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# Arizona wine country beckons

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Don't expect a flood of tourists to hit Arizona's wine countries this week. Part of it might be that football is more associated with beer than wine. But it's also that out-of-towners wouldn't think that great wine could be grown in a region known mostly as desert.

The state's diverse climate has created two regions that offer the mixture of daytime warmth and nighttime cooling that grows great wine grapes.

One of those regions is the Elgin and Patagonia area in the southeast. But a few great wineries have sprung up in the north, about a two-hour drive from Phoenix.

A great trio of them are on scenic Page Springs Road.

Here's how to get there: Head north on Interstate 17 until Exit 293. Head west on Cornville Road toward downtown Cornville. Page Springs Road will be the right turn at the general store.

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Javelina Leap also is getting its grapes from outside Arizona, but tasting-room visitors can see the vineyards precariously perched along a hillside.

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