



WELCOME TO CARLTON

A charming stop on Oregon's wine country map

Carlton was once a quiet agricultural town in the heart of the northern Willamette Valley. Today, its historic downtown is budding with delightful shops, winery tasting rooms, cafés and fine dining options.

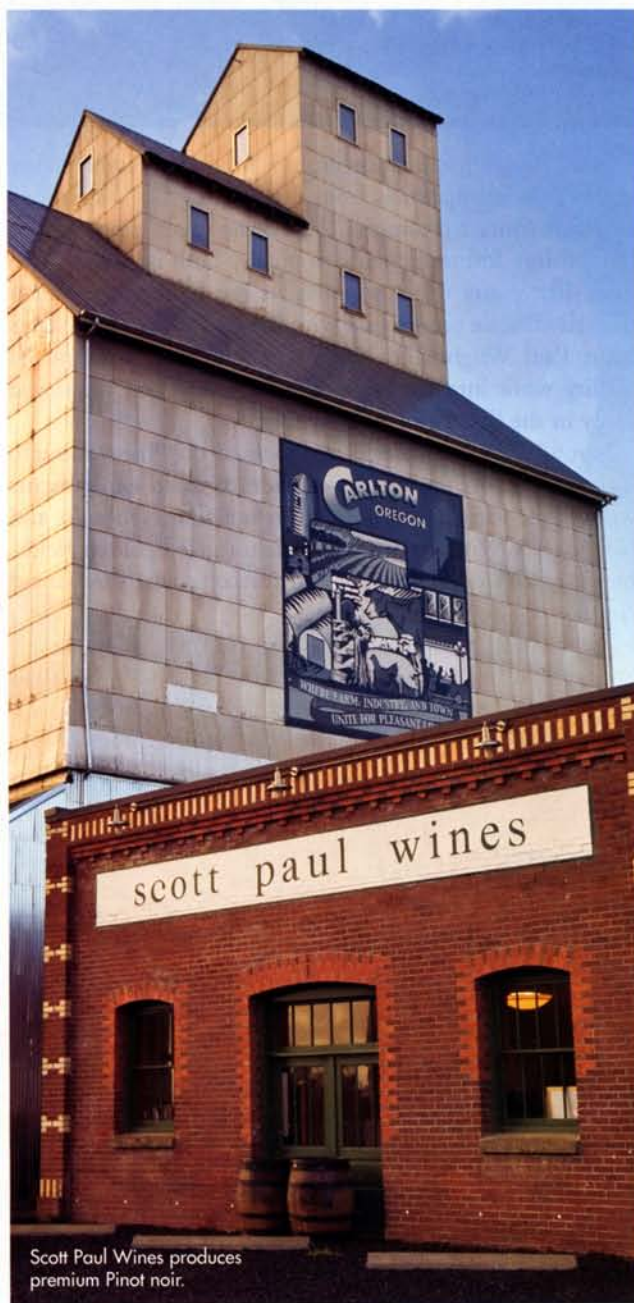
To journey to Carlton requires you to leave Hwy. 99W in Newberg, following Oregon 240 as it heads toward Yamhill. A well-marked turnoff leads you down a country road surrounded by farms and vineyards. It is when you arrive into Carlton's heart—a well-maintained drag of early 1900s buildings loaded with great wine—that you've found a local gem.

In historic downtown Carlton there are close to 30 different wineries represented in just a short walk. One of the more unique tasting rooms is Scott Paul Wines, a producer of premium Pinot noirs and importer of select wines from Burgundy, France.



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Carlton Winemakers Studio



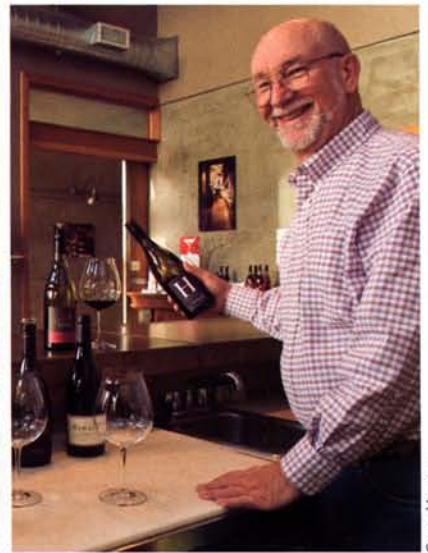
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ABBEY ROAD FARM BED AND BREAKFAST

From left: Abbey Road Farm Bed & Breakfast; Carlton Winemaker Studio's Mike Hall



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Scott Paul Wines' tasting room is bright and airy, making use of recycled materials from the original 1915 building's structure (once a creamery). Across the street, the winery is housed in a former granary, originally built in 1900. Scott Paul, like many other wineries in the Willamette Valley, does small-scale production with big value. Co-winemakers Scott Paul Wright and Kelley Fox put huge amounts of quality work into the wines they develop, and it showed easily in the first Pinot noir we tasted.

Not all Carlton wineries are focused on Pinot, though. Cana's Feast on the northwest side of town experiments with other varietals, producing some fine Nebbiolo and Sangiovese. With its amazing backdrop of golden fields, manicured gardens, tile-roof and stucco facade, this winery could easily be set in Tuscany.

Next door to Cana's sits the Carlton Winemakers Studio. This facility, a sort of winery incubator which has spawned some of the best small-scale wineries in the area, hosts 11 wineries side by side. The modern feel of this building, with its concrete tasting bar and large windows,

conveys a sense of hipness found in urban wine bars. It is a nice sanctuary for those looking to be taken care of by smart wine servers.

There is much more to see and do in Carlton, including a visit to The Depot / Tyrus Evans tasting room, owned by local legendary winemaker Ken Wright and set in the old town train depot. Another must-stop is The Tasting Room, which houses a huge selection of local wines and has occupied the town's old bank since 1995—long enough to see this area come of age. On the food front there's The Horse Radish, an impressive cheese and wine bar, and Cuvée restaurant, where you'll find local flavors beautifully paired with local wines.

Finally, just outside of town, Abbey Road Farm Bed & Breakfast is a great place to call it a day. This working farm, complete with llamas, goats, sheep and cherry trees, has several old silos that have been meticulously converted to nice guest rooms, complete with Jacuzzi tubs, fine linens and views of rolling farmland and not-so-distant vineyards.

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WHAT'S MORE...

SCOTT PAUL WINES

128 S. Pine St., Carlton
503.852.7300, www.ScottPaul.com

CARLTON WINEMAKERS STUDIO

801 N. Scott St., Carlton
503.852.6100, www.WineMakersStudio.com

CANA'S FEAST

750 W. Lincoln St., Carlton
503.852.0002, CanasFeastWinery.com

THE DEPOT / TYRUS EVANS

120 N. Pine St., Carlton
503.852.7010

THE TASTING ROOM IN CARLTON

105 W. Main St., Carlton
503.852.6733, www.Pinot-Noir.com

THE HORSE RADISH WINE & CHEESE BAR

211 W. Main St., Carlton
503.852.6656, www.TheHorseRadish.com

CUVÉE

214 W. Main St., Carlton
503.852.6555, www.CuveeDining.com

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10275 N.E. Oak Springs Farm Road, Carlton
503.852.6278, www.AbbeyRoadFarm.com

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