

FennValley Winery Tour

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Of course, every really good visit or tour starts out with a good cruise. Each of us experienced our favorite two lane road cruise to get to Fennville, Michigan, home of FennValley Winery. The last couple of miles getting to the winery were especially pleasant as the quiet lane took our thundering herd along Hutchins Lake. Pure bliss if you love to Fling It Around Turns.

The winery tour is a very popular event for many reasons. So popular that all summer long, the winery hosts tours of their facility. There are wagon rides, beautiful scenery of rolling hills and vineyards. The winery itself is very large and there is ample parking. The tours are inexpensive, and open to all ages. Of course, the wine tasting portion is reserved for the adults. Children are treated to various grape juices at those stops.

Tour costs are a paltry \$7.50 per adult, and kids under 21 are free. For that price you get an entire afternoon at the facility, and the opportunity to taste every wine the winery has available for sale. I'm thinking it will be a long time before Carol Rock forgets that she was required to produce her driver's license. Her hubby Brian is still glad he did not have to prove that he wasn't Carol's father.

We, naturally had a blast, arriving enmass. Our group had the pleasure of reserved parking, thanks to Jon Prisbe. We were able to park in a conspicuous spot, and some of us were able to get shade to go with that.



It was a gorgeous day. The weatherman cooperated fully. Low 80 temperature, with a constant mild breeze made it very comfortable to sit or stand in the pavilion area and listen to the two bands, THE LAST CALL BAND or NATCHEZ TRACE. You basically had your pick between '70s folk & rock, or Blues music, or both.

For those of you with us for the day, I certainly enjoyed our time together. For those of you who missed, you might wanna consider joining us next time. West Michigan has a lot of things to offer, and driving to the various spots in your favorite Italian Steed is well worth the summer day.

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