



A Tasting & Tunes Journey

Time & Direction Wines

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There's nothing quite like enjoying a glass of wine and good music. Many Walla Walla Valley winemakers share a love of music and wine, making it a great place to pair the two. Take this tour of the Walla Walla Valley wine and music scene.

8:00 AM: Go to breakfast at the [Maple Counter Café](#) to start your day off right. They have a diverse menu, and you can't go wrong. I recommend ordering an omelet or pancakes!

9:30 AM: After breakfast, head out to [Wine Valley Golf Club](#) and play nine holes. This course is known as one of the best in the Northwest, and it has amazing views of the Walla Walla Valley.

If golf isn't your thing, opt for a walk around downtown instead. Start your music tour of the Walla Walla Valley at [Hot Poop](#) - Washington's oldest independent record store - located on Main Street. You can check out their vinyl collection, instrument selection and more.

11:00 AM: Come see me at [Time & Direction Wines](#) for your first tasting of the day. As owner and winemaker, I wear a lot of hats, and there's a good chance I'll be the one behind the bar pouring your wine. My journey to winemaking began when I was waiting tables in New York City - ten years and many stops in between, here I am.

[Reservations are recommended for tasting.](#)

12:30 PM: Grab some lunch at [Wingman Birdz & Brewz](#) just around the corner from Time & Direction. This wing stop also offers great burgers, sandwiches, salads and more. If you want to switch it up on a day of wine tasting, grab one of their beers on tap.

2:00 PM: Time for more tasting! There are too many great wineries in the Walla Walla Valley to try in one day, so you'll have to pick - do you want to head out to the Airport Wine District or Southside Wine District? I have recommendations for both, and the good news is that you can start at the locations you don't visit today on your next trip.



If you choose the Southside Wine District...

2:00 PM: I recommend starting at [Sleight of Hand Cellars](#) for a tasting in their rock n' roll inspired space. My friend and winemaker Trey Busch is a music lover, and that's evident from the moment you step in the door at Sleight of Hand. You'll love the wines, and the atmosphere.

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3:30 PM: Next, stop by one of the Walla Walla Valley's newest wineries - [KINHAVEN Winery](#). There space is gorgeous, surrounded by vineyards, and some weekend evenings they host live music on their lawn.

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If you choose the Airport Wine District...

2:00 PM: Start at the Incubators, where you'll find [Hoquetus Wine Company](#). "Hoquetus" refers to a song device first developed during medieval times, since embraced by 20th century composers. Fellow winemaker and musician Robert Gomez originally attended music school and has translated his love of melody into his winemaking process.

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3:30 PM: Next, head over to [Prospice Wines](#). Winemakers Jay Krutulis and Matt Reilly are making some great wine in their little pink winery, and its an experience you won't soon forget.

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5:00 PM: What's a day in Walla Walla without a little evening live music to close it out? Head back to downtown and pick Armstrong Family Winery or Kontos Cellars for you final tasting of the day.

[Armstrong Family Winery](#) hosts live jazz on Friday nights, which pairs well with their amazing wines. Fun fact - Jen and Tim Armstrong hail from Wisconsin, my home state.

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[Kontos Cellars](#) is another great option to finish off your tasting for the day. They often have live music on their awesome patio, and when they don't, you can sometimes hear tunes from other nearby tasting rooms from there. If I'm not at Time & Direction, making wine or in the vineyards, you'll often find me behind the bar at Kontos pouring wines.

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6:30 PM: Head down Main Street to [Public House 124](#) for drinks and appetizers - their truffle fries may be the best fries in the Valley. You can hang around there for dinner - they make great burgers and flatbreads.



7:30 PM: If you want a separate stop for dinner, go to [Passatempo Taverna](#) on the other end of Main Street. This Italian spot is a must experience dining spot, with great house made pasta and unique cocktails.

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