

Join us for two days full of great wine, great food, and great experiences!



Three North Carolina tour options at \$135 per person

Included in price: all day transportation, tasting fees, lunch, and gratuity



50-person maximum for each

Thursday, October 31: Rayson Vineyards, Haze Gray Vineyard, Dobbins Creek Vineyards

Friday, November 1: Choice of 2 different shuttles

- Shuttle 1-JoLo Vineyard, Jones Von Drehle, Raffaldini Vineyard
- Shuttle 2- Raffaldini Vineyard, Piccione Vineyards, JoLo Vineyards

Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley Hidden Gem Tour (Thursday, October 31)

We will experience the Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley Hidden Gem Tour

[Rayson Winery and Vineyards, Mocksville, NC](#)

Located in North Carolina's first and largest AVA, the Yadkin Valley, this was originally a dairy farm bought and turned into an award-winning winery by the Neelys who named it RayLen for their children, Rachel and Len. Following the naming tradition, it became Rayson when JW and Kristen Ray bought and renamed it for their two sons, Joey and Logan Ray. This is a family business with Joey and JW making wine and tending the vineyards, Kristen and Joey managing wine club events, and Logan managing the off-site events and restaurant tastings, and distribution.

[Haze Gray Vineyards, Dobson, NC](#) (with delivered box lunch)

This is a certified Homegrown by Heroes Farm, with Deane and Becky both growing up in military families, and Deane serving 30 years in the U.S. Navy. They found the community of Stony Knoll in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina, and Becky recounts stepping onto the 85-acre farm and saying, "This is it!" They opened their tasting room in 2019 with estate-grown wines from the vines that they planted in 2015.

[Dobbins Creek Vineyards, Hamptonville, NC](#)

As with so many wineries, this was the passion project of its founder, Charles King. He opened his doors in the spring of 2007 — planning, growing and producing the excellent wines for which the winery became known. In 2022, Stephanie Rogel realized her dream, buying the vineyard with a plan to make it a destination venue (wining, dining, events, music and more), and today making only 1,500 cases a year, it has become a place for people to gather and enjoy the 'Dobbins Creek Experience.'

Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley World of Wines Tour (Friday, November 1)

We will be experience the North Carolina Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley World of Wines Tour. This tour has two options, so pick your favorite.

Shuttle 1: Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley World of Wines Tour

[JOLO Vineyards, Pilot Mountain, NC](#)

Along with Rayson Winery, JW and Kristen Ray own JOLO. This winery is also named for their two sons, Joey and Logan Ray, and it too embodies the spirit of family, dedication, and the artistry of crafting exceptional wines. The property features views of Pilot Mountain and Cox Lake located on the 80-acre property. Pilot Mountain, rising more than 2,400 feet, was known to early inhabitants of the region as Jomeokee, the "Great Guide" or "Pilot." It was a guide for both Native Americans and early European hunters, and the mountain was mapped in 1751 by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson, father of President Thomas Jefferson!

[Jones Von Drehle, Thurmond NC](#) (with delivered box lunch)

This winery was the vision of Chuck and Diana Jones and Ronnie and Raymond von Drehle with a mission to start a fine wine vineyard and winery in 2007. One of the highest elevation wineries in Yadkin Valley, the wine names feature a story of their own — Steel & Stone named for the rocky terrain and the steel industries, while Rock & Rail is named for rock and roll, Chuck's other passion, and the railroad that passed through the area. Speaking of music, Jones von Drehle built an amphitheater to feature great local musicians all season long.

[Raffaldini Vineyards, Ronda NC](#)

Known as "Chianti in the Carolinas," Raffaldini produces dry Italian style wines by the Italian appassimento method, the process of drying grapes before fermentation. Their wines range from reds like Sangiovese Classico, Montepulciano Riserva, Sagrantino and the Grande Riserva blend, to whites like Vermentino, and a sparkling Prosecco style wine, Auguri. Located in Swan Creek AVA, Raffaldini is a gorgeous property with a panoramic view. It is co-owned by Jay, a Wall Street trader, and his sister, Barbara, a practicing attorney in Winston-Salem. The Raffaldini family hails from Mantua, Italy, where they have for centuries owned and lived on the farm where Virgil, the Roman poet, lived during his youth!

Shuttle 2: Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley World of Wines Tour

[Raffaldini Vineyards, Ronda, NC](#) (see above)

[Piccione Vineyards, Ronda, NC](#) (with delivered box lunch)

In 2010, this was founded by Bill Piccione and his two sons, Billy and Steven, in the picturesque Swan Creek AVA continuing a family tradition of producing the finest wine possible. Bill's grandfather sailed to New York from Marsala, Sicily, in 1921, and it was Bill's memories of his grandfather's homemade winery and wine press that convinced the cardiovascular thoracic surgeon, Bill, to learn the craft of making wine. Piccione grows several Italian varietals including Sangiovese, and makes the L'Ottimo, a Super Tuscan style wine with Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Montepulciano.

[JOLO Vineyards, Pilot Mountain, NC](#) (see above)