

Westport Winery Adds Nursery to Garden Tour

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WESTPORT, Wash. - The Westport Winery will launch its new plant nursery as they also open their Gardens of the World display on October 7. The nursery will focus on unique and unusual plants that are suited to the Pacific Northwest's climate and growing zones. This new component will compliment the winery's tasting room, gift shop, restaurant, bakery, and increasingly popular garden tour. As it matures the Gardens of the World display is designed to transport viewers to their favorite places on earth. The tour is a loop around the winery and into the vineyards where guests can "visit" a Hawaiian tropical garden, a French formal garden, an English cottage garden, a Pacific Northwest naturalistic garden, an Italian gothic garden, a Japanese Zen garden, and an Atlantis underwater garden. Creating and recreating memories from fun travels and destinations is something anyone can pursue in their own yard.

The plant nursery is being added in response to guest's requests to access to the same amazing plants the winery has used on their grounds. Elma artist and plant collector Frank Ratte has joined the winery team to assist guests with guest questions and selections. Ratte is the creator of the winery's Night Watch sculpture. The new gardens will continue to highlight sculptures by local artists. Those interested in early plant purchasing opportunities are encouraged to visit the winery at their convenience between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 18. The winery is also offering Triple Crown marionberries picked daily in their Vineyards By-the-Sea while the crop is in season. Many people have contacted the winery about the activity across Highway 105 which is also owned by Vineyards By-the-Sea. This 40-acre parcel is dedicated to timber and the new clearing is simply a function of keeping a space open for a future harvest. Until then the winery is utilizing the area as a composter for the grape residue leftover from harvest. By layering these "green" remnants with "brown" wood chips the winery hopes to spend less money on purchasing compost for their expanding display gardens associated with the nursery. Westport Winery and Vineyards By-the-Sea is a Salmon Safe Certified property and the Roberts family is committed to their agricultural use of the property. The area across the highway from the winery is not available for public use or access nor will it be part of the nursery. The winery is open daily from 11a.m. to 6p.m., with lunch from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and dinner to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Westport Winery located on the corner of Highway 105 and South Arbor Road. For more information call Westport Winery at 360-648-2224. If you are looking for unique plants Westport Winery is the place to visit.