



TRIP IDEAS

FRASER VALLEY WINE REGION

Fraser Valley wine country might just be one of British Columbia's best-kept and most delicious secrets. Why not escape from the city for a few hours and spend the afternoon tasting wine in the country? Richmond, Langley, Fort Langley and Abbotsford are a few places to visit and taste local vintages.

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Fraser Valley Wineries

Discover charming, family owned wineries all the way from the fruit wines of Lulu Island Winery in Richmond to the organic Zweigelt and Rieslings of Lotusland Vineyards in Abbotsford. Taste the big, bold reds at Pacific Breeze, a quirky "garagiste" winery in New Westminster, or sample cool-weather whites like the Bacchus at award-winning Domaine de Chaberton in Langley.

Vista d'Oro Farms

Be sure to stop in at Vista d'Oro Farms in Langley, where the winemaker creates dynamic blends like the signature D'Oro, a fortified blend of Marechal Foch and other big reds from BC's Okanagan Valley aged with Fraser Valley green walnuts and Okanagan brandy. Plan to spend some time here – Vista d'Oro is a full agritourism experience, with an irresistible country shop featuring produce and preserves from the farm.

Fort Langley History and Winery

Don't miss Fort Langley National Historic Site. Through a variety of displays and interactive events, it commemorates the birth of BC more than 150 years ago. While in the area, try the crisp, dry fruit wines made from local blueberries and strawberries at The Fort Wine Company nearby.

Fraser Valley Dining

Enjoy the French-influenced fare at the romantic Bacchus Bistro, perched amid the vineyards at Langley's Domaine de Chaberton. Savour a wood-oven-baked pizza and Big Chief Cream Ale at the Mission Springs Brewing Company in Mission. Or pick up some local preserves, tapanades and a pie at the Old Grainery Store at Wellbrook Winery in Delta and enjoy a picnic lunch in a nearby park.

Accommodation

Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa offers a decadent getaway for those in need of serious pampering. Langley makes a good base from which to explore the area's wineries: stay at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre and relax in the Glacier Bar, take in a show at the Summit Theatre or check out the nearby Cascades Casino. The Sandman Hotel Langley is centrally located near many entertainment options, including golf, shopping and Fort Langley National Historic Site.

Transportation

From Vancouver, the heart of the Fraser Valley wine region is about an hour's drive away in Langley. To find the wineries, either follow Highway 99 south then travel west along Highway 10 (56th Avenue), or take Highway 1 west then turn south on 200th Street. Just follow the signs with the clusters of grapes on them.