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A Wine Lovers Guide to Portland

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PORTLAND — It is known as the City of Roses for its annual Rose Festival and abundance of rose gardens, but considering its proximity to Oregon and Washington state's great wine regions — and the selection of wineries, wine shops and fine dining — maybe Portland could also be called the City of Rosés. And Reds. And Whites. Although City of Pinot Noir would be closest to the truth.

Portland has long been a focus for the beer lover with breweries large and small, and now at least two distilleries have joined in, making brandies, whiskeys, gin and vodka.

And while visitors to Portland will, with a couple of exceptions, have to do a little driving to visit a winery, there's still much in and near the city to occupy and satisfy the wine lover.

Here's our guide to some of the best choices among wineries, wine shops, hotels, restaurants and wine bars:

Hotel deLuxe

Originally the Mallory Hotel, built in 1912, Hotel deLuxe was reopened in 2006 after a renovation that restored the downtown hotel's Art Deco and Art Moderne look and now celebrates the golden film era of the 1940s and '50s. Photos of film stars are displayed, and rooms and floors are dedicated to actors, directors and producers, including the hotel's premium Marlene Dietrich Suite.

Rooms start at \$129, off-season.

DeLuxe also offers Gracie's for diners and the Driftwood Room lounge.

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