

**Crown Country**  
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2008 National Norton Wine Festival Under New Direction

The Missouri History Museum of St. Louis and Crown Country of Ste. Genevieve are teaming up for the 2008 National Norton Wine Festival.

The festival, aimed at providing exciting ways to experience one of the most versatile American grape varieties, will be held September 5 & 6 at the Missouri History Museum.

"We're very excited to play such an important role for this great event. We look to improve on the festival's previous success. Also, we aim to increase general knowledge of Missouri's state grape." Said Bryan Siddle, Operations manager for Crown Country.

The festival will include wine tasting from participating wineries, live music, various Missouri-made products and a special VIP gourmet dinner featuring a four-flight Norton tasting. VIP guests will also be given priority seating in the VIP area and a chance to enter the festival one hour before general ticket holders.

Tickets will be available for purchase in advance by calling 866-207-9463, at [nortonfestival.com](http://nortonfestival.com), or upon arrival.

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You're sure to find beauty in the rolling hills and lush green countryside of Crown Country, located in Missouri's historic Ste. Genevieve County. And from a tasting at Crown Valley Winery to a V.I.P. tour of Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary, Crown Country truly has something for everyone. Meet our winemaker, relax at one of our lavish rooms, enjoy a round of golf at our 4 star course, or stop by luxurious Tiger Ridge Restaurant for a meal made with Crown Farms' homegrown ingredients. With many easy options you can make it a weekend trip or an all-inclusive package. Escape the ordinary and visit Crown Country.

The Missouri History Museum has been active in the St. Louis community since 1866. Founding members organized the organization "for the purpose of saving from oblivion the early history of the city and state." Today, the Missouri History Museum operates the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and the Library and Research Center at 225 South Skinker Blvd. Admission to the museum and library are free to the public. There is a fee for special museum exhibitions, but weekly free admission times are available. The Missouri History Museum, at Lindell and DeBaliviere, is a short walk from the Forest Park Metro Link station. The Missouri Historical Society offers programs and outreach services, including traveling exhibitions; tours; theatrical and musical presentations; programs for school classes and youth groups; family festivals; special events; workshops; and lectures.