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Sometimes, after a long day at work, you just want to unwind with a glass of wine and watch the sun set. Everyone has their own preference of wine tastes, but many don't know the origins behind the brand they drink or about the grapes that make up the wine.

Perdido Vineyards is a locally made Muscadine wine from Baldwin County that can be bought at Creek Convenience Store Atmore and Creek Travel Plaza. It is touted as Alabama's first farm winery. Owner Jim Eddins has been in business making wine since 1979.

Learning about the brand

Whether you prefer red or white, Perdido Vineyards has a variety of styles as well as fruit wines, such as apple, blueberry and satsuma orange. Eddins has named each of his wines to pay tribute to the local area. The Egor Rouge is a cabernet/merlot blend representing the Eastern Shore. The Daphne combines Muscadine grapes with a distillation of black currants to make a pleasant dessert wine. And the Magnolia Springs is a dry white table wine, which would go well with seafood or pork dinners.

History of the grapes

Muscadine grapes ripen in the fall and are native to the Southeastern United States, particularly in Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, as well as parts of Central America. Muscadines are valued for their thick skins and are touted for having a high concentration of resveratrol, which has been linked to heart health and cancer prevention. The most common Muscadine that many people can recognize is the Scuppernong, used to produce commercial wines.

The grapes have a Native American tie to them as well. Creek Indians and Cherokees used Muscadines for medicinal poultices to relieve inflammation. The antioxidants found in Muscadines also are said to relieve stress. There are many other health benefits of Muscadine grapes and the wine made from them, such as preventing diabetes and blocking cancer growths.

So purchase locally made wine and support your local economy. Creek Convenience Store Atmore and Creek Travel Plaza are proud to offer customers Perdido Vineyards wine. Choose from an assortment of flavors and blends. **Each bottle is \$12.95.** Try one today.



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