

Forest Grove.

Our History.



David Hill Winery

The tasting room is located in an historic farmhouse, originally built in 1883. The farm is on 140 acres of which 40 acres are planted with Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer.

The land was homesteaded in 1883 by Ernest Reuter and grapes were planted at that time. Reuter went on to win a gold medal at the St. Louis World Fair in 1904.

When prohibition came to Oregon in 1913 the grapes were removed (only a small number of vines were kept for personal use). In 1965 Charles Coury, along with a few other wine pioneers, came north from California to establish vineyards in the Willamette Valley where they believed they could successfully grow Pinot Noir. Here Coury planted the first pinot noir grapes in the Willamette Valley.

www.davidhillwinery.com

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Since its founding by Oregon Trail pioneers in 1841, innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurialism have inspired great things to happen in Forest Grove. It is here that they founded the first university west of the Mississippi, planted the first of Oregon's famous pinot noir grapes, and today attracts creative artists, entrepreneurs, academics and winemakers. Throughout the city are many locations that reflect the history of the city.

Clark Historic District

The District, containing 178 historic sites, has a wide spectrum of architectural styles including: Queen Anne, Bungalow, Craftsman, American Four Square, Dutch Colonial, Tudor, French Eclectic, Second Empire, Greek Revival, and Colonial Cape Cod, among others.

Downtown Forest Grove

The Historic Downtown is an undesignated area that is centered at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Main Street. The late 1880s brought a boom to Forest Grove with the arrival of land speculators and developers. The "Gay Nineties" saw the development of electricity and water facilities in Forest Grove. Much of brick downtown was developed during this period.



Pacific University Museum

Pacific University Museum is located in the heart of the Pacific University campus at Forest Grove, Oregon. This museum is dedicated to the history and cultural influence of this pioneering, educational institution. The exhibits interpret important people--trustees, presidents, faculty, and alumni--as well as special academic programs, events, traditions, and campus buildings.

The two exhibit galleries are located on the second floor of the historic building. The South Gallery contains exhibits on Tabitha Brown (one of Pacific's founders and official "Mother of Oregon"), Sidney Harper Marsh (Pacific's first president), the Morse Brothers (including telegraph instruments from Samuel F.B. Morse), and Pacific's mascots, Boxer and Badger. Boxer has been the official mascot since 1969.

The North Gallery covers science education and Pacific's long association with foreign lands through missionary service and educational work.

Walking Tours

Fascinating guided walking tours of the historic districts are periodically conducted by Sojourn Forest Grove in the Painters Woods and Clark Districts.

Other tours include the downtown and nearby neighborhoods. Tours are scheduled upon request as well as scheduled throughout the year.

The Friends of Historic Forest Grove hosts annual garden tours (June) and historic home tours (September) that frequently include homes within the historic districts.

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