



WINERY OF THE MONTH



PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

Clifton, Virginia

This month we are spotlighting Paradise Springs Winery and Vineyard in the quaint country town of Clifton, bordering the Bull Run River. This intimate, family run, destination winery is the closest to Washington DC, the first in Fairfax County, and serves as the gateway to Virginia Wine Country.

The name Paradise Springs comes from the mineral springs that many years ago attracted visitors for their healing waters. In the early 1900s the water from the springs was bottled as Paradise. Now, a hundred years later, Paradise Springs produces award-winning wines, and in 2010, the winery was the recipient of the prestigious Virginia Governor's Cup.

The best way to experience Paradise Springs is to take the "Paradise Springs Experience Tour" which is offered on Saturdays and Sundays. The hour-long excursion takes you through the life of a grape at the winery and ultimately ends back at the tasting room. It includes a visit inside the historic 1800's log cabin, a walk to the vineyards, a tour of the tank room, production area and barrel room. And, a complete tasting of Paradise Spring's flight of wines is poured along the way.

In addition to the 2,500 foot tasting room, there are special event venues, including the Historic Red Barn, suitable for meetings and celebrations, with two floors of elegant space for 120 guests indoors and additional space on the patio and deck. The Stable Room opens to an expansive covered patio overlooking the grounds, and the Hayloft on the upper level offers dramatic vistas of the vineyard.

Paradise Springs hosts numerous events, including live music every Friday Evening that is said to be “the best wine down in Northern Virginia.” Every Saturday afternoon there is live music on the back patio, and Swagger Fridays feature a cigar bar and fortified port style wine.

Seven vintages since the inception of Paradise Springs, owner Kirk Wiles expanded to a second winery on the west coast and the first “bi-coastal” winery brand in the US. If you are in California, be sure to stop at the Paradise Spring tasting room in Santa Barbara. In the meantime, make Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton a must for a September visit.

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