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Put down your passports. You can find great wineries in the U.S.A., and not just in Napa. In fact, our guide takes you to vineyards in all 50 states—all with great views, cozy tasting rooms, and of course notable potables. Plus: six regions worth a weekend getaway.

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WORTH A WEEKEND

## Finger Lakes, N.Y.

Long eclipsed by West Coast wine hubs, upstate New York's Finger Lakes region is finally snagging some acclaim. With good reason: The country's largest wine producer east of California, it's also a prime travel destination, with green forests, glistening waters, and a smattering of charming small towns.

**VISIT:** Unlike many wineries, Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyards harvests all the grapes for its celebrated Rieslings by hand (wiemer.com, tastings \$3, open daily).

**EAT:** The menu at Red Dove Tavern, a gastropub in Geneva, changes weekly to highlight the freshest seasonal ingredients—such as an appetizer of duck leg in rhubarb-barbecue sauce, paired with green-chile grits (reddove tavern.com, duck leg \$10).



cascades: the towering, 215-foot Taughannock Falls near Ithaca (taughannock.com).

**STAY:** The wide porch at Magnolia Place B&B, in an 1830s farmhouse, overlooks Seneca Lake (magnolia welcome.com, from \$140).

**DO:** Go waterfall-spotting. Among the most impressive (and accessible) of the area's

### OTHER NOTABLE WINERIES:

- Bloomer Creek Vineyard (bloomercreek.com, tastings free, open Friday-Sunday).
- Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars (drfrankwines.com, tastings free, open daily).
- Heart and Hands (heartandhands wine.com, tastings free, open Saturday-Sunday).
- Heron Hill (heronhill.com, tastings from \$3, open daily).



Seneca Lake, the largest of New York's Finger Lakes