

# Wineries of Northern Michigan

Visiting a winery tasting room is a lot of fun. During the summer northern Michigan wineries' tasting rooms are open most days between noon and 5pm. Hours and days of operation vary so call ahead to insure that the tasting rooms you plan to visit are open.

## LEELANAU PENINSULA WINERIES:

■ **Bel Lago Winery** Bel Lago wines are made from grapes grown in local, family-owned vineyards. Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and a variety of other still and sparkling wines are carefully crafted. Surrounded by a Pinot Grigio vineyard, Bel Lago features a tasting room with a panoramic view of Lake Leelanau. Web: [www.bellago.com](http://www.bellago.com) Email: [info@bellago.com](mailto:info@bellago.com) 6530 South Lake Shore Drive, Cedar, MI 49621. (231) 228-4800.

Directions: Located 7 miles south of the village of Lake Leelanau on South Lake Shore Drive.

■ **Black Star Farms** Black Star Farms is a classic example of European-style agri-tourism. Sample the wines and spirits produced at the state-of-the-art winery facility. European vinifera varieties are highlighted here with grapes contracted through local growers and tree fruits harvested from adjoining orchards. Web: [www.blackstarfarms.com](http://www.blackstarfarms.com) Email: [info@blackstarfarms.com](mailto:info@blackstarfarms.com) 10844 East Revold Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 271-4884.

Tasting Room  
Paw Paw - (269) 655-6585  
Directions: Located on Revold Road just off M-22 approximately 12 miles north of Traverse City and 3 miles south of the village of Suttons Bay.

■ **Boskydel Vineyards** This winery crafts small amounts of dry and semi-sweet table wines, which it features in its tasting room. During the holidays, visitors can purchase Christmas trees and chestnuts as well. Web: <http://ic.net/~userg/bosky.html> Email: [userg@ic.net](mailto:userg@ic.net) 2881 South Lake Leelanau Drive, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. (231) 256-7272.

Directions: Take M-22 north from Traverse City through Suttons Bay to M-204 west. Go approximately 4 miles to Lake Leelanau and turn south on 641 for 3-½ miles, turn left on Otto Road.

■ **Chateau de Leelanau** Vineyard & Winery Chateau de Leelanau is one of the newest additions to the Leelanau Peninsula. It owned by two women and features both still and sparkling wine made from Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer and Cabernet Franc. 5048 South West Bay Shore, Suttons Bay, MI 49682.

(231) 271-8888

■ **Chateau Fontaine** Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Riesling grace the landscape at this site which overlooks the countryside just south of Leland Web: [www.chateau-fontaine.com](http://www.chateau-fontaine.com) 2290 South French Road, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. (231) 256-0000.

■ **Ciccone Vineyard & Winery** The vineyard sits in panoramic view of Grand Traverse Bay and the hills of the Leelanau Peninsula. Pinot Grigio, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Franc, Dolcetto, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir embrace the landscape. Web: [www.cicconevineyards.com](http://www.cicconevineyards.com) E-mail: [sucho2@aol.com](mailto:sucho2@aol.com) 10343 East Hilltop Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 271-5551, (231) 271-5552 (fax).

Directions: M-22 north from Traverse City turn left (west) on Hilltop Road

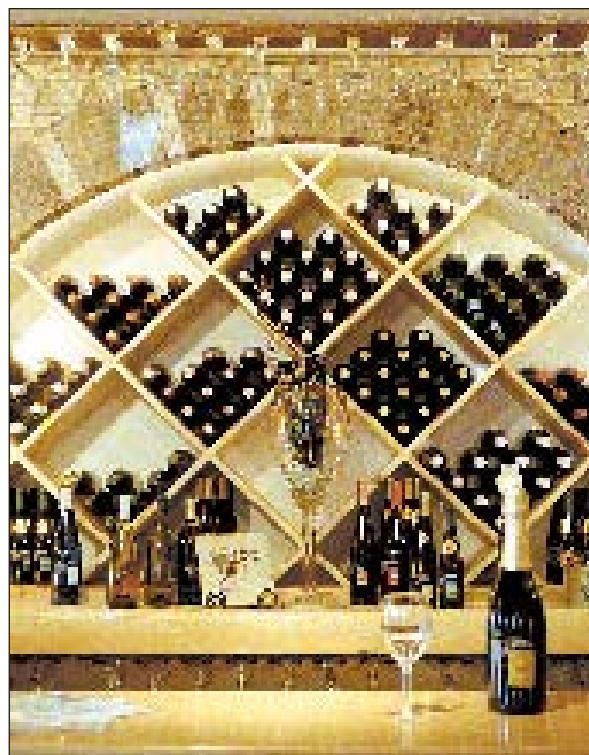
■ **Good Harbor Vineyards** Fifty acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Pinot Noir, Vignoles and Seyval are combined with state-of-the-art processing equipment and barrels to produce white vinifera, hybrid wines and champagne. A meticulous approach rewards drinkers with wines that are a pleasure with any meal. Web: [www.goodharbor.com](http://www.goodharbor.com) Email: [dbsimpson@chartermi.net](mailto:dbsimpson@chartermi.net) 34 South Manitou Trail, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. (231) 256-7165.

Directions: Take M-22 north from Traverse City through Suttons Bay to M-204 west. Go to the end of M-204 and go south on M-22 for ¾ mile, winery on left behind Manitou Fruit Market.

■ **L. Mawby Vineyards** The emphasis is on white table wines and methode champenoise sparkling wines, and most wines are made from the estate vineyards. The current annual production is just 2,400 cases, and the winemaking style remains pure — barrel-fermented small lots made with only simple machinery and minimal handling. Web: [www.lmawby.com](http://www.lmawby.com) Email: [larry@lmawby.com](mailto:larry@lmawby.com) 4519 South Elm Valley Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 271-3522.

Directions: Take M-22 north from Traverse City, approximately 8 miles. Turn west (left) on Hilltop Road, and go to the end. Turn north (right) on Elm Valley Road ½ mile to the top of the hill. Winery is on the right.

■ **Leelanau Wine Cellars** Sample barrel-fermented and aged Chardonnays, Rieslings, and the ever-popular "seasonal" and fruit wines, experience specialty boutique items and tour the winery or climb through the vineyards to enjoy a view of Grand Traverse Bay. 12683 East Tatch Road,



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Omena, MI 49674. (231) 386-5201. Tasting Rooms

Leland - (231) 256-8858

Eastport - (231) 599-3101

Beulah - (231) 882-4299

Mackinaw City - (231) 436-5500

Directions: Take M-22 north from Traverse City to Omena. At Omena Point, turn left at Harbor Bar and go up the hill, winery on right.

■ **Raftshol Vineyards** Raftshol Vineyards offers Bordeaux varietal reds that include Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as well as whites such as Chardonnay and Gewurztraminer. Web: [www.raftsholvineyards.com](http://www.raftsholvineyards.com) Email: [warren@raftsholvineyards.com](mailto:warren@raftsholvineyards.com) 1865 North West Bay Shore Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 271-5650.

Directions: Located 2-½ miles north of the village of Suttons Bay in Leelanau County or 1 mile south of Leelanau Sands Casino on Highway M-22.

■ **Shady Lane Cellars** Shady Lane Cellars is located on a historic 150-acre farm between Traverse City and Suttons Bay on the Leelanau Peninsula. Strategically situated to benefit from the meso climate created by Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay, it is a prime vineyard site. Shady Lane Brut and Shady Lane Blanc de Blancs have been awarded several gold medals. In addition to sparkling wines, they offer exceptional estate table wines and a variety of proprietary blends. Web: [www.shadylanecellars.com](http://www.shadylanecellars.com), Email: [info@shadylanecellars.com](mailto:info@shadylanecellars.com) 9580 Shady Lane, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 947-8865.

Directions: Take M-22 north of

Traverse City along the West Bay approximately 8 miles. Go west on Shady Lane one mile to tasting room on the south side of the road.

## Willow Vineyards

Vineyard was established in 1992. It was and is a labor of love created and designed by John and Jo Crampton. Located on a beautiful, wind-swept hillside in Suttons Bay, the panoramic

views of West Traverse Bay add to the majesty of the vineyard. Willow produces premium Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris exclusively from estate or regionally grown fruit. Web: [www.traversebiz.com/willow](http://www.traversebiz.com/willow) 10702 East Hilltop Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. (231) 271-4810.

Directions: Take M-22 north from Traverse City - turn left (west) on Hilltop Road.

## OLD MISSION PENINSULA WINERIES:

### ■ Bowers Harbor Vineyards

Bowers Harbor Vineyards is a family run boutique winery and tasting room featuring premium "Estate" grown Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Reds. A fine collection of novelty fruit wines is also available at the Estate tasting room. Situated half way out the Old Mission Peninsula, the vineyards enjoy the perfect micro-climate; long hot days, cool nights, and extended fall hang time. Web: [www.bowersharbor.com](http://www.bowersharbor.com) Email: [vineyards@traverse.com](mailto:vineyards@traverse.com) 2896 Bowers Harbor Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. (231) 223-7615.

Directions: Take M-37 north from Traverse City for approximately 8-½ miles. Turn left on Seven Hills Road. Continue ½ mile and turn left on Bowers Harbor Road, winery on left.

Tasting Rooms

Leland - (231) 256-3000

Traverse City - (231) 922-9690

■ **Chateau Chantal Winery and B&B** With stunning views of East and West Grand Traverse Bays, this development blends a winery, vineyard, bed and breakfast, residence and six private home sites

into a retreat to the Old World. The acreage is planted with Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Riesling and Gewurztraminer, along with a Pinot Meunier for a champagne blend. Web: [www.chateauchantal.com](http://www.chateauchantal.com) Email: [wine@chateauchantal.com](mailto:wine@chateauchantal.com) 15900 Rue de Vin, Traverse City, MI 49684. (800) 969-4009.

Tasting Rooms

Elk Rapids - (231) 264-0278

Traverse City - (231) 922-0063

Directions: Take M-37 north from Traverse City.

■ **Chateau Grand Traverse** This fully integrated state-of-the-art winery and vineyard operation was a pioneer in establishing estate grown European Vinifera varietal wines in Michigan. Most recognized for its international award winning Johannesburg Riesling wine styles, the winery is also noted for its Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris wines. In addition, the winery produces a unique Traverse Bay Winery product line. Its tasting room operation is open year-round — seven days a week. Along with spectacular vineyard scenery, the winery offers free guided winery tours and wine tasting. Web: [www.cgtwines.com](http://www.cgtwines.com)

Email: [info@cgtwines.com](mailto:info@cgtwines.com) 12239 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. (231) 223-7355, (231) 223-4105 (fax). Tasting Rooms

Traverse City - (231) 941-4146

Williamsburg - (231) 938-2291

The Red Barn - (231) 326-6122

■ **Peninsula Cellars** A family-operated winery dedicated to "regionally expressive" wines using the finest fruit in the area. All wines are estate bottled and handling is kept to a minimum. Varieties offered are Chardonnay, Dry Riesling, Old School Red, Cherry, Apple, White Cherry and Melange. Web: [www.peninsulacellars.com](http://www.peninsulacellars.com) Email: [ulbrich@traverse.net](mailto:ulbrich@traverse.net) 11480 Center Road (M-37), Traverse City, MI 49686. (231) 223-4050. Tasting Room

Traverse City - (231) 933-9787

Directions: Located 7 miles north of Traverse City in the 19th century Maple Grove Schoolhouse. Take M-37 north to Carrol Road.

■ **Zafarana Vineyards** Creating a family legacy with this new vineyard has taken years of intense planning and diligent work including great care in the handling of the first crop. Zafarana Vineyards is currently building their tasting room on the Old Mission Peninsula and will open soon. Web: [www.zafaranavineyards.com](http://www.zafaranavineyards.com) Email: [info@zafaranavineyards.com](mailto:info@zafaranavineyards.com) (248) 557-4441.

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