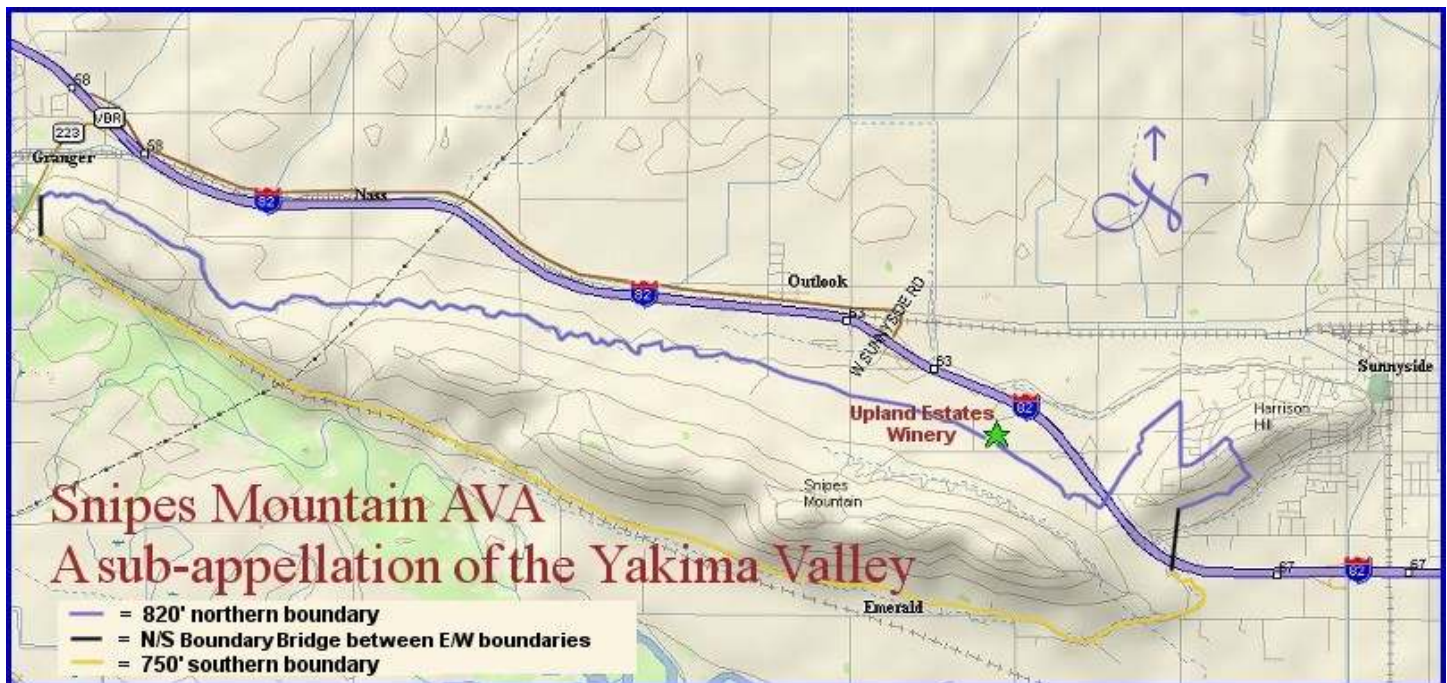


# Snipes Mountain AVA

- Established in 2009. Washington's 10th AVA
- 4,145 total acres / 800 acres of planted vineyards
- The mountain was named after a cattle rancher, Ben Snipes, who lived at the base of the mountain
- Currently only one winery is located in the AVA-Upland Estates Winery.
- Located in the southeast corner of the Yakima Valley between the towns of Sunnyside and Granger near Outlook, Washington. Within Yakima Valley AVA and thus Columbia Valley AVA as well.
- Includes the adjacent area of Harrison Hill
- Longest viticultural history in the state with plantings that date back to 1914. Original plantings of Semillon and Pinot Noir were planted by Washington State pioneer William B. Bridgman.
- The area is made up of several slopes facing all four directions thus creating a variety of growing conditions
- **Soil:** Unique, desert rocky soil called aridisols- extremely dry soils with a low concentration of organic matter and high concentration of minerals. Ancient riverbed soil characterized by fist and melon sized gravel. The soil is more porous, and drains better than the alluvial soils of the nearby valley floor.
- **Climate:** 7 inches of annual rainfall.
- **Grape Varieties:** Major varieties are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Syrah, Pinot Noir and Semillon with smaller quantities of Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. There are more than 35 different varieties grown on Snipes Mountain.
- **Vineyards:** Upland Estate Vineyard & Harrison Hill



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