

Welcome to West Elks Wine Country

The Region

Named for the vast, untamed, mountainous wilderness that culminates with the peaks of Mount Lamborn and Lands End, the West Elks wine region is located in the heart of Colorado's North Fork Valley, which stretches along a scenic corridor between the towns of Hotchkiss and Paonia, where the mountains meet the mesas.

The Wine

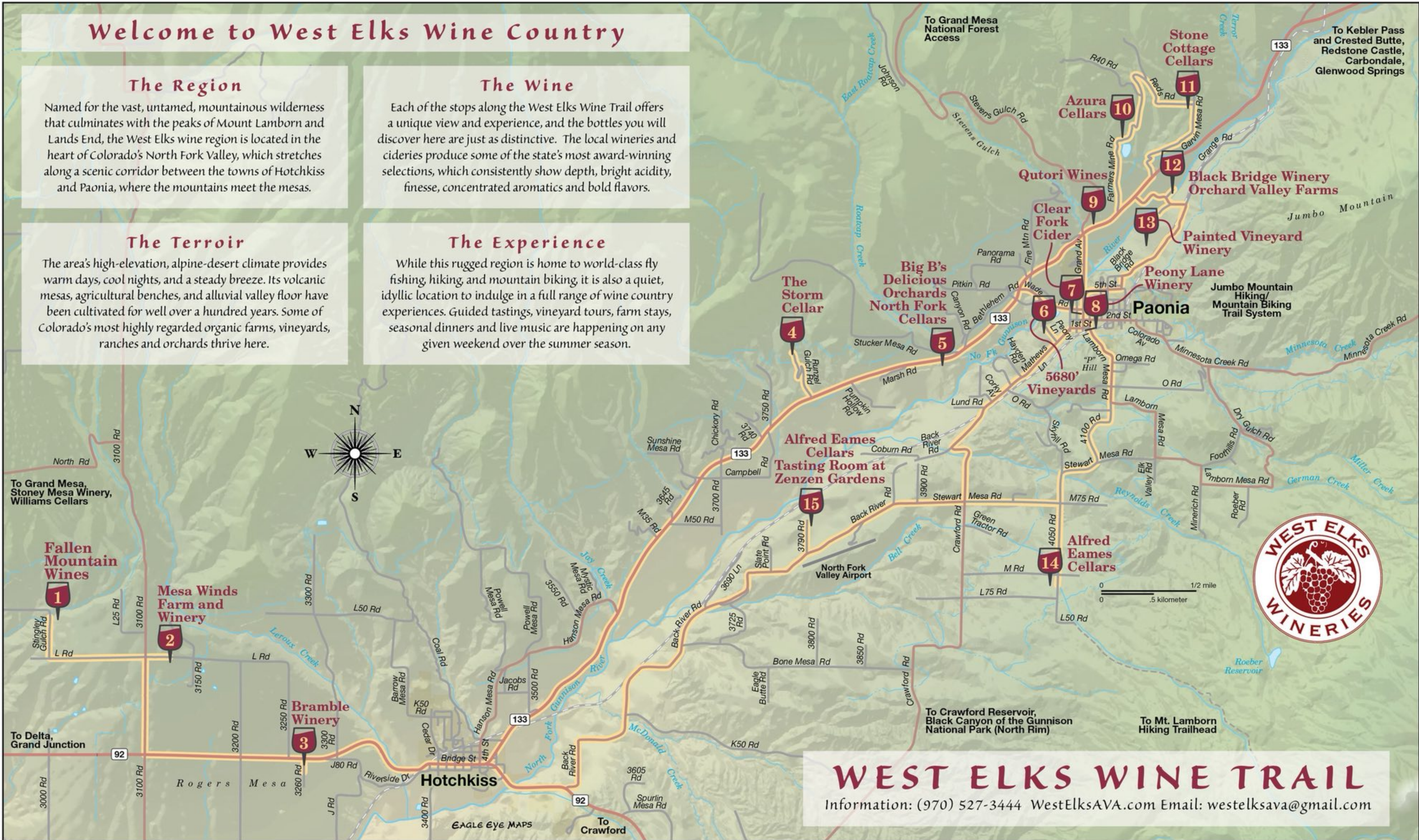
Each of the stops along the West Elks Wine Trail offers a unique view and experience, and the bottles you will discover here are just as distinctive. The local wineries and cideries produce some of the state's most award-winning selections, which consistently show depth, bright acidity, finesse, concentrated aromatics and bold flavors.

The Terroir

The area's high-elevation, alpine-desert climate provides warm days, cool nights, and a steady breeze. Its volcanic mesas, agricultural benches, and alluvial valley floor have been cultivated for well over a hundred years. Some of Colorado's most highly regarded organic farms, vineyards, ranches and orchards thrive here.

The Experience

While this rugged region is home to world-class fly fishing, hiking, and mountain biking, it is also a quiet, idyllic location to indulge in a full range of wine country experiences. Guided tastings, vineyard tours, farm stays, seasonal dinners and live music are happening on any given weekend over the summer season.



Information and Hours

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FALLEN MOUNTAIN WINERY

29847 Stingley Gulch Rd
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
fallenmountainwines.com
(970)-527-1144
Tours and tastings are offered by
appointment only.

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MESA WINDS FARM & WINERY

31262 L Rd
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970) 399-7491
mesawindswinery.com
@mesawindsfarm
Serving farm-to-table fare, wine tasting
and a full bar. Open seasonally - check
website for hours and special events.
Farm stays available.

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BRAMBLE WINERY

3260 Rd
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
bramblewinery.com
Crafting overlooked fruits into
timeless dry wines. Check website
or Google Maps for open hours.

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THE STORM CELLAR

14139 Runzel Gulch Rd
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970) 589-3142
stormcellarwine.com
@stormcellarwine
Tasting room open Thurs-Sun,
12 pm - 7 pm, May 21st - November 1st.

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DELICIOUS ORCHARDS BIG B'S HARD CIDER

39126 Hwy 133
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 527-1110
bigbs.com
@drinkbigbs
Open daily at 10 am, April - Nov.
Cafe, live music, fruit picking
and camping.

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5680' VINEYARDS

14652 Peony Ln
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 270-7471
5680vineyard.com
Tasting Room Open May 23rd -
November 1st. Fri - Sun 12 - 6 pm.

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CLEAR FORK CIDER

234 Grand Av
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 525-2525
(inside Paonia Books)
clearforkcider.com
@clearforkcider
Sat 2 - 5 pm,
May 2nd - October 31st.

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PEONY LANE WINERY

201B 1st St
Paonia, CO 81428
peonylanewine.com
Small-batch, low-intervention wines.
Order online for pick-up or delivery.

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QUTORI WINES

40823 Hwy 133
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 527-3236
qutoriwine.com
@qutoriwiner
Open May 1st - 3rd and May 9th - 10th.
Open daily 12 pm - 6 pm,
May 16th - Nov. 1st
Wine tasting and small plates daily.

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AZURA CELLARS

16764 Farmers Mine Rd
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 822-5910
azurawinecellars.com
@azurawinecellars
Tasting room open early June - Nov 1st
11 am - 6 pm daily (except Tuesday)
Wine flights & gourmet charcuterie.

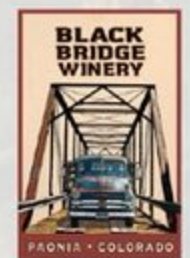
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STONE COTTAGE CELLARS

41716 Reds Rd
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 527-3444
stonecottagecellars.com
@stonecottagecellars
Open weekends in May
Open daily 11 am - 6 pm, May 22nd -
November 1st. Charcuterie available daily.
Vineyard Stays at the Stone Cottage.

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BLACK BRIDGE WINERY ORCHARD VALLEY FARMS

15836 Black Bridge Rd
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 527-6838
blackbridgewinery.com
orchardvalleyfarms.com
Open daily 10 am - 6 pm, May 9th & 10th,
May 16th & 17th, May 22nd - Nov. 1st.
Wine tasting, Thai Monday, U-pick
fruit & vegetables, pumpkin patch.

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PAINTED VINEYARD WINERY

15805 Black Bridge Road
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 471-2145
paintedvineyard.com
@thepaintedvineyard
Gourmet cheese plates available.

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ALFRED EAMES CELLARS

11931 - 4050 Rd
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 361-6530, (970) 778-8678
alfredeamescellars.com
Open for events and major holidays. Call or
visit website for details. Other visiting times
are welcomed and available by appointment.

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ALFRED EAMES CELLARS TASTING ROOM at ZENZEN GARDENS

12498 - 3790 Rd
Paonia, CO 81428
(970) 260-0552
zenzengardens.com
Open daily for wine tastings 12 - 6 pm, live
music, lodging, farm-to-table dinners and re-
treats. Visit our website for our special events.



West Elk AVA website

Events

North Fork Uncorked Friday - Sunday June 5th - 7th

Join us as we kick off the 2026 season in the West Elks AVA, featuring
special events and tastings at all of the local wineries.

West Elks Wine Trail Friday - Sunday July 31st - August 2nd

This special, annual ticketed event highlights the diversity of
wines and wine experiences in the North Fork Valley. Ticket
includes tastings, wine glass, and wine tote bag.

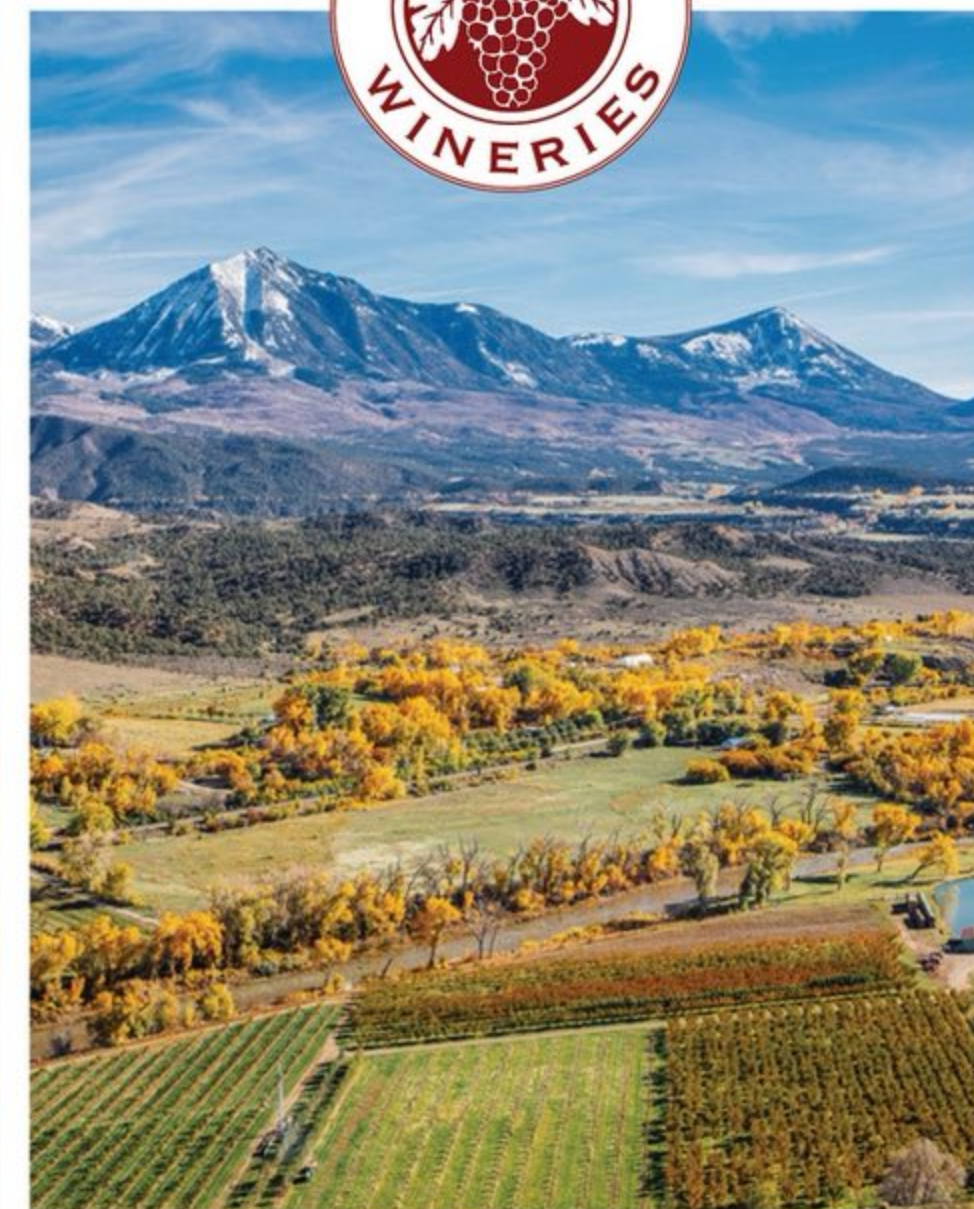
Celebrate Saturday - Sunday, October 31st - November 1st 11 - 5pm

Celebrate with the wineries of the West Elks AVA and join in an
End-of-the-Year Toast to the Winery Tasting Room Season.

Check out individual winery websites for special offerings,
events, tastings, and information.

WEST ELKS AVA 2026 EVENTS

High Elevation Grapes
Make Delicious Wine



Check winery websites for more
fun summer events!

Information: (970) 527-3444
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