

# Wahluke Slope AVA

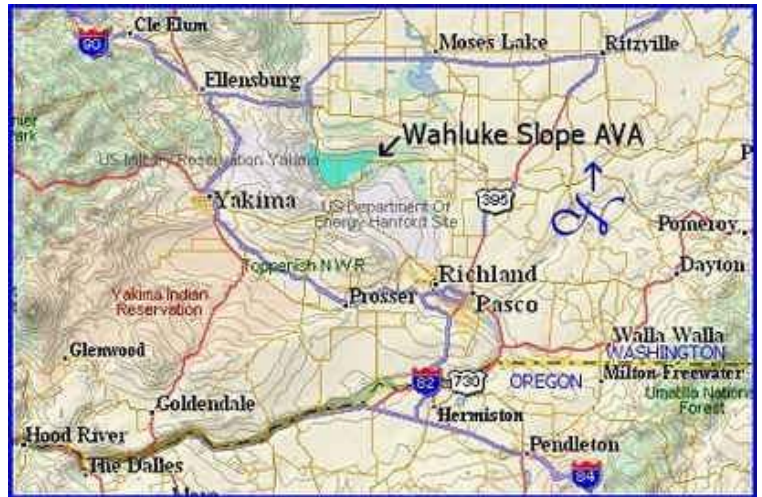
- Established in 2006. Washington's 8<sup>th</sup> AVA
- 81,000 acres / 5200 acres of vineyards
- "Wahluke" is a Native American word meaning "watering place"
- Two wineries and three crush-pad facilities are located in the Wahluke Slope
- "Naturally bounded by the Columbia River to the west and south, by the Saddle Mountains on the north, and on the east by the Hanford Reach National Monument."

[http://www.washingtonwine.org/washington-wine/regions-avas/wahluke\\_slope.php](http://www.washingtonwine.org/washington-wine/regions-avas/wahluke_slope.php)

- Harvest from the Wahluke Slopes accounts for nearly 20% of the entire state's production
- Currently two wineries operate in the region – Fox Estate Winery and Ginkgo Forest Winery
- "The only appellation in the Pacific Northwest that is a single geological landform. The region is a giant alluvial fan created by repetitive flooding events" [http://www.winesnw.com/wahluke\\_slope\\_map.html](http://www.winesnw.com/wahluke_slope_map.html)
- **Soil:** Layers of silt and wind-blown sand as well as gravelly, rocky soil.
- **Climate:** Continental dry, warm climate. The Wahluke Slope is the warmest wine growing region in the state of Washington.
- **Grape Varieties:** Major varieties include Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc. Smaller amounts of Mourvèdre, Primitivo, Malbec, and Petit Verdot are emerging as well.
- **Vineyards:** 20 vineyards

Milbrandt Vineyards  
Lucky Bohemian Farms  
Indian Wells Vineyard  
Rosebud Vineyard  
Fox Estate Vineyard  
Stone Tree Vineyard  
Clifton Vineyard  
Clifton Bluff  
Clifton Hills  
Desert Wind Vineyard

Winebau Vineyard  
Wahluke Slope Vineyard  
Dick Shaw vineyards  
Jack Jones vineyards  
Sundance  
Northridge  
Katherine Leone  
Talcott  
Pheasant  
Purple Sage



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