



LITTLE & LOCAL GEMS

Echolands Winery

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Explore the smaller side of the Walla Walla Valley. This itinerary takes you to small businesses run by local entrepreneurs who are creating something special - whether its killer wines, unique menus or one-of-a kind atmospheres. Uncover these gems.

8:30 AM: Get the day started with breakfast, say, ordering something eponymous at [Bacon & Eggs](#). Doug is partial to the Chilaquiles, though he recommends a healthy dose of Crystal New Orleans Sauce or whichever medicine you prefer, because heat is a great way to wake up.

10:00 AM: Head out to the Southside Wine District of the Walla Walla Valley for a tasting at [Grosgrain Vineyards](#). Proprietors Matt and Kelly Austin have been true friends and mentors to us throughout the process of creating a winery. Kelly designed out tasting room; Matt shepherds us through our pet-nat dégorgement. Their wines rock.

[Reservations recommended for tasting.](#)

11:15 AM: Head to the Westside Wine District for some important winery stops. There's only so many hours in the day, so we recommend picking Foundry Vineyards or Gramercy Cellars to visit today, and checking out the other another day or on your next trip! Alternatively, skip a sit-down lunch and make a reservation at both of these amazing wineries.

Reserve a spot at [Foundry Vineyards](#). Of course, you should go for the low-intervention wines and their Pet Project label's pet-nat wines - you need to taste these. The Andersons, the owners of Foundry Vineyards, also founded the Walla Walla Foundry- a place where some of the world's most important art is created. Seriously. You have no idea. Ai Weiwei, Chuck Close, Kiki Smith, the list goes on and on. Go, see, taste and learn more at Foundry.

[Reservations recommended for tasting.](#)

For extraordinary wines, make a reservation at [Gramercy Cellars](#). Up the street from Foundry, they have helped mentor Echolands Winery throughout its relatively short life. Owner Greg Harrington and winemaker Brandon Moss have endeavored to keep us on the right track. Everything they make is recommended but John Lewis Syrah is just stupid good.

[Reservations required for tasting.](#)



12:30 PM: You should grab lunch at [The Green Lantern](#) (very recommended) but if you decide to try hit both Foundry and Gramercy today, opt for lunch on the go.

If your schedule is tight (we live like that), drop in to [Andy's Market](#) for a smoothie and keep going on your day of tasting! That will give you time to get an espresso fix at [Colville Street Patisserie](#) (a daily stop for us), and as you might imagine, their pastries are very, very good. Actually, they are remarkable.

(Note: Andy's Market is closed on Saturdays but [TMACS Epicurean Kitchen](#) can be found in the same building, and they have great meat & cheese grab-and-go options).

Don't worry - if you can't make the Green (Lantern) for lunch then you can drop in after dinner tonight for a couple drinks and listen to the winemakers complain about the weather and harvest. And the soccer scores.

2:00 PM: Visit [Hoquetus Wine Co.](#), one of the newest wineries located out in the Airport Wine District, after lunch. Robert Gomez is one of our friends, a serious musician and an even more serious winemaker creating unique wines.

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3:30 PM: You can cap off your day of tasting at our winery - [Echolands Winery!](#) Our tasting room in downtown Walla Walla is the perfect place to kick back after a day of tasting. Our winemaking program focuses on crafting responsibly produced wines that reflect the potential for elegant and balanced wines from a singular place - the Walla Walla Valley.

[Reservations recommended for tasting.](#)

5:00 PM: Kill a little time before dinner and check out [Earthlight Books](#) where Doug judges his purchases by weight (how much will fit in my check-in bags before I get flagged?). If you need a place to buy strange pulp paperbacks, as well as a kazillion other books too, this is the place to go. Really. Get lost in it - Doug seems to.

6:30 PM: Round out the day with dinner at [The Kinglet](#) - one of Walla Walla's newest restaurants. Ever changing, the Kinglet restaurant's menus reflect the best of the season and moment. We routinely dine with them and insist you do too. Please. Your mouth, nose and body will thank you.

[Reservations recommended.](#)



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