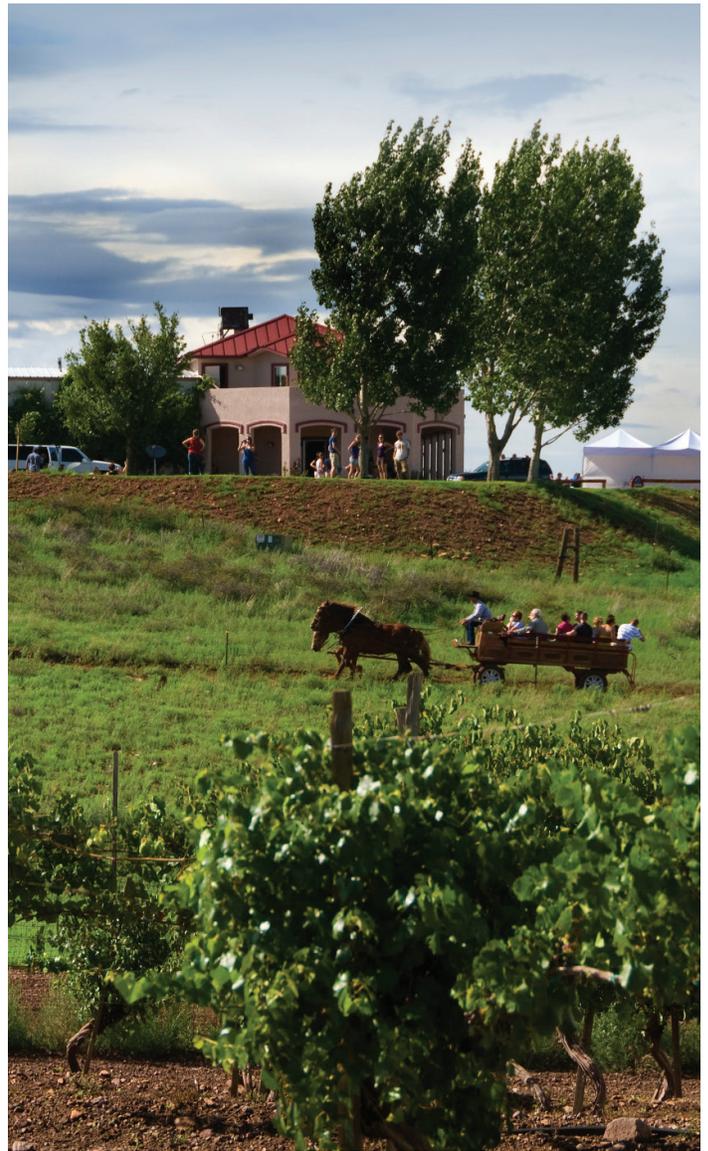
doscabezas.com / (520) 455-5141

KIEF-JOSHUA VINEYARDS – This small, family owned business operates a 40-acre vineyard in Willcox and a 20-acre vineyard and tasting room in Elgin. With an emphasis on sustainable farming techniques and traditional methods of barrel aging and gentle handling, Kief-Joshua specializes in dry, full-bodied wines of top quality.

kj-vineyards.com / (520) 455-5582

WILHELM FAMILY VINEYARDS – This winery and vineyard sits on 20 acres in the beautiful area of Sonoita, a high-desert mountain plateau south of Tucson. The area enjoys terroir and growth season similar to the wine-growing regions of Rioja, Spain and France's Rhône River Valley. Their selection ranges from traditional red and white varieties to a line of flavored dessert wines and sangrias.

wilhelmvineyards.com / (520) 455-9291



THE VERDE VALLEY WINE TRAIL

Located in North Central Arizona, this tour gives visitors a glimpse of the distinct vineyards and tasting rooms of the Verde Valley—a region that includes the towns of Oak Creek, Jerome and Clarkdale. While there, you can also visit the charming vineyards and wineries of nearby Cottonwood. With mountain terrain and lush landscapes, the town is a wine and nature-lovers delight.

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ALCANTARA VINEYARDS – Opened in 2004, this family owned vineyard in Cottonwood has more than 13,000 vines and 12 different varietals. Complementing their exquisite wines is a peaceful surrounding landscape that leaves visitors feeling they've uncovered a true gem nuzzled in the heart of the Verde Valley.
alcantaravineyard.com / (928) 649-8463

CLEAR CREEK VINEYARD & WINERY – Helmed by winemaker Ignacio Mesa, this decade-old vineyard and winery serves some of the most mature wines in the state surrounded by mountain vistas, clear ponds and the green grounds of its namesake Clear Creek. A brand new winery facility was completed in 2014.
clearcreekwineryaz.com / (602) 859-7418

JAVELINA LEAP VINEYARD, WINERY & BISTRO – Located just minutes from Sedona, in the Page Springs-Cornville area, this boutique winery produces award-winning wines from its estate vineyard all on-site. During the harvest season from August to October, guests may schedule a tour to observe the wine be made. Call for availability and to book.
javelinaleapwinery.com / (928) 649-2681

OAK CREEK VINEYARD & WINERY – This Page Springs' winery has been serving fantastic area wines since 2002, courtesy of its 10-acre, high-desert estate vineyard. In addition to a fun boutique, their spacious (and pet-friendly) tasting room grants guests lovely views of the vineyard and the surrounding rolling hills.
oakcreekvineyards.net / (928) 649-0290

PAGE SPRINGS CELLARS & VINEYARD – With a winery that overlooks beautiful Oak Creek Canyon in Cornville, it's no wonder this photogenic vineyard is a popular spot for photos. The wines, which highlight the high-desert character of the Arizona landscape, are likewise not to be missed. If fine wine and matching views aren't enough to satisfy, try booking one of the winery's yoga and massage sessions, or a special tour.
pagespringscellars.com / (928) 639-3004

TASTING ROOMS ONLY

ARIZONA STRONGHOLD – Bonita Springs Vineyard in Willcox supplies the varietals used by this winery for its award-winning wines that highlight Arizona's "wild and fierce regions." Stop by and sample their current selection, including some wines available only in their Cottonwood tasting room.
azstronghold.com / (928) 639-2789

CADUCEUS CELLARS & MERKIN VINEYARDS OSTERIA – These two sister labels are the creation of owner and winemaker MJ Keenan, his wife Jennifer, and winemaker Tim White, who produce roughly 8,000 cases a year of high-elevation wines made predominantly of Italian and Spanish varietals. While Caduceus operates a small tasting room (open 365 days) on Jerome's Main Street, Merkin Vineyards Osteria has a full kitchen serving upscale Italian food in an intimate setting.
caduceus.org (Jerome) – (928) 639-9463 / merkinvineyardsosteria.com (Cottonwood) – (928) 639-1001

CHATEAU TUMBLEWEED – In between Jerome and Cottonwood, on the outskirts of Clarkdale, you'll find Chateau Tumbleweed, one of the town's first commercial wineries. Its cozy tasting room specializes in absurdity, though there's nothing absurd about the owners' commitment to using locally sourced produce to create some of the most unique wines in the state.
chateautumbleweed.com / (928) 634-0443

FOUR EIGHT WINEWORKS – North Arizona's first and only winemakers' cooperative, Four Eight WineWorks serves as an incubator program for new winemakers, whose creations can be sampled in their tasting room located in the back of the Puscifer store on Jerome's Main Street.
four8wineworks.com / (928) 639-3516

PILLSBURY WINE COMPANY – Owned by film director Sam Pillsbury, Pillsbury Wine Company is an award-winning winery and vineyard that offers 18 food wines, including reds, rosés, whites and Rhône varieties sourced from grapes grown on their 100-acre vineyard in Willcox. Sample Pillsbury wines at tasting rooms in either Willcox (open weekends) or Cottonwood (open daily).
pillsburywine.com / (928) 639-0646



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