



## WINE + TACO TREK

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### A LITTLE ABOUT ME



"Hi, I'm Brandon—Walla Walla Valley native, winemaker, taco enthusiast, runner, and family guy. It doesn't get much better than a sun soaked Saturday in the Walla Walla Valley. This itinerary blends all my favorite things: unique wines, tacos, and scenic views that bring my hometown to you."

### 8:00 AM | MORNING RUN (OR WALK) THROUGH MILL CREEK

Start the day with a loop around Bennington Lake—2.7 miles of peace, fresh air, and incredible views of the Blue Mountains. If you're up for more, the [Mill Creek Recreation Trail](#) extends from the lake all the way toward Walla Walla Community College. Along the way you'll spot blue mountain vineyard nestled into the hillside and if you are fishing enthusiast Bennington Lake was just stocked with 5000 trout.

### 10:00 AM | BREAKFAST AT BLUE VALLEY MEATS

[Blue Valley Meats](#) is a family owned butcher shop & corner market, and a true hidden gem. For breakfast, go for the bacon and potato burrito and don't skip the legendary salsa bar. The pickled escabeche, mango habanero, and creamy avocado green sauce are the real stars.

### 10:45 AM | WALLA WALLA FARMERS MARKET

Wander the [Farmers Market](#) on West Main St. for that small-town feel—it's a true showcase of the Valley's sense of community. Look for fresh, seasonal finds like Walla Walla Sweet Onion, ripe summer fruit from Welcome Table Farm, and maybe an ear of elote from the little Mexican food stand. (Only open on Saturdays.)

### 11:30 AM | TASTE SOME WINES WITH GRAMERCY CELLARS

Now for a place that is seriously delicious. At Gramercy Cellars, with native yeast fermentation and minimal additions we are making acid driven food friendly wines. The focus is on Rhône and Bordeaux varietals—Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cab Sauv, even some oddities like Picpoul—all made with balance, energy, and a little edge. Stems Rule is our motto for all of our Rhone wines.

### 12:30 AM | TACOS AT LA MONARCHA

This local staple is hard to miss—and even harder to beat. You'll spot the bright orange trucks all over town. You can't go wrong with the albañil, al pastor, and fish tacos.



## 1:00 PM | TASTING AT ECHOLANDS WINERY

**Echoland**s is one of those places that's dialed in from every angle—an immaculate tasting room, incredible views and wines that push the envelope in all the right ways. The winemaking team and owners take a creative, outside-the-box approach. For instance, Cabernet Franc often takes the lead in their blends—something you don't see often in the Valley. This time of year, lean into the Grenache, Grenache Rosé, or their white blend—The Albus.

## OPTIONAL SCENIC DRIVE

If there's time, take the long way to your next stop. Cruise up Mill Creek or Blue Creek Road for quiet, winding roads and sweeping views of the Valley. Want to take a deeper look at the vines? Head toward **Les Collines Vineyard** and continue past **Reynvaan Family Winery** for a stretch of backroad beauty that really shows off the landscape.

## 4:00 PM | WINE STOP AT GROSGRAIN VINEYARDS

**Grosgrain** has a beautiful tasting room with a design aesthetic that really stands out—right down to the labels. The hospitality is warm and welcoming, and the winemaking leans creative in the best way. Expect bright, expressive whites like Albariño, Pét-nat, and traditional method sparkling. For reds, the Grenache and Carignan are always worth a pour, and if Nebbiolo's on the list, don't miss it.

## 5:15 PM | AT THE HAPPY WANDERER

Just a short drive from Grosgrain in College Place, you'll find **Happy Wanderer**—your final taco stop of the day. Handmade tortillas, bold toppings, and a casual atmosphere make it the perfect place to wind down. Mix and match a few tacos (al pastor is a must), or grab a bowl if you're still hungry. According to my kids, the chips and guac are non-negotiable.

## 6:30 PM | PINTS + TACOS AT AGAPÉS & QUIRK BREWING

**Agapés** is the taco truck parked outside **Quirk Brewing**, and it's a must. The al pastor quesadilla is my go-to—crispy, cheesy, and packed with flavor. The nachos are stacked and easily the best in town. Grab your tacos, head into Quirk—a local brewery with a relaxed feel—and order the Control Tower Pale Ale or whatever hazy IPA is on tap. With views of the Blue Mountains and a laid-back vibe, it's one of my favorite spots to hang out.

### WHERE TO STAY



**Casa Grosgrain** is right next to the winery—stylish, modern, and incredibly convenient if you have a large group, family or dogs. **The Barn B&B** is calm and scenic, with those wide-open views that make mornings extra peaceful. And if you're looking for something that is tucked away, **Eritage Resort** is quiet, comfortable, and surrounded by vineyards—with a great on-site restaurant.



### ADDITIONAL WINERIES

Got a little extra time? Swing by **Hoquetus Wine Co.** or **itä Wines** in the Airport District—both are making unique, small-lot wines with a fresh approach. **Dunham Cellars**, also in the Airport, is a longtime favorite with great wines and a super easygoing space.



### WANT TO SEE WHAT A PERFECT DAY LOOKS LIKE?

Come along for the ride. Tacos, trail time, killer wines, and good people all the way through. It's fast-paced in the best way. Scan the code and watch the reel and see it all go down. Coming soon.

