

# If you go to Morgan Creek Vineyards

## What to know

- **Getting there:** From the Twin Cities, take Hwy. 169 south to Hwy. 99 west, just south of St. Peter. When 99 ends at Hwy. 14, continue west on 14 until you reach Courtland, where you turn south on County Rd. 24. After crossing the Minnesota River, go southeast on Hwy. 68 until just past Cambria, then head west on Hwy. 47. After 2 miles, turn south on County Rd. 101. After about a quarter mile, you'll see the easy-to-miss Morgan Creek sign on your left. The drive takes less than two hours.
- **Hours:** The winery is open weekends from May through December. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Tours:** Organized talks about Morgan Creek Vineyards and the Minnesota wine industry, followed by a winery tour and wine-tasting, start under the giant oak on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. on the hour. Cost is \$2 a person.

For \$20 per person, by reservation only, upgrade to a tour, a formal wine-tasting, a bread-and-cheese spread and a Morgan Creek wine glass. This service is available for groups of six to 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May through October.

- **More information:** Call Morgan Creek Vineyards at 1-507-947-3547. To learn more about other vineyards and the Minnesota wine industry, contact the Minnesota Grape Growers Association at 651-345-3531 or visit their Web site at <http://www.mngrapes.com/>.

## Where to stay

Nearby New Ulm has plenty of hotels and bed and breakfasts to choose from. Contact the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce at 1-507-233-4300, 1-888-463-9856 or <http://www.newulm.com/index.htm>.

## Where to eat

Picnic packs (\$5.50) with sandwiches and fruit are usually available at the vineyards in the summer and fall. Morgan Creek also has special events that revolve around wine and food (see following events listing).

To dine outside the vineyards, go 10 miles to New Ulm for everything from fast food to family dining. One recommendation: Veigel's Kaiserhoff, a time-tested German restaurant downtown at 221 N. Minnesota St.

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