Wine bars are pouring into Portland, just north of the Willamette Valley, Wine Enthusiast “06 Wine Region of the Year.”

Women are leading the way in Portland retail, food and events, with feminist shops like Blendily and Wildfang.

New tours like those from Oregon Helicopters offer different perspectives on Portland.

*ANNUAL EVENTS*

**JAN**
- Portland Old-Time Music Gathering - bubbaguitar.com
- Fertile Ground Festival - fertilegroundpdx.org
- O-Shogatsu - janesegarden.org/events
- Reel Music Festival - nwfilm.org/festivals
- Portland International Film Festival - nwfilm.org/festivals
- PDX Jazz Fest - pdxjazz.com
- Portland Winter Light Festival - pdxwlf.com
- Chinese New Year at Lan Su Chinese Garden - lansugarden.org/chinesenewyear
- The One Moto Show - the1moto.com

**FEB**
- Portland Dining Month - portlanddiningmonth.com
- Portland Oregon Women’s Film Festival (POW Fest) - powfest.com
- Cider Rite of Spring - nw cider.com/cider-events
- Portland Spring Beer and Wine Fest - springbeerandwinefest.com
- Umbrella Festival - umbrellafestival.com

**MAR**
- Design Week Portland - designweekportland.com
- Wooden Shoel Tulip Fest - woodenshoe.com/events/tulip-fest
- Soul’d Out Music Fest - souloutfestival.com

**APR**
- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta - cincode mayo.org
- Northwest Animation Festival - mwanimationfest.com
- Filmed by Bike - filmedbybike.org
- UFO Festival - ufofest.org

**MAY**
- Portland Rose Festival - rosefestival.org
- PDX Beer Week - pdxbeerweek.com
- Organic Beer Fest - organicbeerfest.org

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- Portland Rose Festival - rosefestival.org
- PDX Beer Week - pdxbeerweek.com
- Organic Beer Fest - organicbeerfest.org

**JULY**
- Waterfront Blues Festival - waterfrontbluesfest.com
- Oregon Brewers Festival - oregonbrewfest.com
- Cathedral Park Jazz Festival - jazzoregon.com
- Chamber Music Northwest Summer Festival - cmnw.com
- The Big Float - thebigfloat.com

**AUG**
- Bridge Pedal - providence.org/bridge-pedal
- Pickathon - pickathon.com
- Dahlia Festival - dahlias.com
- PDX Adult Soap Box Derby - soapboxracer.com

**SEP**
- Feast Portland - feast portland.com
- Time-Based Art (TBA) Festival - pica.org/tba
- Art in the Pearl - artinthepearl.com

**OCT**
- Portland Veg Fest - nvveg.org/vegfest
- Portland Film Festival - portlandfilmfestival.org
- Portland Queer Film Festival - pdx queerfilm.com
- Portland Greek Festival - portlandgreekfestival.com

**NOV**
- Portland Book Festival - literary-arts.org/pdxbookfest
- Northwest Filmmakers’ Festival - nwfilm.org/festivals
- Holiday Food & Gift Festival - bfgf.com

**DEC**
- Christmas Festival of Lights - thegrotto.org/christmas-festival-of-lights
- Holiday Ale Festival - holidayale.com
- Japanese Currents - nwfilm.org/festivals
- Festival of the Last Minute - portlandsaturdaymarket.com
During an era of female solidarity, prominent women are playing significant roles in Portland’s culinary, maker and arts communities. The Nightwood Society, established in 2017, is a collective of women with culinary and creative backgrounds, who’ve created a space for events, workshops and pop-up dinners. One of the nation’s first woman-owned and operated distilleries, Freeland Spirits, opened in June 2018, serving a signature botanical gin in a light and airy tasting room.

A notable “boss lady” in Portland retail is Emma McIlroy, co-creator of tomboy-chic boutique Wildfang, now an internationally recognized brand. Exemplifying Wildfang’s socially conscious ethos, in June 2018, the company raised $250,000 for refugee aid organization RAICES through sales of its “I really care, don’t you?” jacket.

Aligning with current wellness trends, Ivy Chang opened Blendily in November 2018 in Northeast Portland’s Alberta neighborhood, offering a signature “Glow-up Experience” with a floral facial steam. Kora Goodman, owner and herbalist at Kore Herbs, focuses on handmade botanical products and workshops in North Portland.

PORTLAND ROCKS ON

Portland’s music scene is a charismatic mix of homegrown headliners and rock-star transplants. Folk artists like M. Ward, Laura Veirs and Haley Heyndrickx thrive in Portland, which also supports strong jazz, hip-hop and soul scenes. Cool Nuts and other hip-hop veterans led the way for current rising stars like Mic Capes, Blossom and The Last Artful, Dodger. The local rock scene is varied and vibrant, as evidenced by acts like Red Fang, Reptiliens and Summer Cannibals. Portland is home to several artists with Mexican roots, including Y La Bamba, Edna Vazquez and Sávila (Willamette Week 2018 Best New Band). Portland has roots as a “jazz town” dating back to the 1940’s and 50’s, stemming out of Portland’s historically African-American Albina neighborhood. Today, local acts like Devin Phillips and Ethiopian-soul jazz Tezeta Band reflect the city’s wide array of jazz offerings.

Local organization MusicPortland reports that the Portland metro region is a “musically dense” destination with nearly 300 places where music is performed weekly, averaging 200 promoted shows a week. Local music halls include the rocket-ship-meets-log-cabin décor of the Doug Fir Lounge, Mississippi Studios (a converted church), the Wonder Ballroom, Revolution Hall and the Jack London Revue, which hosts regular jazz shows. Downtown, the historic Crystal Ballroom features an unusual floating dance floor, while the grand Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall welcomes major touring acts of all genres.

HOTEL BOOM CONTINUES

Portland welcomed six new hotels in 2018, finishing strong with The Hoxton opening in October. The London-based brand’s second U.S. location brings 113 guestrooms and three premier dining options, an expansive library and an indoor pool.

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BOSS LADIES

NEW TOURS OFFER LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Visitors can see Portland through the eyes of a local with a variety of new tours. The “Portland Makers Walking Tour” from The Big Foody samples a selection of artisan food and drink in the Central Eastside. Taste Portland Tours offers a new “Portland Brunch Tour,” and Forktown Food Tours runs a variety of niche food tours (including “Gluten Free” and “Sippin’ and Strollin’”).

Cycling and hiking tours allow visitors to experience Portland’s sustainable lifestyle. The Portland Insider leads hikes through Forest Park (or neighborhoods) while Cordilleran Tours features a “Meditative Garden Bike Tour.” Other new offerings include a “Bike and Boat Tour” by Pedal Bike Tours and a “Beyond Portlandia” bike tour with Everybody’s Bike Tours.

Airbnb Experiences provide new opportunities to connect with local experts. The Portland Street Art Alliance lets visitors explore Portland’s street art culture — even creating their own graffitis. For those with a sweet tooth, a Portland chococholeolic leads a three-hour Chocolate Eastside Walking.

TOUR AND TRAVEL IN NEW WAYS

Visitors can enjoy a bird’s-eye view of Portland with Oregon Helicopters flights over Portland’s bridges, West Hills and the Columbia River Gorge. For a unique way to get around town, eTuk Rides offers Portland drink or city tours in an electric-powered Rickshaw. To explore the region, hop on the Columbia Gorge Express for quick and easy access to the Columbia River Gorge, the NW Wine Shuttle to visit the Willamette Valley (named 2016 best wine region by Wine Enthusiast) or the Mt. Hood Express for getaways to Mount Hood.

NEW WAVE OF WINE BARS

Wine lovers from around the globe visit Portland for its easy access to the world-class Willamette Valley wine region. In the past year, nearly a dozen new wine bars have joined stalwarts like Bar Avignon, SE Wine Collective, Bar Vivant and Dame, bringing a new creative energy to the city’s wine scene.

Adding to the wine bar craze, three famed Portland chefs have opened wine-centric spaces right next door to their restaurants. At design-driven Enoteca Nostrana, Nostrana chef Cathy Whims serves approachable Italian fare paired with European wines. OK Omens offers playful dishes from Castagna chef Justin Woodward beside approachably priced wine selections, including a wide selection of vintage offerings. At Canard, chef Gabe Rucker of Le Pigeon serves casual French-leaning bites and wines.

Portland is also seeing a wave of bars devoted to natural wines. In addition to the aforementioned Dame, Sardine Head, a pop-up that calls itself the city’s first “natural-wine dive bar,” aims to make the style approachable. In August, noted sommelier Dana Frank opened her own fun, upbeat location, Bar Norman.