



Valentines Day Wine Tour

# Touring the Vines

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## 2009 Upcoming Wine Tours

**September 22nd**  
**Chinqua Penn and Grove**  
**Tour of house included**

**October 3rd**  
**South Yadkin Valley**  
**Raylen, Westbend, Hanover Park**

**October 24th**  
**Harvest Celebration Tour**  
**Shelton, Grassy Creek, Brushy**  
**Mtn and Country Store**

**November 14th**  
**Wineries of Historic Elkin**  
**Grassy Crrek, Elkin Creek,**  
**Brushy Mtn,**

**November 28th**  
**Thankgiving Wine Tour**  
**Allison Oaks, Sanders Ridge,**  
**Hutton, Stony Knoll**

**December 12th**  
**Christmas Wine Tour**  
**Flint Hill, Divine Llama, Cellar**  
**4201**

New Upscaled Lunch Boxes provided by New Town Bistro in Winston Salem

Please check website for changes and more details

[www.yadkinwinetours.com](http://www.yadkinwinetours.com)

### Limousine Tours

Tour the Yadkin Valley in a Limousine. Bachelorette Party, Birthday Party not the matter — showing up in style is what counts with this tour. These tours are custom tours so pricing is determined by only your imagination.

## Support your local Winery !

Now, more than ever, is the time to support your local winery. You may ask yourself, "How can I do this?". Well, I'm glad you asked.

First, check out your nearest winery by going to [www.visitncwine.com](http://www.visitncwine.com) on the internet. This website is a good place to locate wineries geographically. The state of North Carolina has put forth a tremendous effort to increase tourism of the wine industry. This special website is ideal for locating wineries, no matter where you are going in North Carolina.

Second, make an effort to go, taste and purchase North Carolina wines. Regardless of the type of wine you like, most wineries are now offering a broad selection of Dry, Sweet, Red and White wine selections. Furthermore, many wineries are clustered near each other, so you can visit multiple wineries all in one day (**we are happy to help you with this**).

Last, encourage your local restaurants and bars to add North Carolina wines to their menus. I typically make no bones about asking the owner of a restaurant, "Where are your NC Wine Selections?", and I hear all kinds of excuses. Every restaurant and bar in NC should carry at least a few wines from their local wineries.

Let's all try to visit our local wineries this year and do our part to support this wonderful industry.



### *Bachelorette Wine Tours* *"All the Rage"*

Our wine tours have taken on new meaning this year with over 5 Bachelorette Wine tours booked for the 2009 season.

An afternoon in North Carolina's beautiful wine country, seems to create the perfect blend of fellowship, fun, and wine tasting for a bride to be and her best friends. These groups are typically smaller in size and full of good times!

## **New Wineries to Visit in the Yadkin Valley**

<b>Hutton Vineyards</b>	<b>Rockford NC</b>	<b>178 Hutton Vineyard Lane</b>	<b>336-374-2321</b>
<b>Sanders Ridge Vineyard</b>	<b>Boonville NC</b>	<b>2300 Round Hill Rd</b>	<b>336-677-1700</b>
<b>Divine Llama Vineyard</b>	<b>East Bend NC</b>	<b>5349 Macedonia Rd</b>	<b>336-699-2525</b>
<b>Cellar 4201</b>	<b>East Bend NC</b>	<b>4201 Apperson Rd</b>	<b>336-699-3728</b>

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*Wine is more than just a beverage with  
food, it is a romance with life...  
....stop and take a drink of it.*

**You don't have to fly five hours and spend thousands of dollars to experience fine wines and scenic vineyards...**

"The Yadkin Valley area is in the piedmont and foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and some have compared the grape-growing conditions of the area to France's Burgundy."

**Our goal** is to provide a complete touring experience of the Wineries & Vineyards in the Yadkin Valley and beyond, which is both fun and educational.

Our public tours are offered on Saturdays, April through November. Private tour groups of ten or more persons are welcomed year-round.

### **Our all day tours include:**

\* Fun and informative wine tastings at 3-4 wineries. Let us teach you the "technique" of wine tasting. We will discuss the history of our state's fast growing wine industry, and the attraction of North Carolina's wines.

\* A delicious lunch in North Carolina's wine country (inform us of special dietary needs).

\* A chauffeured ride through the Yadkin Valley and beyond, along North Carolina's scenic highways and backroads.

\* Tours depart at 10:00 AM from and return by 5:00 PM to the Village Inn and Conference Center, 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012.

\* Cost includes all wine tasting fees, lunch, transportation, and a complimentary gift.

### **Beginning Wine Tasting**

**Color** - To appreciate a wine's color, hold your wineglass at an angle against a white surface. Clarity is important.

**Aroma** - To distinguish a wine's aroma, fill your wine glass no more than half full and gently swirl your glass to allow your wine to "breathe". This releases the fragrance of the wine and allows you to sniff the different aroma's or the "nose" .

**Flavor** - Varietal flavors can be generalized as fruity, spicy, creamy, herbal and earthy ( to name just a few). These characteristic flavors are affected by how and where grapes are grown, as well as wine-making techniques, such as oak barrel aging.

**Body** - A wine can be light, medium or full-bodied depending on it weight on the palate.

**Finish** - Finish is the lasting sensation a wine leaves after it is swallowed

### **5 S's of Wine Tasting**

**See the Wine**

**Swirl the Wine**

**Sniff the Wine**

**Sip the Wine**

**Savour the wine**