

# WASHINGTON STATE WINE

## Terrific Terroir

Great wine begins with nature — and Washington is blessed with a climate and a soil structure that produces some of the best fruit in the world across 14 distinct AVAs. These are just a few of the reasons Washington State is The New Epicenter of Wine.

46°  
LATITUDE

WASHINGTON

• Willamette Valley

• Napa Valley

GERMANY

FRANCE

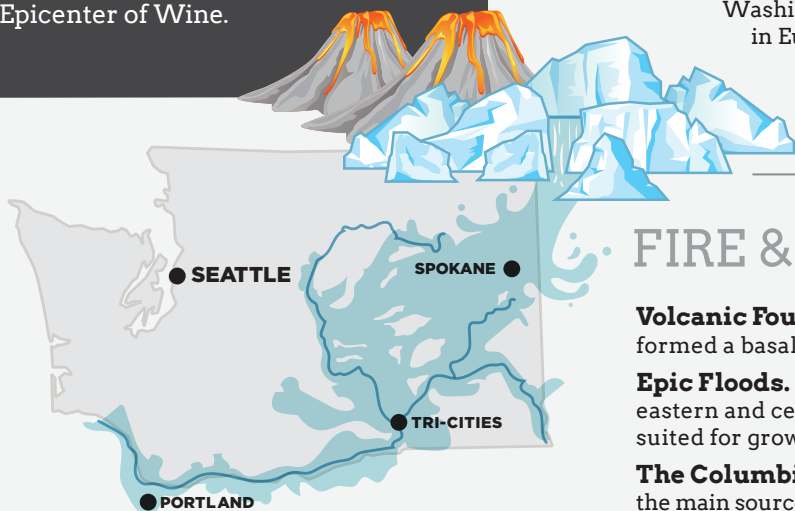
Burgundy • Rhône

Bordeaux •

ITALY

## LOCATION

Washington State shares the same latitude as top wine regions in Europe. With this northern latitude and a growing season that sees up to 17 hours of sunlight a day, Washington's geography and climate delivers a perfect balance of New World fruit with Old World structure.



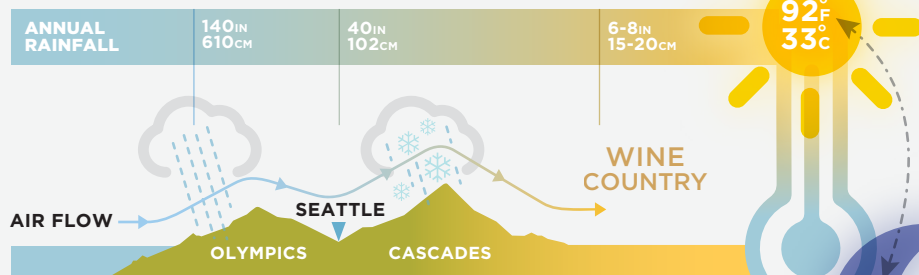
## FIRE & ICE

**Volcanic Foundation.** The largest lava flows ever documented formed a basalt foundation ideal for viticulture.

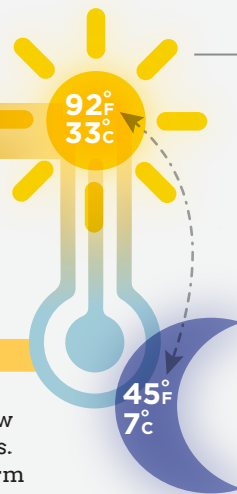
**Epic Floods.** Thousands of years ago cataclysmic floods inundated eastern and central Washington — bringing with them soils uniquely suited for growing grapes.

**The Columbia River.** The fourth largest river in North America is the main source of irrigation for the majority of Washington's vineyards.

## CLIMATE



**Rain Shadow Effect.** Two mountain ranges create a rain shadow effect that protects the Columbia Valley from wet weather systems. The result of this is a perfect climate for growing grapes in the warm and dry eastern part of the state. This region benefits from over 300 days of sunshine every year.



## TEMPERATURE

**Warm days and cool nights help maintain the natural acidity of the grapes.**

Washington State has some of the most dramatic day and night temperature fluctuations of any wine region.



**970+**  
WINERIES  
& COUNTING

**4 NEW WINERIES  
OPEN EVERY MONTH**  
ON AVERAGE

**90%**

ARE SMALL, INDEPENDENT  
**WINERIES**  
PRODUCING UNDER  
5,000 CASES

**350+**  
GROWERS



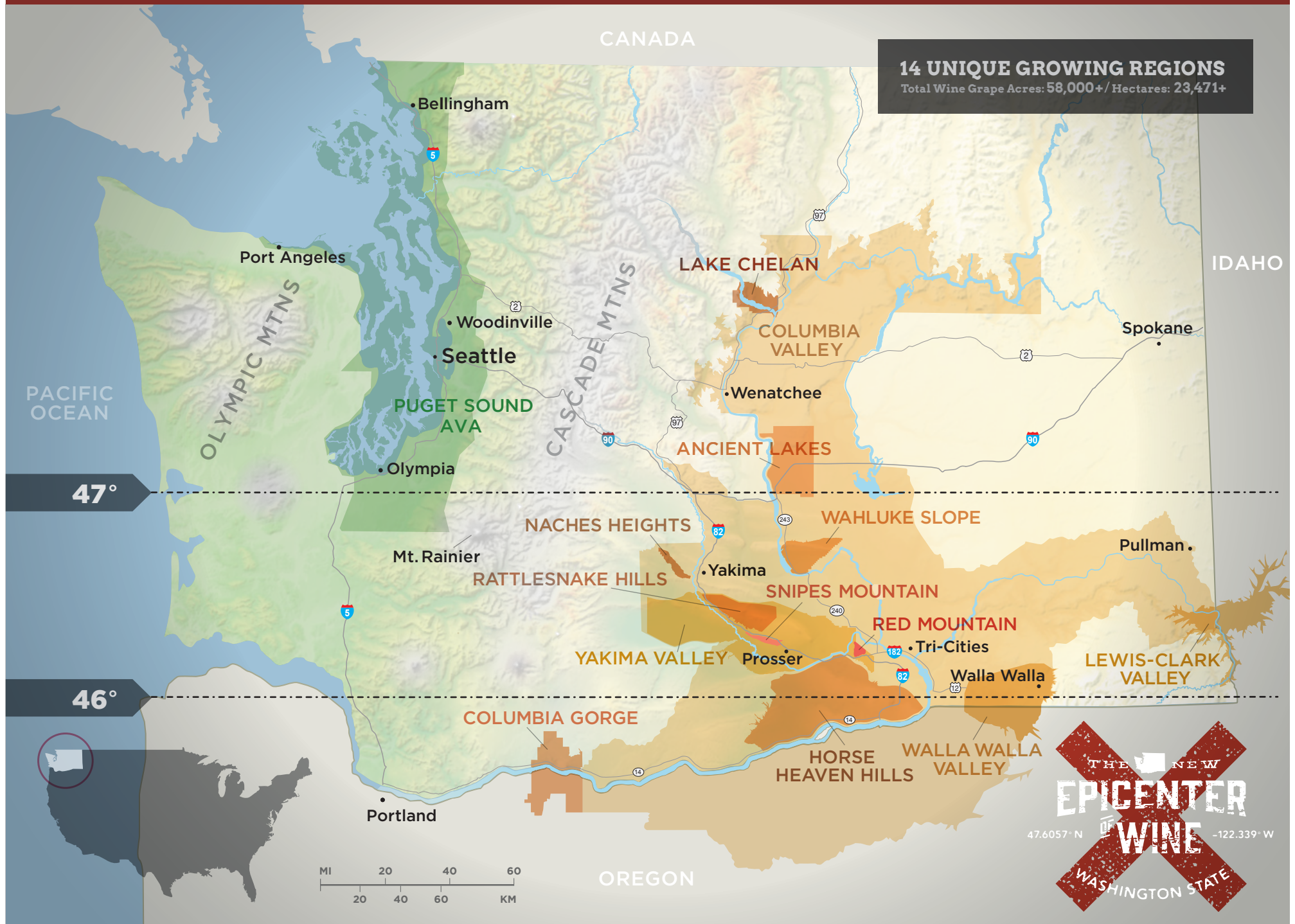
**TOP FIVE VARIETIES**

- 1 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
- 2 CHARDONNAY
- 3 RIESLING
- 4 MERLOT
- 5 SYRAH

**58,000 ACRES  
OF WINE GRAPES**

...AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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