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Fine Wines Come to Houston

As the fourth largest city in the country, Houston is increasingly a major destination for business and pleasure. Houston has more restaurants and people who eat out regularly than any other city in the country. Houston has the highest number of theater district seats, second only to New York. The Houston area has beaches, golf, water sports, professional football, baseball, hockey and basketball and extensive varieties of indoor and outdoor family entertainment. The mention of Houston may bring to mind the historic AstroDome or perhaps NASA Space Center -- but fine wines? The fact is, even in the minds of those who make their homes here, few expect to find a real winery along one of our major freeways.

Just off the Southwest freeway in Sugar Land, a mere 19 miles from Houston's City Hall, the Stacy family has brought to the city more than just a wine sales outlet. Circle S is the only fully functioning winery in Houston. The single difference between Circle S and any other winery you may have visited, is the absence of acres of grape laden vineyards encircling the winery.

"Inside the winery, where it really counts," says owner Dave Stacy, "the art of making fine wines is our singular mission." Every day, people who love wines are able to tour the winery, walk around the vats and barrels and discover for themselves what makes a great bottle of wine.

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It is no longer necessary to drive three hours into the country to visit a working winery. Stacy has brought the process into THE CITY. Award winning wines are made from the grape harvest at the Centerville, Texas vineyards and also family vineyards in Tuscany, Italy. Stacy's insistence on using only the finest grapes has resulted in Circle S Vineyards producing several award winning wines, including seven gold medal winners. Varietals currently available are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Chardonnay and Ilbello, the latter being Stacy's own signature blend.

Unlike most Texas wineries, Stacy does not obligate himself to the harvest of any vineyard, not even his own. Growers and vineyards have good years and bad years. When his grapes do not meet his high standards, he sells them to other wineries so he can purchase and import the best grapes wherever they are available. This past year, his wines were made from grapes grown exclusively in Italy and California.

Whether you are a Houston resident or visitor, all lovers of fine wines are invited to enjoy the Circle S experience and understand why Circle S wines are becoming so popular. Dave and his wife Helen are adamant that visitors feel at home when at their winery. "We designed the winery to offer a relaxing and intimate place for people to feel comfortable. They can stop in to learn about wine, meet friends, or just unwind at the end of the day." The winery features upstairs living rooms with comfortable sofas in elegant settings with soft lighting, music and a monthly exhibition of fine art by prominent Houston area artists.

Tours of the winery are included with every wine tasting, whether for one person or for groups. The winery is also available for private functions including weddings, parties, birthdays, corporate meetings and just about any special event.

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For more information about Circle S Vineyards and to reserve a tour and wine tasting, contact the winery at info@circlesvineyards.com. or 281/265-9463. Or just drop by anytime Tuesday – Thursday 11:00 am to 7:30 pm; Friday – Saturday 11:00 am to 8:30 pm; or Sunday 12 noon to 5:00 pm.

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