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THE NEW OHIO WINE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM CREATES EVEN MORE FANS OF THE STATE'S ACCLAIMED WINERIES, INCLUDING A TRIO OF WOMEN DETERMINED TO VISIT ALL 350-PLUS WINERIES!

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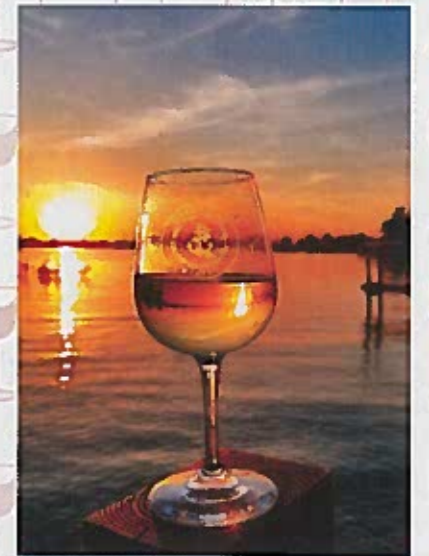
The Buckeye State has no shortage of devotees of Ohio wines enthusiastically spreading the word about their favorite wineries and wine choices through social media, blogs and websites.

Heather Rader of Columbus has been writing her blog "Ohio Girl Travels" since 2014. "I want to show people they don't need to travel out of state for really cool things to do," she explains. Rader has visited wineries in Canada, France, Portugal and Israel and strongly feels Ohio wines are comparable in quality to wines anywhere, even in California's Napa Valley. Rader is drawn to wineries with ambiance and a beautiful setting. She especially praises Buckeye Lake Winery as a place to just sit outdoors and soak up the scenery on the lakeshore and Ashtabula County for its numerous wineries. In her posts, Rader includes other places to visit nearby, a service to readers looking for a variety of places to visit:

In her popular blog EatDrinkCleveland, Crystal Angersola guides her readers to local restaurants and businesses she's carefully curated through personal research and visits. She consults multiple sources to keep abreast of what's new, saying "I like to be in the know and I love to share all the good things I discover."

She's passionate about supporting local businesses. Among her favorite wineries in Northeast Ohio are South River Vineyard in Geneva, housed inside a century-old church, and Michael Angelo's in Richfield with its spacious outdoor seating and an adjacent bakery.

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PICTURED: Blogger Heather Rader checks out Kosicek Vineyards. ABOVE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Watch the sunset at Buckeye Lake Winery. Heather Rader takes in the rolling hills from the patio at Georgetown Vineyards. Crystal Angersola stopped at South River Vineyard to research for her blog, EatDrinkCleveland.



LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Mark Anthony Arceño tends to grapevines at Three Oaks Vineyard. Pair wine with meat and cheese at Laurentia Vineyard & Winery and stroll through the vineyards. Relax by the fire at Hundley Cellars and sit back on the patio at Harpersfield Vineyard.

Get to know the Ambassadors even more! Follow their visits to Ohio wineries on Ohio Wines' Facebook and Instagram.

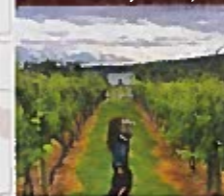
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Hundley Cellars

one of 10 Ohio wine enthusiasts recently named by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee as an Ohio Wine Ambassador, persons particularly well positioned to share their passion for Ohio wines. Also chosen were Brandon Moss and Josh Shipley, a couple from Columbus who frequently travel throughout the state visiting Ohio wineries and posting about their discoveries on Facebook and Instagram. They travel to the Grand River Valley several times per year but also have visited every other corner of the state, including the Hocking Hills, Amish Country and the Lake Erie islands.

"You can definitely call us 'frequent fliers' of Ohio's wineries," Moss says "We've been ambassadors for Ohio wines for years but without an official title." Shipley is a beverage concierge for a Columbus-based catering company and holds a wine certification from Cornell University. "We're passionate about showcasing the world-class wines in Ohio," he says

As a food anthropologist, Mark Anthony Arceño of Dublin recently completed his dissertation, comparing and contrasting wineries in Alsace, France, and six wineries in Central Ohio, including Bokes Creek, Three Oaks, Slate Run, Ravenhurst, Soine and Rockside. "Wine makers are constantly adapting to new social and ecological challenges, including weather-related ones," Arceño says. "I'd argue in doing that they're crafting a specific taste of place." Through sensory observations, tales of personal experience and light, humorous descriptions, Arceño explores Ohio's unique tastes in his Facebook page facebook.com/learningthroughwine.

Get more travel inspiration on Ohio Girl Travels and EatDrinkCleveland.

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