

WINE & SPIRITS GUIDE

WILD, WONDERFUL

WEST
VIRGINIA

The logo for West Virginia features a stylized sunburst with multiple rays emanating from a central semi-circle, positioned between the words 'WEST' and 'VIRGINIA'.

Real.

MOUNTAIN FLAVOR

Sip the best wild wines 'n mountain moonshines!

These hills are ripe with grapes and grains. Our state is known for sweet, straight from-the-forest flavors. Try the timeless tastes and unique artisanal creations, all with a homestyle touch.

Earn all 5 West Virginia wine & spirits badges as you travel and sip different styles.

Follow the trail to the best sips in the mountains...

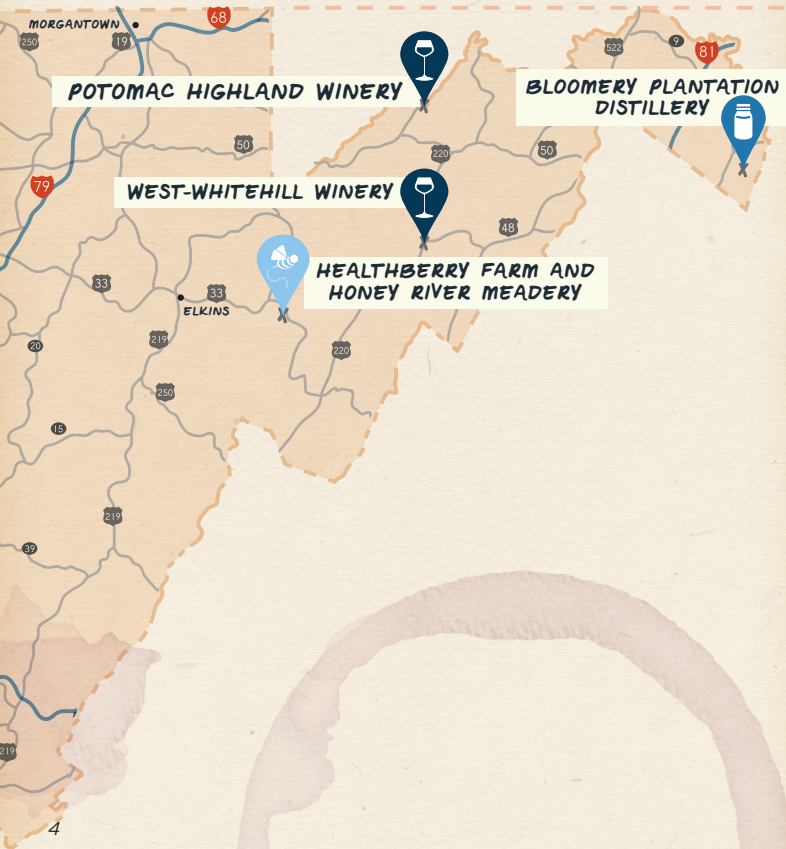
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Regional Trails

EASTERN FARM-TO-FLAVOR



Head on down to the farm for some homegrown, handcrafted flavor! West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle wineries & distilleries craft every bottle start to finish.

POTOMAC HIGHLAND WINERY (KEYSER)

This family winery produces fine table wines from their lush mountain vineyard. The unique soil is similar to wineries in Germany, but drier, and the climate concentrates the sugars in the grapes.

**Appointment only*

WEST-WHITEHILL WINERY (MOOREFIELD)

This small winery has been perfecting their craft for a couple decades, and it shows: their sweet wines usually take best in show at the WV Wine Competition.

BLOOMERY PLANTATION DISTILLERY (CHARLES TOWN)

Try all the sweet “vice” or “virtue” ‘shines, like Limoncello and Crema Lemma. Most of the fruits, roots and nuts are hand-picked right from the farm.

HEALTHBERRY FARM AND HONEY RIVER MEADERY (DRYFORK)

No additives, no heating—Honey River crafts meads in the simple, sustainable, old-world European tradition. The all-natural fruit flavors add a sweet treat!

**Appointment only*



Regional Trails

BOLD SOUTHERN SIPS

The South is never mild. Swing through for some loud tastes, from wild onion wine to artisanally crafted spirits to hard-kickin' moonshine.

KIRKWOOD WINERY & ISAIAH MORGAN DISTILLERY (SUMMERSVILLE)

Kirkwood turns country flavors into wild wines you won't find anywhere else: strawberry-rhubarb, ramp, dandelion, ginseng. Plus, small-batch spirits!

MOUNTAIN MAMA MOONSHINE (MAN)

With heritage flavors like "Black Coal Cherry" and the good ol' staple Apple Pie, this moonshinery is a true taste of mountain tradition.

HATFIELD & McCOY MOONSHINE (GILBERT)

Sip the "Drink of the Devil"! This 150-year-old recipe was created by Devil Anse Hatfield (of the Hatfield-McCoy feuds). "Goes down smooth, but kicks like a mule."

DANIEL VINEYARDS (CRAB ORCHARD)

With grapes cultivated to thrive in the winery's climate, this innovative vintner is serious about award-winning taste. Sip overlooking the stunning vineyard.

SMOOTH AMBLER SPIRITS (MAXWELTON)

Known for their bourbon, each of Smooth Ambler's world-class gins, whiskeys, vodkas and rums are "grain-to-glass," from hand-selecting local grains and mountain spring water down to hand-signing every bottle.

HAWK KNOB HARD CIDER AND MEAD (LEWISBURG)

It's not the sweet stuff you're used to, no siree! These dry artisan cellar-style hard ciders and old-time meads follow Appalachian tradition.

Regional Trails

WESTERN WINE COUNTRY



Follow the **Country Roads Wine Trail** through West Virginia's own little wine country in the west, focusing on fine, traditional flavors.

WINETREE VINEYARDS (VIENNA)

Learning the craft through 30 years as a hobby winemaker, this vintner will walk you through the whole process, which happens 100% at the family vineyard.

STONE ROAD VINEYARD (ROCKPORT)

Stone Road Vineyard's natural process takes up to a year, and it's worth the wait! Sip overlooking a sweeping panorama of the mountains and sun-bathed hillside.

**Appointment only*

APPALACHIAN DISTILLERY (RIPLEY)

Do you know what a pawpaw is? Get a taste of this forgotten fruit with a sip of the pawpaw moonshine, one of several fruity country flavors.

CHESTNUT RIDGE WINERY (SPENCER)

In the heart of this local artisan collective, tour the vineyard, blacksmith shop and woodworking studio, or overlook town from the deck. Try their classics or unique fruit wines.

FISHER RIDGE WINERY (LIBERTY)

One of the state's oldest wineries, Fisher Ridge's scenic, relaxed environment will invite you to sip a little more slowly. Pair each pour with cheese, crackers and homemade pepper butter.

**Appointment only*

DEFEO FAMILY VINEYARD AND WINERY (LE ROY)

Stop into "Toscana in Appalachia" and sample their natural wines, crafted in the family's Italian tradition.

**Appointment only*

Themed Trails

MOONSHINER'S RUN

This ol'-time tradition is still alive and well in West Virginia's mountain hollows. From recipes passed down through generations to the drink of our famous feuding forefather Devil Anse Hatfield, sip some real authentic Appalachian 'shine.

SIP TIPS:

BLOOMERY PLANTATION DISTILLERY (CHARLES TOWN)

Learn whether you're a Vice or Virtue drinker at the "Hooch in a Hurry" Shack.

FORKS OF CHEAT WINERY & DISTILLERY (MORGANTOWN)

Don't forget to end your shine sampler with a taste of fan-favorite AppleJack brandy.

HESTON FARM WINERY & PINCHGUT HOLLOW DISTILLERY (FAIRMONT)

Say, why are those pigs upside down? Ask, and let the storytellin' begin!

APPALACHIAN DISTILLERY (RIPLEY)

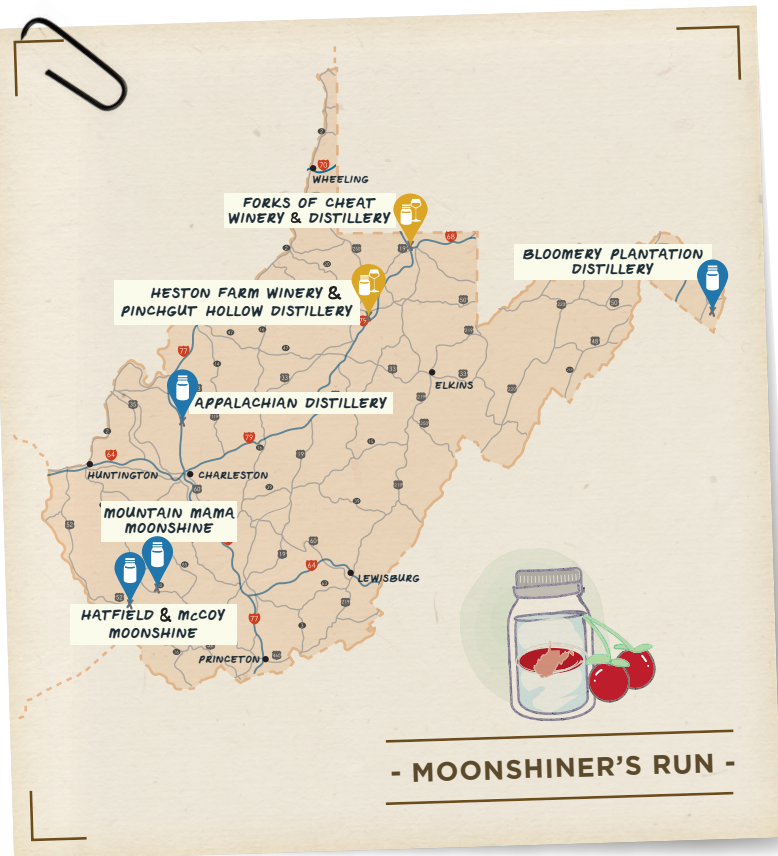
Cinnamon spitfire: bold, but worth the bite.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MOONSHINE (MAN)

Dig out the deeply-rooted mountain flavors like "Coal Black Cherry."

HATFIELD & McCOY MOONSHINE (GILBERT)

Have you heard about the historic Hatfield-McCoy feuds? Well, this is the old Hatfield farm, and these are the old Hatfield recipes. Cheers to history here!



WILD MOUNTAIN FLAVOR



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West Virginia's winemakers have blended Appalachia's wild-foraged flavor into their craft. From award-winning blackberry to tangy onion wines (mostly for cooking—but still interesting to try!), explore real mountain flavor.

SIP TIPS:

BLOOMERY PLANTATION DISTILLERY (CHARLES TOWN)

Black walnut or ginger shine wild enough for ya?

FORKS OF CHEAT WINERY & DISTILLERY (MORGANTOWN)

Taste their wild wines and moonshines, too!

MOUNTAIN DRAGON MAZERY (FAIRMONT)

For a real kick, go for coffee and wildflower infusions.

HESTON FARM WINERY & PINCHGUT HOLLOW DISTILLERY (FAIRMONT)

Start with the ramp moonshine. Yes, ramps are onions. And yes, you should still try it.

CHESTNUT RIDGE WINERY (SPENCER)

The Gewurztraminer is a standout, with sweet peachy flavor and a bold cinnamon finish.

APPALACHIAN DISTILLERY (RIPLEY)

Taste the “hillbilly banana” for a rare, sweet surprise.

KIRKWOOD WINERY & ISAIAH MORGAN DISTILLERY (SUMMERSVILLE)

Sample a variety of forest flavors! You'll never look at the weeds in your yard the same after dandelion wine.

HAWK KNOB HARD CIDER AND MEAD (LEWISBURG)

As if elderberry cider didn't entice you enough—it's aged in bourbon barrels!

Themed Trails

HERITAGE DRINKS

Drink like the olden days! Mead may be the oldest drink on Earth, but you've never really tried it till you've tasted it from our Appalachian honey.

SIP TIPS:

HAWK KNOB HARD CIDER AND MEAD (LEWISBURG)

Taste a true-to-roots cellar-style cider: the Wild Fermented. There's no added yeast, so all that flavor comes right from the apple skin itself.

KENCO FARMS (SUTTON)

Local honey plus mountain-foraged flavors come together for a sweet sip of Almost Heaven. Try the blackberry, raspberry, peach and blueberry!

MOUNTAIN DRAGON MAZERY (FAIRMONT)

Try small-batch meads fresh from the apiary, infused with unique West Virginia tastes like wildflowers and mulberries. If you call in advance, you can schedule a visit to the apiary!

HEALTHBERRY FARM AND HONEY RIVER MEADERY (DRYFORK)

Enjoy the pure taste of this ancient art, crafted in all-natural, old-world style from freshly harvested mountain honey.

**Appointment only.*



Themed Trails

BEST WV WINE & SPIRITS EVENTS



UNIQUELY WEST VIRGINIA WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (BERKELEY SPRINGS)

Pair your authentic mountain wines with locally grown foods.

TASTE OF PARKERSBURG (DRYFORK)

Sample all the city's best tastes in one place with top wines, beers, cuisine and performers.

WINE & ALL THAT JAZZ (CHARLESTON)

Part of the 10-day FestivALL celebration, when the whole Capital City becomes a work of art. Sip samples by the riverside to smooth sounds.

SPRING WINE FESTIVAL (CRAB ORCHARD)

Join some of the state's finest wines, musicians and crafters for family fun.

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL (CHARLES TOWN)

Celebrate WV's artisan best with wine, music, crafting and more.

GRAPE STOMPING FESTIVAL (SUMMERSVILLE)

Literally stomp in a grape vat as you enjoy live music, craft vendors, folk dancing and samples of all 30+ wines.

WEST VIRGINIA WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL (MORGANTOWN)

Featuring West Virginia artisans, food and more.

WEST VIRGINIA ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL (CLARKSBURG)

Wine garden and winemaking contests, plus authentic cuisine, dances, music, games and more.

WV WINE & ARTS FESTIVAL (MARTINSBURG)

Settle under the shade trees of the historic Boydville Mansion for a sampling of sips and sounds.

For dates and times visit GoToWV.com.

Try all 5 uniquely West Virginia flavors to earn collectible WV Wine & Spirits Trail badges!

Find out where to get them at GoToWV.com/stickers or by calling **800.225.5982**. Then, log your journey here:

Country Wine

I EARNED THIS BADGE @ _____ (winery)

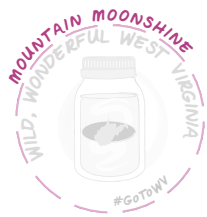
TASTING NOTES:



Mountain Moonshine

I EARNED THIS BADGE @ _____ (moonshine distillery)

TASTING NOTES:



WV Craft Spirits

I EARNED THIS BADGE @ _____ (distillery)

TASTING NOTES:



Heritage Drinks

I EARNED THIS BADGE @ _____ (meadery or cidery)

TASTING NOTES:



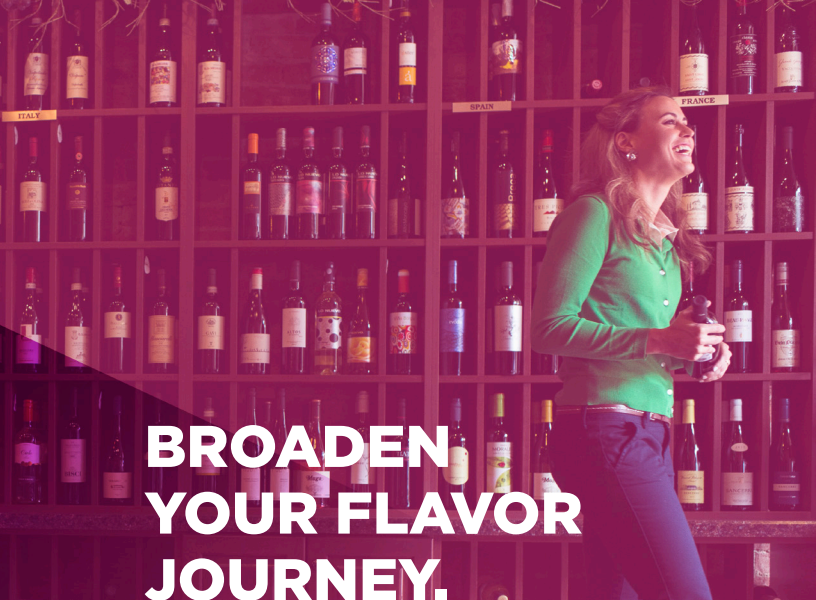
Festival Flight

I EARNED THIS BADGE @ _____ (event or festival)

TASTING NOTES:



Tip: You can also collect your badges digitally with the GoToWV app! Visit GoToWV.com/app to download it to your smartphone.



BROADEN YOUR FLAVOR JOURNEY.

What else can you do along the way?

There's probably a craft cocktail bar just around the corner. Love what you tasted at the winery? There's a perfect spot nearby to share a sip overlooking the mountain beauty.

Find the best mixologists, meals, attractions and more at **[GoToWV.com/wine-trail](https://www.gotowv.com/wine-trail)**

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