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## MIDDLEBURG VIRGINIA AVA APPROVED

Middleburg Virginia AVA is the newest American Viticulture Area (AVA) designated by the U.S. Treasury Department today in the Federal Registry.

An AVA is a grape-growing region that is defined by its geographic features which affect the type and style of the wine it produces. Wineries in the area can identify themselves as being in the AVA if their wines are made from a minimum of 85% of grapes grown in the area. Wines can be designated as "Estate Bottled" if the grapes are grown on the winery's estate. There are currently 198 AVAs in the United States and now there are seven in Virginia.

The Middleburg, VA AVA is located 50 miles west of Washington, DC and encompasses the Town of Middleburg. The AVA is bounded by the Potomac River to the north and mountains to the east, south and west. The proposed viticultural area covers approximately 198-square miles (126,720 acres) and contains 229 acres of commercial vineyards and 16 wineries.

The Middleburg Virginia AVA currently includes 23 wineries and 14 vineyards:

<b>Wineries</b>	<b>Vineyards</b>
8 Chains North	2 Sisters Vineyard
Aspendale Winery at the Barn	Arlesa Vineyard
Barrel Oak Winery	Greenstone Vineyards
Boxwood Estate Winery	Jane C. Eickoff Vineyard
Casanel Vineyards	Quartz Vineyard
Catoctin Creek Winery	Seven Oaks Vineyard
Chateau O'Brien at Northpoint	Short Hill Vineyard
Corcoran Vineyards	Spring Lot Vineyard
Delaplane Cellars Vineyard and Winery	Sycamore Springs Vineyard
Doukenie Winery	Vinecroft Vineyard
Hiddencroft Vineyards	Weatherlea Vineyard
Loudoun Valley Vineyards	Wild Meadow Vineyard
Miracle Valley Vineyards	Windhorn Vineyard
Naked Mountain Vineyard	
North Gate Vineyard	

Otium Cellars

Piedmont Vineyards and Winery

RdV Vineyards

Sunset Hills Vineyard

Swedenburg Estate Winery

Three Fox Vineyards

Village Winery

Vintage Ridge Vineyard

Zephania Farm Vineyard

The effort to establish the Middleburg Virginia AVA was spearheaded by Rachel Martin, Executive Vice President of the Boxwood Estate Winery in Middleburg, Virginia. The process with the TTB and Treasury Department began shortly after Boxwood Estate Winery was established in 2006. The process includes compiling distinguishing information on geography, geology, soil, climate, and the history of the area. All information is rigorously analyzed by the Government Agencies and the public is notified at different stages of the application.

The other Virginia AVA's are: Eastern Shore AVA, Monticello AVA, North Fork of Roanoke AVA, George Washington Birthplace AVA, Rocky Knob AVA, and Shenandoah Valley AVA.

AVA Rule : <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-13/pdf/2012-22596.pdf>

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