

2026 Idaho Vineyard & Winery Tour: Monday, June 15, 2026

7:45am – Load Bus at The Grove Hotel, Boise

8:00am - Departure

9:00am - Arrival at **SCORIA Vineyards**

9:15am – 9:55am - **Volcanic Vent Vineyard Tour & Viticulture Discussion**

Join us for an in-depth look at the Volcanic Vent site, focusing on best practices for managing well-drained, rocky soils to support long-term vine health, balanced crop load, and consistent quality for future vintages. Attendees will explore how soil composition and site conditions influence vineyard decisions throughout the growing season.

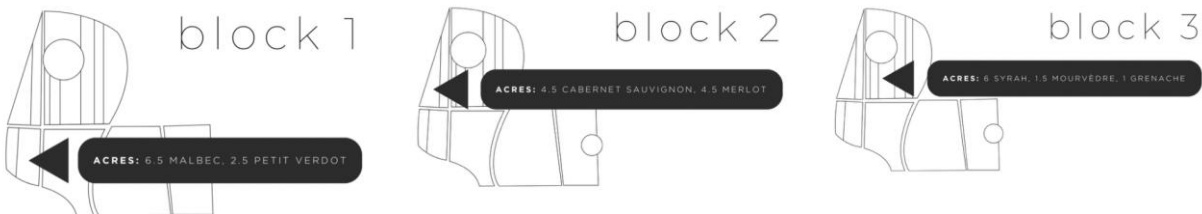
A grape harvester will also be on-site for a hands-on discussion about machine harvesting, including operational considerations and the pros and cons compared to hand harvesting.

10:00am – 10:30am – **Vineyard Wine Tasting**

Enjoy a tasting on site, among the vines

Tour and tasting hosted by owners and winemakers, James and Sydney Nederend

“We may not be doing the same thing our Great Grandparents did. But they paved the way. We grow grapes along a Volcanic Vent - their first property, purchased in 1929 in Sunny Slope.”



10:45am – 11:00am – Load bus for departure

11:30am – Arrival at **Gem 73**

11:30am – 12:15pm – **Welcome to Gem 73 | Lunch and Wine Tasting**

Overview of Gem 73, including the story, brand, and philosophy. Taste Gem 73's wines and discuss

12:15pm – 12:45pm – **Winery Tour**

Walking tour of Gem 73 Winery's new 15,600 sq. ft. facility in the beautiful Sunnyslope Wine Region. Gem 73's new building (expected opening in Summer 2026) sits atop a 2,600 foot elevation ridge in the Chalk Hills, cantilevered above Lanae Ridge Vineyard. It features floor-to-ceiling glass with panoramic views of the vineyard, the Snake River, and the Owyhee Mountains. The modern industrial themed building includes production and packaged goods storage, two barrel rooms, an 1,800 sq. ft. tasting room, over 1,500 sq. ft. of adjoining covered decks, a private meeting room, kitchen facilities, a wine library, and a laboratory and sensory room. The facility is designed to blend into the hillside and features an 80-kilowatt solar PV system to run winery operations.

12:45pm – 1:45pm – **Vineyard Tour**

Walking tour of Lanae Ridge Vineyard. Lanae Ridge Vineyard, with the first phase planted in 2016, now has 62 acres of vines, including fourteen red varietals and one white varietal. The vineyard includes solar-powered laser systems for bird control, along with owl and kestrel boxes. The tour will include a discussion of soil composition, trellising, pruning, pest and disease management, irrigation, canopy management, and harvesting methods.

“It’s made — slowly, deliberately, together. When something is crafted with care, it invites people to show up the same way. That’s the work behind Gem 73. Wine is simply how it shows up.”



2:00pm – Load bus for Departure

2:30pm – Arrival at **Skyline Vineyard/ Telaya West/ Sawtooth Vineyards**

2:30pm – 3:30pm – **Skyline Vineyard Tour**

Sawtooth and Skyline Vineyards have a combined acreage of 412 acres making it the largest vineyard site in the state. They grow 25 different cultivars of winegrapes that are sold to clients for red, white, rose, and sparkling wine. This fruit is grown to meet winemaking needs that range from bulk production to ultra-premium wines. This tour will discuss the challenges faced when growing *Vitis vinifera* in Idaho. We will discuss climate conditions (cold/frost), soil types, pests, disease pressures, canopy management, labor, market conditions, and how they all relate to our general growing strategies.

3:35pm – 4:35pm – **Telaya Wine Co Tasting and Facility Tour of Telaya**

Meet Earl Sullivan, Co-Owner and Head Winemaker for Telaya Wine Co. He will guide you through 4 award-winning wines that highlight the capabilities of the Snake River Valley. You'll also get a tour of their west production facility, which also operates their bottling line and custom crush services.



4:45 – Load bus for Departure

5:30 – Arrival at The Grove Hotel, Boise