



A VETERAN'S GUIDE TO WALLA WALLA

Smoky Rose Cellars

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In the Walla Walla Valley, you'll find a handful of winemakers who's first career was serving our country. Explore the wines of some of these winemakers who are embarking on their next adventure, and enjoy much more that the region has to offer.

7:30 AM: Head out early and play 9-holes at [Veterans Memorial Golf Course](#). Located centrally to town with great views of wheat fields and the Blues, it's the perfect spot to start your day. *Tee time reservation recommended.*

9:30 AM: Enjoy a big breakfast at [Maple Counter Café](#). Maple Counter, owned by husband-and-wife Kory and Rachel, is a local favorite for delicious but laid-back breakfast. If they don't have it on the menu, it doesn't exist. The apple pancake is a must try but bring your appetite or a few friends to help you finish it!

11:00 AM: Head out to the Eastside Wine District of the Walla Walla Valley for a tasting at [ALUVE](#). JJ and Kelly Menozzi are owners and winemakers and were both pilots in the Air Force for more than 23 years. After their time in the Air Force, they moved to a vineyard in Walla Walla, and have been crafting amazing wines since. *Reservations required for tasting.*

12:30 PM: Join us at [Smoky Rose Cellars](#) for a tasting. Before breaking into the wine business, I was a meteorologist in the Air Force, and our CFO Amy (the most badass member of the Smoky Rose Team) is the 6th female Cobra Helicopter pilot in the history of the Marine Corps. Our winemaking is focused on crafting great wines that create long-lasting experiences and memories for everyone we meet. *Reservations required for tasting.*



1:45 PM: Get a bite to eat for lunch at one of two of our favorite spots in town. [Cuigini Italian Deli](#) is just around the corner from us and has some of the best paninis plus a ridiculous selection of charcuterie and cheeses if you're craving something light yet filling. Like all awesome places, their hours vary so if they're closed or too busy then [Yamas Greek Eatery](#) is the place to be! The menu at Yamas is authentically Greek, and it's the perfect light lunch between tastings. Pro tip: order the Alifes platter or the grilled octopus if it's on the menu.

3:00 PM: Head out to the Oregon side of the Walla Walla Valley for one final tasting. Winemaker and Owner, Roger Lemstrom, of [Los Rocosos Vineyards](#) served in the military, and is now making some unique and delicious wines. If you find yourself in Walla Walla on a weekday, visit him at his vineyard for a tasting. On the weekend, you will find him in his tasting room in downtown Milton-Freewater.

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5:00 PM: Relax for a bit before dinner and take a stroll around downtown Walla Walla. If you are still wanting to sip on some wine, head over to [The Thief Fine Wine & Beer](#) for a flight of either local or non-local selections. Need a cocktail and a snack? [TMACS](#) has a great happy hour!

6:00 PM: End the day with dinner at [Walla Walla Pasta Factory](#). They make wonderful and hearty Italian dishes at reasonable prices with a fabulous wine list.



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