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## Owen Valley Winery Enjoys A Successful Opening With More Than 600 Attendees

### Nearly 500 Bottles Of Local Wine Fly Off Of Shelves On First Day

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Sonia and Gary Brinson of [Spencer](#) were caught by the camera as they enjoyed a sip of wine during the grand opening of the Owen Valley Winery, located on rural [Timber Ridge Road](#). (Staff Photo)

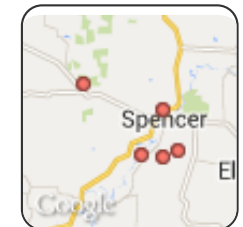
With beautiful summertime weather and attendees juggling in, out and around the Owen Valley Winery, the Leaderbrand family enjoyed a successful grand opening this past Saturday.

With slightly more than 600 in attendance throughout the sevenhour extravaganza, a total of 498 bottles of wine were sold, with a few flavors sold out by the end of the day. Slushies, both wine and virgin, were in high demand, with workers forced to retreat to local groceries for more supplies.

“It was a good weekend, it went better than expected. It was amazing the turnout we had; it never stopped on Saturday,” Anthony Leaderbrand said. “We were busy all the way to the very end at six o’clock... I think we could have went well into the evening if we would have had more energy.”

The day’s hottest seller was Crimson and Cream, which sold out, followed closely behind by

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Harvest Moon and Pear.

“I was surprised at the number of people. I heard so many comments about how great this is going to be for [Owen County](#),” Jo Anna Leaderbrand said. “People said they were thrilled and loved the country location. They said they would be back.”

While the inside area of the winery saw a hustling winery crew tending to a jam-packed room full of eager customers, the musical sounds of the Davis Harlow Project set the mood outside for a calm and relaxing atmosphere.

“There were a lot of comments from folks encouraging us to have more entertainment as far as bands,” Anthony said. “We have a couple of other ideas in mind as long as the weather and clock permits us to do so. We’re most certainly looking at our next band and entertainment. It completely exceeded our expectations.



**[Spencer](#) residents Robin Lane and Ed O'Brien were on hand during Saturday's grand opening of the Owen Valley Winery, taste-testing a number of local wines. (Staff Photo)**



**Jimmy and Christine Chambers of [Spencer](#) were in attendance for the grand opening of the Owen Valley Winery on Saturday afternoon. The couple enjoyed taste-testing a number of locally made wines. (Staff Photo)**

We're on the hunt to produce more wine now.”

The winery, located on rural [Timber Ridge Road](#), off of [Braysville Road](#) by way of [Pottersville Road](#), will be open again this coming Thursday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Leaderbrands at 812-828-0883, or visit the Owen Valley Winery online at: [owenvalleywinery.com](http://owenvalleywinery.com).



**Spencer** residents Misty Wyatt (left) and Marylee Linne stopped by to take a taste test and browse the selection Saturday at the new Owen Valley Winery. (Staff Photo)

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**Spencer** couple Dave and Karen Weaver stopped in Saturday afternoon to check out the selection of wines at the new Owen Valley Winery on rural Timber Ridge Road. (Staff Photo)

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