GEORGIA’S WINE COUNTRY
Vineyard acreage in Georgia has more than tripled, in the last five years. Our award-winning wineries offer memorable experiences to pair with their blossoming viniculture. Highlights include tastings, tours and our Wine Highway driving trail. Georgia’s Wine Country stretches from Savannah to Young Harris...here are just a sampling of Georgia’s wine country experiences. georgiawine.com

DAY ONE
We start your tour of Georgia’s Wineries and Vineyards outside of Savannah at Still Pond Vineyard & Winery in Arlington. Offering complimentary tastings of their 11 award-winning wines. Take a tour of the processing facility, the luscious vineyards, or the pond that inspired Still Pond. Visit the gift shop where you’ll find a wide variety of Muscadine products as well as gourmet food and cheeses. Don’t miss the custom made rocking chairs on the front porch that invite you to sit and enjoy Still Pond.

Butterducks Winery you will find two different tasting options - a free tasting which includes sampling three wines of your choice or a deluxe tasting allowing you to sample six wines with a souvenir glass. Tank Room tours are available by appointment.

Enjoy a leisurely drive to Savannah and spend the late afternoon and evening enjoying the beautiful gardens, riverfront shops and great seafood dining.

DAY TWO
Start your trip at Butterducks Estate Winery in Guyton, a small farm winery located just outside of Savannah in Effingham County. At Butterducks Winery you will find two different tasting options - a free tasting which includes sampling three wines of your choice or a deluxe tasting allowing you to sample six wines with a souvenir glass. Tank Room tours are available by appointment.

Try a local tradition, RJ’s Steak and Seafood in Statesboro for lunch.

Your next stop is Meinhardt Vineyard and Winery in Statesboro. Tours and tastings are in a new facility and are free. Make sure you stay for “Our Sunset” which includes three types of cheeses and four types of crackers, grapes and a bottle of chilled wine of your choice. Enough for two, this can be a lovely light dinner with great music, soft lights, a water fountain and beautiful sunset views.

DAY THREE
Courson’s Winery, situated 10 miles from downtown Sparta is your first stop of the day. Courson’s boasts 14 different traditional Southern wines. Starting a new tradition, Courson’s held its inaugural wine festival in 2004, which drew more than 1,500 connoisseurs. Enthusiasts and novices alike are invited to experience the ambiance and sweet tastes of Courson’s Winery. Courson makes the kind of Southern table wine his great-grandfather made, using muscadines, scuppernongs, peaches, apples, plums, blackberries and blueberries. He captures the feel of a homemade wine with his lighter, fruitier, sweeter wines.

Stop for lunch at the famous Blue Willow Inn. Then head to Chateau Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton. The grand sight of a 16th century style French Chateau surrounded by lush vineyards coming into view from I-85 may conjure up images of the Loire Valley of France. Opened in 1985, the full-production Winery inside the Chateau is the largest producer of premium wines in Georgia, and recognized by Wine Spectator for exceptional vintages. The Winery has two restaurants, Café Elan, a bistro and Le Clos for fine dining plus an Art Gallery and Wine Market for shopping.

Chateau Elan offers a range of winery tours and tastings. All guests are welcome to tour our winery; guests younger than 21 are not allowed to taste wine. Please be aware that during a special event such as our Vineyard Festival or other Holiday Events, all Winery tours will be Self-Guided. A variety of Tours & Tastings are offered.

DAY FOUR
After a leisurely morning, head over to Tiger Mountain Vineyards in Tiger. Tiger Mountain Vineyards is nestled on a hillside high up in Rabun County, on the rocky, sunny slopes of the North Georgia Mountains. The vineyard is small, the vines individually tended and the grapes hand-picked for quality. The red wines are barrel-aged 12 to 24 months. Visit the vineyards and enjoy barrel-room tastings!

Travel westward and have lunch at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris.

Nestled on rolling hills with the Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop, Crane Creek Winery is a delightful stop on your tour. Making your way to the tasting room on a field stone path, the sense of history can be felt before you reach the door. Housed in the old Bryson farmhouse, the tasting room at Crane Creek Vineyards is intimate and charming. There is something to please every one of your senses here!

Browse through the many gourmet food items as you sample Crane Creek’s wines. Pick up some crackers and dip and enjoy it with a bottle of your favorite Crane Creek wine on the tasting room decks. Chat with their knowledgeable staff about the romantic world of wine making. Shopping for your favorite wine lover? They carry many gift items including books, wine carriers, picnic backpacks, and wine savers and can also create custom gift baskets.

Backtrack through Hiawassee and head south on GA 75 to the Alpine village of Helen and Habersham Winery, the oldest winery in Georgia. Habersham Vineyards and Winery has been producing award-winning Georgia wines since 1983 and is one of Georgia’s oldest and largest wineries. Located one half mile south of Alpine Helen in Nacoochee Village near the banks of Georgia Experiences | ExploreGeorgia.org | 77
the beautiful Chattahoochee River, the winery is open daily for complimentary tastings and self-guided tours. In addition to a large selection of Georgia grown and produced wines, the tasting room also features a gift shop with gourmet foods and wine specialty gift items.

**DAY FIVE**

Start out early for Dahlonega, site of the first American Gold Rush.

Your first winery of the day is BlackStock Vineyards. The first of the current vineyards in the Dahlonega area, it was founded by formally-trained winemaker David Harris, a 20-year pioneer in Georgia wine. After a decade dedicated to evolving a vineyard with wife and partner Trish, the Harris’ now offer an estate winery. Their goal in the tasting room is to provide an educational experience for those with a passion to learn more about wine, and in a very relaxed, down-to-earth environment.

Head to Historic Downtown Dahlonega and plan to enjoy a family style all-you-can-eat lunch at The Smith House. Don’t miss their exhibit on the gold mine they discovered under the dining room floor!

In the early afternoon, take a short drive to Frogtown Cellars, a 57-acre wine estate located at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains equal distance between Dahlonega and Cleveland, Georgia. Frogtown encompasses 40 acres of vineyards and a tri-level gravity flow winery specifically designed to produce the unique wines made from Frogtown grapes and is home to 17 different wine grape varieties, both red and white.

**DAY SIX**

Located just 5 miles north of Dahlonega is Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery, a 25-acre family-owned wine growing estate. The European-style Georgia Winery at Wolf Mountain is fashioned after a raised Craftsman-Style cottage and sits atop the Cellar, which is encased in fieldstone. The Winery is 8,000 square feet of indoor function space that includes a dance space, an antique bar area and beautiful fireplaces. The Winery also houses early French winemaking artifacts.

Head back to the Dahlonega Town Square and choose among a number of delicious restaurants including the Cork Screw Café.

In the early afternoon, travel to Three Sisters Vineyards & Winery, in the “Heart of Georgia Wine Country” situated on 184 acres of beautiful North Georgia mountain property north of Dahlonega.

In addition to their regular “complimentary tastings,” Three Sisters features two special tours & tastings (call in advance). Their special tours/tastings are generally conducted by request, unless otherwise scheduled. It is best to arrive 40 minutes before the day’s closing time to enjoy the last tastings of the day.

**DAY SEVEN**

After a beautiful mountain drive, arrive at Sharp Mountain Vineyards, overlooking Jasper. From start to finish, Sharp Mountain Vineyard’s wines are truly hand-crafted in the old-world fashion. “The result is more than fine wine; it’s an experience.”

**COHUTTA SPRINGS WINERY**

Crandall - Nestled on the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, this family-owned-and-operated farm is more than a century old. Experience the aroma of fine bread and artisan wine as you tour this unique farm winery.

Your last stop of the day is Georgia Winery in Ringgold. For over 20 years, Georgia’s first Farm Winery has been producing award-winning wines that capture the fresh fruity flavor of the fruit. This unique fresh fruity flavor serves as their mark of distinction and delights the taste buds of their customers from across the nation. Tasting room conveniently located right on I-75 at Exit 350.