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## FOOD & DRINK

### WINE EVENTS | Winter Wine Sleepovers



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#### ▲ Great Outdoors

##### Quincy, Wash.

SageCliffe is a resort and winery with a spa and restaurant. The 680-acre property overlooks about 300 acres of vineyards. Hike the property and then warm up with a bottle of the 2007 late-harvest Simillon. Details on ski packages at [sagecliffe.com](http://sagecliffe.com).

**WHEN** "Over Easy" package until Feb. 29; cross-country packages Jan. 9-11 and Feb. 13-15

**WHERE** 344 Silca Rd. N.W., Quincy, Wash.

**HOW MUCH** Rooms for the "Over Easy" package begin at \$139 a night and include breakfast; cross-country packages are \$475 per person for double occupancy rooms. Packages are subject to availability.

#### Vintner Visit

##### McMinnville, Ore.

Nicolette Bailey, owner of Youngberg Hill Vineyards & Inn, says this is the best season to visit because you can have an intimate tasting and really talk with winery folks (something the winery staff don't always have time for on crowded weekends or in a tasting room). Ms. Bailey will help arrange your winery tour, or, for an additional fee, schedule a tour of the inn's winery if you want detailed information on starting your own operation. There is a full wine tasting of the inn's wines for all guests. Breakfast is Northwest cuisine. [Youngberghill.com](http://Youngberghill.com) for details.

**WHEN** Until Feb. 28

**WHERE** 35660 SW Youngberg Hill Rd., McMinnville, Ore.

##### Waffles and Wine

**HOW MUCH** Second night free (excluding Valentine's Day weekend)



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##### Suttons Bay, Mich.

Chat up the winemaker or hole up next to the fire at Black Star Farms. Sample all of the wines in the tasting room and talk with the innkeeper at hospitality hour. Guests get a complimentary bottle of wine and a full breakfast. (The specialty is a savory root-vegetable waffle topped with shaved ham, a poached egg and hollandaise sauce.) Ask about snowshoe Saturdays and sleigh rides during the Taste the Passion weekend festival on Feb. 7-8. [blackstarfarms.com](http://blackstarfarms.com).

#### ▲ Mountain Views

##### Banner Elk, N.C.

The rooms at Blueberry Villa are named for grape varietals and the interior is warm and Tuscan, with lots of "nooks and crannies where you can relax or be with your sweetheart," says Dele Walton, who owns the Villa and Banner Elk Winery with husband Dick Wolfe. Everyone gets a tour and a complimentary wine tasting. Guests who stay during the weekend get a barrel tasting with Dr. Wolfe. The big porch overlooks the vineyards, blueberry fields and mountains. Visit [blueberryvilla.com](http://blueberryvilla.com) to book a room.

**WHEN** Until May 30

**WHERE** 60 Deer Run Lane, Banner Elk, N.C.

**HOW MUCH** 20% off Sunday through Thursday

#### Icewine Inn

##### Jordan, Ontario, Canada

The Main Street that runs through the little village of Jordan is filled with entertainment, music and icewine for the annual Icewine Festival. Inn on the Twenty, Jordan House and Cave Spring Cellars are all part of the same family operation. The Icewine Festival package includes a three-course dinner at the inn's restaurant, continental breakfast each morning, festival passports, a bottle of Cave Springs Cellar's icewine and a wine tasting. Let the front desk know if you'd like a winery tour. Details at [innonthetwenty.com](http://innonthetwenty.com)

**WHEN** Jan. 17-18

**WHERE** 3845 Main St., Jordan, Ontario

**HOW MUCH** For the Icewine Festival package, wine country suites begin at \$195 and rooms at neighboring hotel, Jordan House, begin at \$234 (per person, per night and subject to availability).

#### California Cellar

##### Newbury, Berkshire, England

There are no actual vineyards on the property of the Vineyard at Stockcross, but there is a restaurant with two Michelin stars, a spa and a very full cellar. Sir Peter Michael makes wine in Sonoma Val-