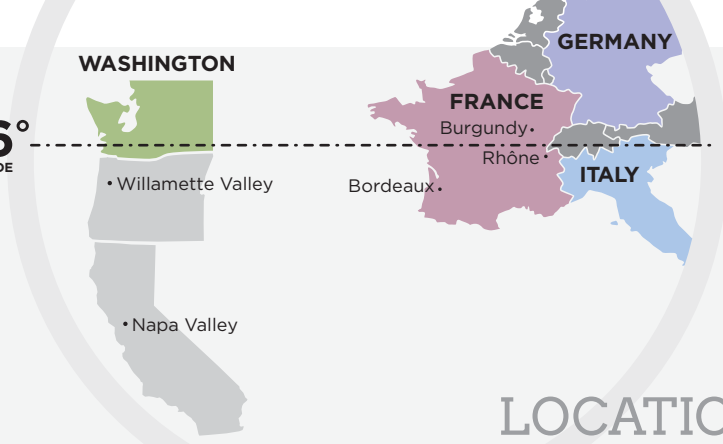


# WASHINGTON WINE

## Terrific Terroir

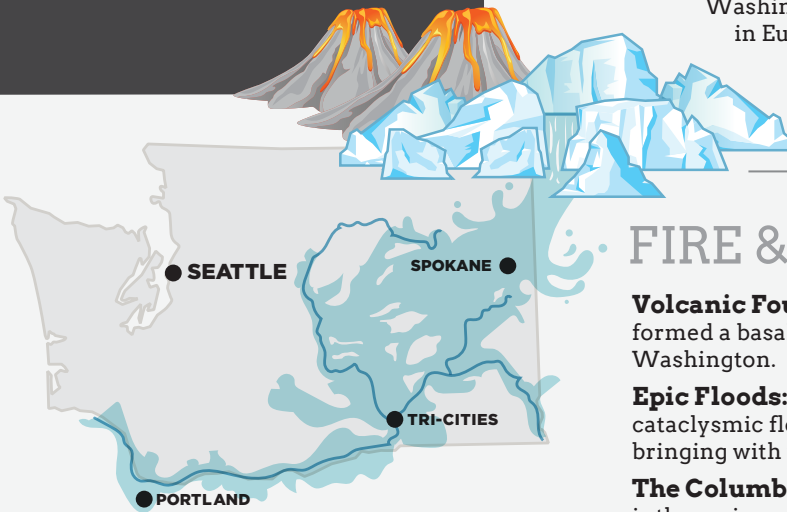
Great wine begins with nature—and Washington is blessed with a climate and soils that produce some of the best fruit in the world across 15 distinct AVAs.

46°  
LATITUDE



## LOCATION

Washington State shares the same latitude as top wine regions in Europe. With this northern latitude and a growing season that sees up to 17 hours of sunlight a day, Washington's geography and climate deliver a perfect balance of New World fruit with Old World structure.



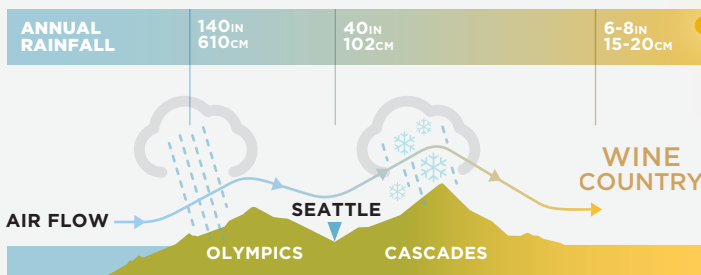
## FIRE & ICE

**Volcanic Foundation.** The largest lava flows ever documented formed a basalt bedrock that makes viticulture possible in eastern Washington.

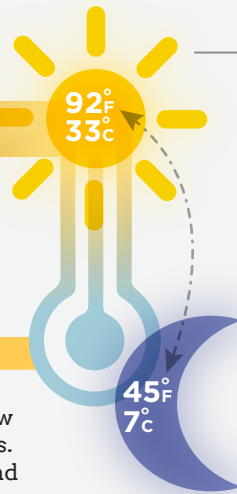
**Epic Floods:** Thousands of years ago during the last ice age, cataclysmic floods inundated eastern and central Washington – bringing with them soils uniquely suited for growing grapes.

**The Columbia River.** The fourth largest river in North America is the main source of irrigation for the majority of Washington's vineyards.

## CLIMATE



**Rain Shadow Effect.** Two mountain ranges create a rain shadow effect that protects the Columbia Valley from wet weather systems. This results in a perfect climate for growing grapes in the warm and dry eastern part of the state.



## TEMPERATURE

Warm days provide ripe fruit flavors while cool nights help maintain the natural acidity of the grapes.

Washington State has some of the largest day and night temperature fluctuations of any wine region.



**1,000**  
WINERIES  
& COUNTING

**#1**

AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCT  
BY SALES VALUE  
IN THE STATE

**90%**

ARE SMALL, INDEPENDENT  
WINERIES  
PRODUCING UNDER  
5,000 CASES

**400+**  
GROWERS



### TOP FIVE VARIETIES

- 1 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
- 2 CHARDONNAY
- 3 RIESLING
- 4 MERLOT
- 5 SYRAH



**60,000 ACRES**  
OF WINE GRAPES

... AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING