

WINE EXCURSION

DURATION: 3 DAYS

Taste the unique flavor of Yadkin Valley Wine and hit all 11 of Surry's vineyards and wineries in just three days. Discover what makes each vineyard unique, from renovated farm homes to certified organic facilities, and let your palette unravel the flavors of North Carolina wine.



- Day 1:** Start in southwest Surry County. Sample wines from three vineyards, then experience fine dining in downtown Elkin and spend the night in one of Grassy Creek's cozy cabins.
- Day 2:** Shop and sample wine in downtown Elkin, then tour vineyards around Rockford and Dobson, including Shelton Vineyards, the largest winery in North Carolina.
- Day 3:** Head north to visit four more wineries, including Surry's newest addition Olde Mill Vineyards, ending up in Mount Airy for dinner at an upscale bistro.

Begin **Day 1** around noon at **McRitchie Winery & Ciderworks**, where you can sample not only wines, but hard cider as well, and learn about their sustainable methods of working the land on a tour of their grounds. Next, head over to **Elkin Creek Vineyards**, a winery built upon the property of a century-old mill. Sample their wines, as well as their monthly beer selections.

Stop at **Basin Creek Country Store and Restaurant** for lunch, which is directly on the way to **Grassy Creek Vineyard and Winery**. At the winery, experience a tasting in the historic red barn and take your time walking the vineyard's trails.

Check in at one of Grassy Creek's quaint and cozy on-site **Klondike Cabins**, then drive into downtown Elkin for fine dining at **Twenty One and Main Restaurant and Wine Bar**. For a full list of restaurants and accommodations in Elkin visit www.versurry.com/elkin.

Start **Day 2** by browsing the stores on historic downtown Elkin's Main Street. Stop in at **Brushy Mountain Winery** when it opens around noon to taste wines made from locally farmed fruit.

Next, visit **Carolina Heritage Vineyards**, N.C.'s first USDA Certified Organic Vineyard, for a tour of their operation growing American native and hybrid grapes. Head next to **Hutton Vineyards** in historic Rockford and sample wines in their tasting room located in a former tobacco barn.

Finish the day at North Carolina's largest winery, **Shelton Vineyards** in Dobson. Have a glass of wine and dinner at the upscale **Harvest Grill** before spending the night at the nearby **Hampton Inn Suites**.

On **Day 3**, pack a picnic lunch, then head to **Stony Knoll Vineyards** located on a century-old farm near the town of Rockford, and sample the unique wines in their tasting room. Next, visit the rustic 1800's farmhouse converted into a tasting room at **Olde Mill Vineyards**, the newest of Surry's wineries. Then drive north to try **Round Peak Vineyards'** award winning wines and enjoy the views from their picturesque grounds.

Finish off the your wine tour at **Old North State Winery and Brewery** in their renovated 1890's mercantile building in downtown Mount Airy. Sample wines in their tasting room and browse their gift shop for wine-related and gourmet items. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the on-site **308 Bistro**.



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