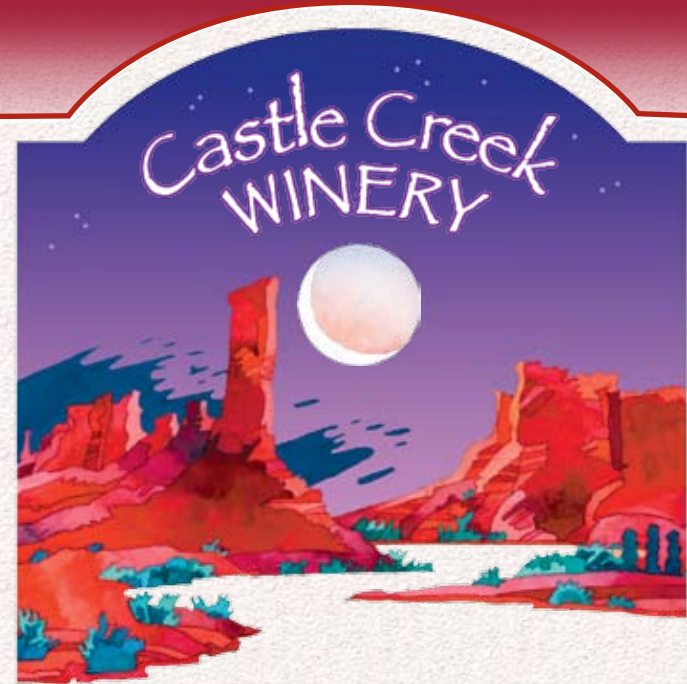
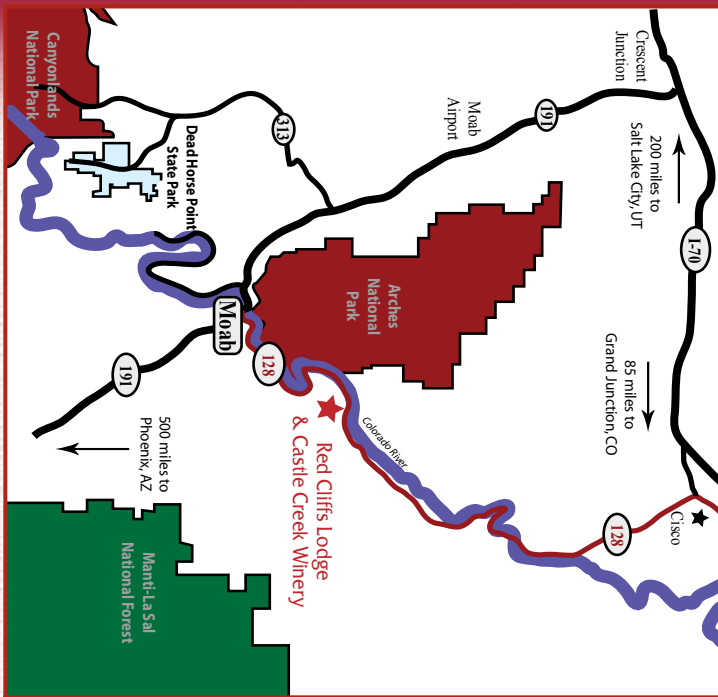


# Making the Wine



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In the 1970's the Four Corners Regional Economic Development Commission along with the University of Arizona did some test plantings of wine grapes in the Moab area. The results were positive. Hot days, cool nights and sandy soil produced wine grapes of unique, exceptional quality. The late summer sun encourages good sugar content and high acid levels necessary to produce well-balanced high quality wine. The dry climate discourages problems with bunch rot and fungus that plague other wine growing regions. Southeastern Utah is in many ways similar to the Eastern Mediterranean where the wild grapes that became our classic European wine grape varieties originated.

With encouragement, a little advice and some financial support from the county agricultural office a few small farmers started planting wine grapes in the early 1980's. In 1986 the 1st crops were harvested but without a local market the new grapes had to be sold to the new wineries in Grand Junction, Colorado. In fact not only was there not a local winery to sell the grapes to, but the new growers discovered that it was illegal to make or sell wine commercially in Utah. What a surprise! One department of the government had encouraged the farmers to grow wine grapes but another department said no to using the grapes for their intended purpose. The growers formed a loose knit organization and started lobbying the State of Utah to legalize wineries. In 1988 after a struggle with the Utah legislature, wineries were legalized. In 1989 Arches Winery was started in Moab by Anita & Alan Bradford. Their 1st year production was 1500 gallons and included a silver medal winning White Riesling. Subsequent years saw a steady increase in production and the introduction of new varieties. Arches produced several different varieties and blends from the grapes grown by a dozen growers on acreage scattered from Castle Valley to Spanish Valley and on south to Montezuma Canyon in the Monticello area. During the 10 years that the Bradford's owned and operated Arches they produced many award winning wines.

In 1998 Arches Winery was sold and moved to Red Cliffs Ranch. At that time the name was changed to Castle Creek Winery and a new era of wine making began. In 2004 Castle Creek Winery, with the help of local legislators and the UIDABC was able to liberalize winery regulations and taxes. The 2004 legislation makes it possible for wineries to be open during busy tourist times and the taxes have been reduced to a reasonable level. Castle Creek currently produces 5 wines, 2 whites "Chenin Blanc, and Chardonnay" along with 3 reds "Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon".

Local growers continue to sell their grapes to Castle Creek Winery, but as the demand for our wine increases we are going outside the state for more grapes.



### Rio Grande Room

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## Wines

### Chenin Blanc

Chenin Blanc is one of the basic grapes of the Loire Valley of France but is cultivated worldwide. The grape has a good acid level, thin skin and a high natural sugar content making it very desirable for lighter sweeter wines. Castle Creek Chenin Blanc is golden straw in color, with a light fresh taste.

### Lily Rose White

Castle Creek "Lily Rose White" is a light fruity easy drinking white table wine. Cowgirls drink it with everything from wild game to apple pie or in crystal glasses around the poker table.

### Chardonnay

Chardonnay is the most noble and successful white wine grape in the world. It has evolved into the dominant grape for premium California white wines often yielding big, rich wines of intense flavor and complexity. Castle Creek Chardonnay is a medium gold color with a subtle light fruit and citrus bouquet.

### Outlaw Red

Castle Creek "Outlaw Red" is a bold no nonsense red table wine much like a noble cabernet. Cowboys and Blue Collar guys love it with beef steak, bologna sandwiches or in a tin cup around the camp fire.

### Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir is one of the classic grapes of the world and is the basic grape of Red Burgundy in France. It can produce spicy, rich and complex wines but can be difficult to work with. Castle Creek Pinot Noir is a medium ruby red color with a toasty berry bouquet. It is a light crisp red, made in the Beaujolais style. This wine may be served slightly chilled.

### Merlot

Merlot is one of the principal grapes of Europe and California. It was often used as a blending grape to help add smoothness and complexity to wines. Recently Merlot is gaining popularity as its own variety and is taking some market share from the other big reds. The Merlot grape is known for rich, smooth mellow wines. Medium tannins, french oak and dark berry flavor gives the Castle Creek Merlot a smooth taste.

### Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are considered by many to be the king of reds. They are planted worldwide and have great success in every wine making country. Cabernet has a long history as one of the best for full bodied, big rich flavored intense ruby red wines. Castle Creek Cabernet is a dark red wine with aromas of wood, sweet berries, and pepper. Medium Tannins and American oak complete this full flavored Castle Creek red.

