Thomas Jefferson, America’s “first distinguished viticulturist”, envisioned vineyards surrounding his mountaintop home, Monticello, and wines from his native state standing shoulder to shoulder with the greatest wines of the world.

More than 200 years later, Monticello Wine Trail members are passionately working to fulfill Jefferson’s dream. Our dynamic winemakers are shaping the Monticello American Viticulture Area (AVA) into a unique wine region that produces wine with an authentic expression of place. The AVA also comprises one third of Virginia’s vineyard acres, has a desirable terroir, and produces wines receiving national and international acclaim.

The trail currently has over 30 member wineries surrounding Charlottesville throughout the countryside of Albemarle, Greene, Madison, Nelson and Orange counties. Each takes the greatest pleasure in welcoming visitors from around the world to enjoy their wines, relax in the bucolic countryside, and share their pride in Virginia’s winemaking heritage. The distinctive characteristics of this place will be evident as you explore the Birthplace of American Wine.