

The Midlands Wine Trail

Wineries: 3 Mileage: 54.5



Drawing a scenic swath across the heart of North Carolina, this trail of three Piedmont wineries along US Highway 64 is a good indicator of how quickly NC's wine industry is blossoming. Both Zimmerman Vineyards and Horizon Cellars are among the state's newest wineries, and both are boutique wineries that specialize in European varietals. The SilkHope Winery is located on one of the highest points in rural Chatham county, and is a family-owned winery with late-season harvests and wine that is fitting for just about any occasion.

(Note: Both Zimmerman Vineyards and the SilkHope Winery are only open on weekends at this time.)

The Vineyards

A) ZIMMERMAN VINEYARDS

<http://www.zimmermanvineyards.net>

1428 Tabernacle Church Road, Trinity, NC 27370
336-861-1414

Amenities: Tasting room, gift shop, picnic area.

Wines: Chardonnay, Sisyphus Bordeaux Blend, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon..

B) HORIZON CELLARS

www.horizoncellars.com

1100 Old US 421 South, Siler City, NC 27344
919-742-1404

Amenities: Tasting room, picnic area, gift shop, rental facilities.

Wines: Chardonnay, Viognier, Vidal, Syrah, Chamboucin, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Prestige.

C) SILKHOPE WINERY

www.silkhopewinery.com

2601 SilkHope-Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312
919-545-5696

Amenities: Tasting room, gift shop, picnic area.

Wines: Sparkling Vidal Blanc, Viognier, White Chambourcin, Chambourcin, Red Roots, Grand Vista, Cabernet Franc..

Directions

- 1. From Interstate 85:** Take Exit 96 (US Highway 64) and head east for approximately nine miles, then take a left onto Gallimore Town Road and another left onto Tabernacle Church Road. **Zimmerman Vineyards** will be 1.7 miles up the road. **From Interstate 73/74:** In Asheboro, take the exit for US Highway 64 West. Proceed about ten miles, then take a right onto Gallimore Town Road and then a left onto Tabernacle Church Road. The **Zimmerman Vineyards** will be 1.7 miles up the road.
- 2.** Return to US Highway 64 and turn left. Continue on US 64 for 32.7 miles (through Asheboro), then turn right at North Cottage Grove avenue in Siler City. After 0.2 miles, take another right on North 2nd Avenue and continue for 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Old US 421 South, and **Horizon Cellars** will be a mile up the road on the right.
- 3.** Go back the way you came on Old US 421, then turn right onto South Chatham Avenue. Go 1.1 miles, then turn left to merge onto US Highway 421 North. Go 2.5 miles to Highway 64 West (Exit 171), then stay on Highway 64 for 7.9 miles. Turn left onto Buckner Clark Road and go 2.2 miles, then turn right onto Silk Hope Gum Springs Road. The **SilkHope Winery** will be 0.6 miles up the road.
- 4.** To return to Interstates 73/74 or 85, go back to US 64 and turn right. To continue on to the Triangle region, turn left on US 64 and get on either US Highway 501 North (to get to Chapel Hill or Durham) or US 1 North (to get to Raleigh).

Winery hours vary seasonally. Please call ahead to be sure the vineyards you want to visit will be open when you arrive.

Please drink responsibly. Designate a driver.