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# Hunter Haas Comes From Behind To Win 21st Albertsons Boise Open Presented by Kraft

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**B**OISE, Idaho -- Hunter Haas fired a 7-under 64 Sunday to win the Albertsons Boise Open by one stroke and collect his second title of the 2010 Nationwide Tour season. Haas tied the tournament record with his 21-under 263 total to beat 54-hole leader Daniel Summerhays (69) but more importantly assured himself of a trip to the PGA TOUR in 2011.

"It's awesome," he said. "Quite honest-

ly I had a pretty slow start to the season but once I got the engines revved up I've been going pretty good."

Haas' fourth career win was worth \$130,500 and vaulted him from No. 12 to No. 4 on the money list. The 25 leading money winners at the end of the year will earn a spot on the PGA TOUR next year.

"I'm going to be confident for the rest of the year and hopefully I can take that into the next season," said Haas, who played

full seasons on Tour in 2001 and 2005.

The 33-year old Texan started the final round three shots back of Summerhays, who was looking for his second career win but first as a professional.

"I was in my hotel room last night and thought that I had to have to the low round of the day," said Haas, who tied for the low round Sunday with Jamie Lovemark (T7). "I knew that was the only way I was going to have a chance."

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Summerhays ran off three consecutive birdies starting at No. 2 and got to 20-under par. The former Brigham Young Uni-



**Hunter Haas Holding the Champions Trophy**

versity star missed several chances as the day wore on and had to settle for 14 straight pars to end the day.

"I felt like I played my best golf today. I really did," he said. "I drove it the best I

drove it all week, hit a lot of good wedge shots and I skimmed the edges on probably four or five putts. One of these Sundays is going to be mine."

Haas, playing two groups in front of Summerhays, chased down the leader with five birdies on the front nine and then canned another birdie at No. 10 to tie for the lead. Nothing changed on the leaderboard until Haas got up and down from a greenside bunker at the par-5 16th hole with a 20-foot birdie putt.

"I knew I had to birdie 16," he said. "It was relieving. I hit some good putts for birdie and they didn't go in."

He made plenty this week, finishing No. 1 in putting.

"To be honest you have to feel like you're the best putter. You have to think you can make everything you look at," he said. "If you don't, you'll be on the putting green for nine hours and get nothing accomplished. It's all confidence."

Daniel Summerhays collected \$78,300 for his second runner-up finish of the year. The payday moved him from No. 17 to No. 8 on the money list and should be more than enough for a berth on the PGA TOUR next year.

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On May 4th, 2007 95% of Greensburg was destroyed by an EF5 tornado, including the Big Well Gift Shop and Museum. The well remains, and visitors can still peer down into the well from above. A temporary Gift Shop and visitor's center is located at 101 S. Main Street. Plans are underway for a new Big Well Museum to be built on site that will include the ability for visitors to again take tours inside the well.

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Since its incorporation in 1977, and following its national charter signed by President Reagan in 1988, the National



Mining Museum has often been the location of the Induction Banquet, held annually to install people instrumental to the development of the mining industry into the Hall of Fame. The Matchless Summer Series is a round of costumed interpreters, knowledgeable lecturers, and exciting tours that engage people with Leadville and mining. Leadville is also home to Boom Days, a rip-roaring adventure that recreates the excitement of the Wild West.

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At print, there are 22 bonded wineries in the state. While most are located from central Nebraska, east to the Iowa border, there are some very good and reputable wineries making their mark in Western Nebraska too. Recent wine sales statistics report that almost 64,000 gallons of wine were sold last year. This is a realistically solid 5% growth rate and the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association continues efforts to increase awareness of Nebraska wine, and to appeal to and capture a larger

share of the wine market.

Grapes are a relatively new commercial crop to the State. Nebraska is a big state, covering a diverse geologic and climatic area that varies quite a bit from east to west and north to south. This is a benefit to Nebraska's wineries, as each is able to produce a unique, handcrafted wine that is "site specific" to the microclimate, soil and grape cultivar. It is also what makes touring Nebraska's wineries so much fun... each wine and winery is different.

In recent years the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association has worked on behalf of its members, and in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Tourism to promote the wine industry. Catering to the state's own wine lovers, educating those who have not been wine drinkers in the past, and hoping for out of state visitors, the NWGGA created the Passport Wine Tour. Last year more than one hundred participating "travelers" visited the wineries and tasting rooms, collecting their Passport "stamp". Each location created a unique stamp that confirmed the tasting. Prizes were given to participants who visited 15 or more wineries. Ninety-eight percent of those on

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For the past few decades, wine tourists have descended on the Willamette Valley for its two popular open house weekends during Thanksgiving and Memorial Day. Today, the valley is popular all year long with new events such as 150 Days of Wine in the Willamette Valley running through Labor Day weekend and celebrating Oregon's 150th birthday. Red, White and True Oregon Wines marks the Willamette Valley Wineries Association's inaugural Fourth of July weekend in wine country. The region's smaller American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) have also created special weekend events like Dundee Hills Passport Tour (April), Yamhill Carlton Open House (April), Discover the McMinnville AVA (July) and Chehalem Mountains Winegrower's Explore, Tour & Taste (September). For a detailed listing of all events, please visit [www.willamettewines.com](http://www.willamettewines.com). Visitors can also order a free 2010 Guide to Willamette Valley Wineries with a detailed map and listings for wineries and tasting rooms throughout the region.

## Where to Sip:

Visit the Willamette Valley Wineries Association website at [www.willamettewines.com](http://www.willamettewines.com) for a complete list of member wineries and tasting rooms with links to member websites. Or call 503-646-2985 to order a wine touring map. There are also ideas for Where to Stay, Where to Eat and Other Things to do in the Willamette Valley.

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Founded in 1962, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center started out as the Hutchinson Planetarium. It now consists of 105,000 square feet dedicated to space science exhibits and educational programs, including a planetarium, an IMAX® Dome Theater and the internationally recognized Hall of Space Museum.

The Cosmosphere houses the most significant collection of U.S. space artifacts, outside of the National Air and Space Museum, and the largest collection of Soviet space artifacts in the Western world, allowing it to tell the story of the Space Race in a way that no other museum can.

The Cosmosphere's collection includes one-of-a-kind artifacts such as the Apollo 13 command module Odyssey, the space capsule Gemini X, the SR-71 Blackbird #961, and rare V-1 and V-2 rockets. It also has on display a complete set of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo spacecraft juxtaposed with a complete set of Russian Vostok, Voskhod and Soyuz spacecraft.

Approximately 217,000 visitors visit the Cosmosphere every year from every state and dozens of foreign countries. Named one of the first affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution in 1998, approximately 33,000 students visit the facility every year as part of school field trips.

More than 8,500 students in grades 7-10 have participated in the Future Astronaut Training Program since its inception in 1985. In addition, the Cosmosphere was just the fifth recipient of the U.S. Space Foundation's Education Achievement Award for its variety of camp programs for participants of all ages



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including hundreds of people 55 and older from around the country who have participated in the Cosmosphere's Elderhostel Astronaut Training Program.

Named an official project of Save America's Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the White House, the Cosmosphere is known worldwide for its space artifact restoration program including the complete restoration of Apollo 13 and Liberty Bell 7.

When Liberty Bell 7 completed its nationwide tour late in 2005 and returned for permanent display at the space museum, the Cosmosphere became one of only three locations in the world to have a flown Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecraft. RH

## Tri-Cities, Washington A perfect blend

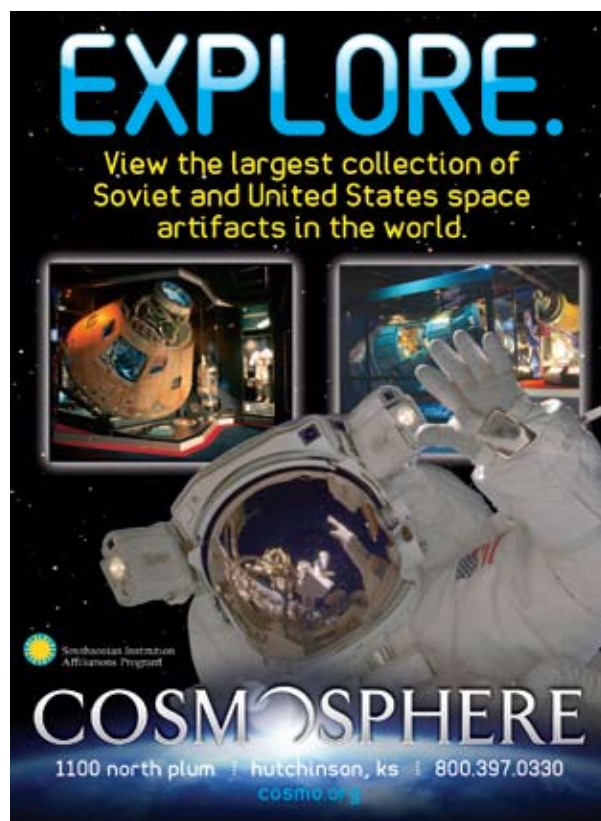


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Upon arriving in the desert region of Tri-Cities, Washington—comprised of the cities of Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland—many would question whether or not they were actually in what is commonly known as The Evergreen State. And while the Tri-Cities sits at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers, it is located amongst the sagebrush and rolling hills in southeastern Washington where the majority of the state's wine grapes are grown.

The area's rich volcanic soil, hot days, and cool evenings

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# Hidden Wine Industry Emerging into its Own

Idaho's famous potatoes have started to share the limelight with another great agriculture product, grapes. Tucked between the Rocky Mountains and the Snake River lies a perfect climate for growing grapes and crafting extraordinary award winning wines. The climate is moderate with limited precipitation and a consistent growing season that adds complexity and uniqueness to the grapes. Idaho grows and produces vinifera wine grape varieties such as Syrah and Viognier, as well as classic varieties including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling.

Idaho has more than doubled the number of wineries in the last 10 years and has added acreage, now holding 41 wineries and 30 wine grape growers. Officially designated in April 2007, the Snake River Valley Appellation is

the first registered AVA (American Viticulture Area) for the state. The 8,263 square miles of AVA stretches East to Twin Falls, and West to Oregon, including 12 Idaho counties in-between. The large size of the AVA works in favor for Idaho and offers a chance for growth. Vintners, viticulturalists, soil experts and geologists insist that Idaho's high desert terrain; volcanic soil, hot days and cool nights create the perfect environment to grow grape vines.

Deserving recognition has recently been served to many wineries in this state. At the 2010 Northwest Wine Summit Competition Idaho wineries competed against over 1,100 wines from areas including Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Altogether Idaho wineries held an outstanding place in the competition by receiving 9 Gold Medals, 17 Silver Medals and 20

Bronze Medals for a total of 47 medals.

The Idaho Wine Commission hosted another successful Savor Idaho: Idaho's Premier Wine and Food Event on June 13, 2010. The beautiful scenery at the Botanical Gardens was one of the many attractions for consumers. The event included 30 Idaho wineries, 22 restaurants, 5 exhibitors and 17 sponsors. The environment was full of excitement for beginning wine drinkers as well as experts. Guests could sample a new item at each station. Around 900 consumers sipped great wine and indulged in delicious local food.

With the boutique hotels and great restaurants in downtown Boise, the Idaho wine industry is on the rise having all the perfect elements for a great weekend getaway. For more information, visit [www.idahowines.org](http://www.idahowines.org). RH

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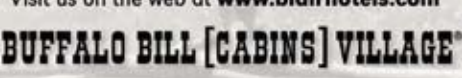


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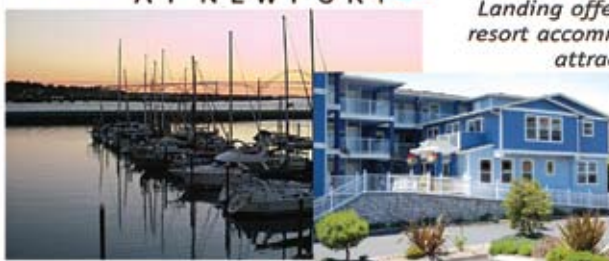
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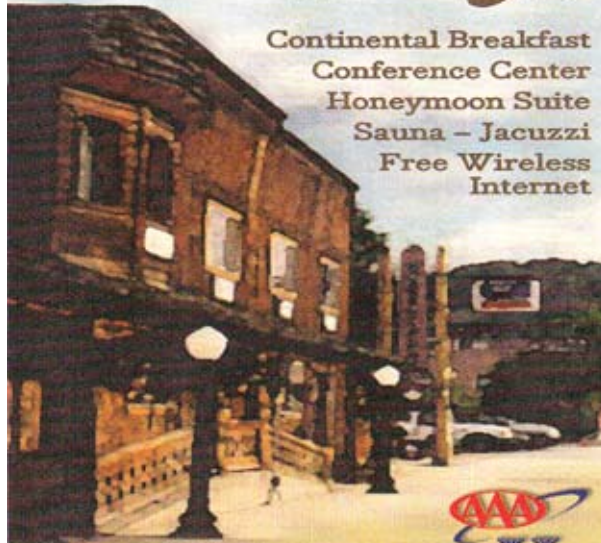
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And last but not least of course is that Ellensburg, the home to Central Washington University, has all the charm and flair of being a great "college town"; which brings a rich cultural vibe to everything. Check out the music and arts-centered events that fill the yearly calendar.

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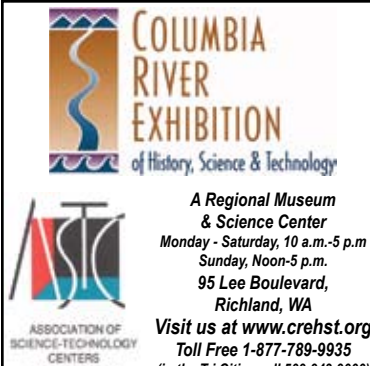
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By: Stacy Crimmins, Executive Director

There's nothing more peaceful than to stand in the middle of a forest full of pines after the morning dew evaporates in the sunshine. Do you hear the sound of silence: the aspen leaves "quaking" and the meadowlark's warble? You can experience this in the Snowy Range and the Sierra Madres, located between Encampment and Saratoga.

There's nothing more exhilarating than a big stretch after climbing out of your tent in the morning or climbing a boulder just because it's there. You can also experience this in the Snowy Range and Sierra Madres of southeastern Wyoming.

There's nothing more spine-tingling than to skillfully reel in a plump, colorful trout, measure him up, and gently release him back into the babbling stream. And you can experience this in the solitude of the Medicine Bow National Forest, just a few miles from the busy

interstate. Blue herons, bald eagles, pronghorn antelope and mule deer are plentiful, and so are the acres of public lands.

In the pristine Platte Valley, you will experience wilderness areas without crowds, hear the crackling pine needles under your feet, smell the bountiful wildflowers, and watch a new fawn play in the sun. Then let your senses rejuvenate with a tingling soak in the mineral hot springs in Saratoga. Legend has it that these are medicinal waters and were enjoyed by Indian tribes in the area for many years. The municipal soaking pool has an average temperature of 117 degrees and is free and open everyday, all day and night, all rear round! Did we mention it was free?

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Museum a circular shaped building is also completely petrified rock also! Lemmon is also known for one of the Outdoor Paradises! Hunting and fishing and Shadephill Recreation Area with 5000 surface acres of water for fishing, boating camping, swimming and much more! RH

The Town of Encampment has a rich history dating back to the mining boom days of the 1880s. The Grand Encampment Museum, open Memorial Day through Labor Day, allows you to relive much of this history with their exhibits, cabins, an old printing press, and even a two-story outhouse for winters with deep snow.

Saratoga Museum offers interpretive displays, maps and dioramas. Exhibits include archeology, tie hacks and geology. The museum has a beautiful pavilion that hosts summer-time concerts and weddings for a most distinctive experience.

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## Colorado Wine

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ally all using grapes, fruit or honey grown right here in Colorado.

The success of growing fruit throughout Colorado stems from the extremely dry climate and senior water rights, allowing for irrigation even in drought conditions. The lack of humidity means growers in Colorado use a fraction of the chemicals to ward off pests and diseases used in other grape growing areas. And with 300 days of sunshine and a growing season, as measured by the University of California's "degree days," comparable to Bordeaux and Napa valley, Colorado can ripen grapes when cloudy skies thwart ripening in other regions.

In the lowest parts of the Grand Valley AVA, around 4500' above sea level, the Rhone Valley varietals such as Viognier and Syrah (Shiraz) excel. On Orchard Mesa to the south of the river, the Bordeaux varieties, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, are outstanding. In fact, many wine experts have claimed that Colorado's Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec, the other red Bordeaux grapes, will match any-

thing comparable from other regions—and cost less most of the time. And nothing goes better with Colorado lamb!

The Spanish grape Tempranillo is also a rising star in Colorado, as the growing season in the Grand Valley closely resembles La Mancha in the Pyrenees' foothills.

But the Germanic varietals of Riesling and Gewürztraminer, whether made in a dry, crisp Alsatian style to complement a fresh Rocky Mountain trout or with just a touch of residual sugar to match a spicy dishes, are brightest the gems the crown of Colorado grapes. Fresh roasted Hatch chilies and Sausage with clean, off-dry Riesling—ZING!!!

Riesling also shines in Colorado's second AVA, the West Elks along the North Fork of the Gunnison River near Paonia and Hotchkiss. The West Elks, a cornucopia of fresh food, fruit and exhilarating beauty to satisfy the soul, the senses and the stomach, lies about 1000-1500 feet higher than the Grand Valley. The temperatures are more moderate but the growing season is much shorter, too. And Riesling, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir all love it there.

Grapes are also growing in Montezuma County, near Mesa Verde National Park,

where local growers are finding places the Anasazi farmed are well suited to grapes. Cañon City and the whitewater playground of the upper Arkansas Valley enjoy the geographic shelter of Pike Peak from the severe winter winds that make rest of the eastern slope of the Rockies inhospitable to grapes.

As you plan your ski vacation, rafting trip or dude ranch stay, remember to set aside a day to visit one of Colorado's many wineries. There are wineries within an hour of all four national parks in Colorado, and the Colorado National Monument forms the western boundary of the Grand Valley. The Denver/Boulder metropolitan area has been recognized as one of the best vacation destinations in the country for food and wine by several national publications. And Denver is home to some of the finest museums in the country, championship professional sports and two dozen wineries within an hour's drive.

Maybe it's time to change your state of wine, and give Colorado wine a try.

For more information on the wine industry, a list of wineries, maps and travel resources, visit [www.changeyourstateofwine.org](http://www.changeyourstateofwine.org). RH

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result in near-perfect growing conditions for Washington's wine grapes. And it's not surprising considering the Tri-Cities lies on the same latitude as the world famous Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France. Moreover, these unique growing conditions have helped shape the state into the second largest wine producing region in the nation; while the production of some of the world's best wines has earned the Tri-Cities the distinct title of "The Heart of Washington Wine Country."

Situated at the epicenter of the Columbia Valley, Washington's largest wine grape growing region, visitors have with the rare opportunity to tour more than 160 wineries within a one-hour drive without ever having to change hotels during their stay. Theo-

retically, visitors can create a unique wine tasting vacation to the region every weekend of the year without ever visiting the same winery twice. Here is just one suggested itinerary: Tulip Lane

Comprised of Bookwalter Winery, Barnard Griffin Winery, and Tagaris Winery, the wineries of Tulip Lane are exclusive in their own right. Visitors can start sampling wines while enjoying a fantastic lunch menu featuring an assortment of flatbread pizzas and Mediterranean flair at Taverna Tagaris located within Tagaris Winery. Continuing on to Barnard Griffin Winery, visitors will encounter stylish fused glass art by Deborah Barnard, and taste some of the region's best wines by Rob Griffin, a pioneer winemaker in the Tri-Cities. After a filling lunch, and magnificent wines and artwork, the perfect way to wind down is an

evening of wine tasting and live music at Bookwalter Winery. Known for its "coffee shop" setting, Bookwalter offers light appetizers and desserts, a perfect complement to their superb wines.

In addition to sampling some of the region's spectacular wines, visitors should also take advantage of other great activities in the Tri-Cities—golfing one of ten premier golf courses, taking an exciting jet boat tour of the Hanford Reach National Monument, or biking along the 23-mile riverfront Sacagawea Heritage Trail—all excellent ways to spend a day in the Tri-Cities.

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