

THE GRANGE DUNDEE HILLS

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Bill Foley's vision and investment spirit have left an indelible mark on the wine, hospitality, and entertainment industries. As I arrived at [The Grange Dundee Hills](#), a bold new expansion of the beloved Black Walnut Inn & Vineyard, I was instantly captivated. Perched atop Worden Hill Road in Oregon's celebrated Dundee Hills, this sanctuary offers incredible 360° views with birds gliding over vineyard-draped slopes and the Cascade Mountains framing the backdrop of the Willamette Valley stage.

The Grange Dundee Hills encompasses Grange Estate and Grange Winery, home to both Anthology and The Four Graces Winery, all nestled beside Black Walnut Inn & Vineyard. Established in 2003, the estate has become a beacon of refined hospitality and winemaking excellence.

The Foley Touch

Bill Foley, a man with an eye for opportunity, established Foley Entertainment Group (FEG) to expand his growing empire. FEG is built on four pillars: Sports, Hospitality, Venues, and Foundations. Under his leadership, the Golden Knights, Silver Knights, and Knight Hawks have found their place in the sports world. Meanwhile, Lee's Family Forum, City National Arena, and America First Center anchor his venue division. His hospitality ventures stretch across luxury properties on the West Coast and beyond, complemented by Montana's largest restaurant company.

Through the Foley Food & Wine Society, Bill brings together world-class wines, exquisite cuisine, and unforgettable experiences. Members gain access to prestigious labels such as Ferrari-Carano, Chalk Hill, Silverado Vineyards, Banshee, and Chateau St. Jean, as well as exclusive events and curated tastings.

A Stay at Grange Estate

Invited guests of Grange Estate experience more than a stay—they are immersed in the heart of Oregon wine country. This private retreat blends rustic elegance with modern luxury, where white oak, Douglas fir, and black walnut frame the interiors, and the textures of the Pacific Northwest create a sense of place.

Designed by Portland-based Urban Patterns, The Grange Dundee Hills embodies the region's spirit through meticulous craftsmanship. Locally sourced black walnut tables, Princeton Law School chairs, and western red cedar accents honor indigenous traditions while exuding a refined yet comfortable charm.

Wine, Design, and Nature's Grandeur

At The Grange Dundee Hills, vineyards extend endlessly, shifting from lush green in the summer to deep crimson and gold in the fall. Every detail here pays homage to the land, from the rooms named after Willamette Valley soils—Jory, Tolo, Willakenzie, and Laurelwood—to the curated art that weaves Oregon's geological and cultural history into the guest experience.

Staying in the premier Laurelwood Suite, my friend Connie and I spent the day lounging on the enormous sofa with our feet resting on the ottoman in front of the fire. The relaxed vibe, enforced not only by the warmth of the fire but by the gray sky and light drizzle that persisted throughout the day, kept us happily in place while dreaming about our plans for the multi-course dinner at Anthology later that evening. The bathroom was simply gorgeous, with a spacious show-

er enclosed by glass doors, a freestanding copper-toned tub, and a wooden bench. Soft Japanese towels and Grown Alchemist toiletries complete the spa-like experience.

The Heart of The Grange

The communal lounge on the first floor invites guests to linger. A tapestry of the Oregon flag hangs behind the fireplace, a wall of books on art and nature begs guests to peruse the selections, and board games tempt visitors to stay inside and play. Guests can prepare their snacks or breakfast in the adjacent kitchen or sit outside in Adirondack chairs lined up on the patio. Planters overflow with herbs and flowers, and EV chargers stand ready for modern travelers.

The Grange Dundee Hills sits just a short stroll from its sister property, Black Walnut Inn & Vineyard. Guests check in at the original inn and are greeted with a celebratory glass of sparkling wine or a seasonal cocktail. The Four Graces Winery, adjacent to the Grange, offers the Sip + Savor tasting experience, a perfect way to dive into the estate's celebrated wines.

Dining at Anthology

At Anthology, an intimate culinary experience curated by Chef Chase Williams and Sous Chef Zack Ehrlich, dining becomes storytelling. Up to 14 guests are seated at a long black walnut table under a canopy of branches, where they embark on a journey through Oregon's terroir. Each plate is a revelation—unexpected yet harmonious combinations like Guamanian Hot Beef with fried garlic and jalapeño powder or King Salmon and Sunchoke.

A Legacy of Excellence

Bill Foley's name is synonymous with success. His ventures span sports, entertainment, and fine living, including majority ownership of the Vegas Golden Knights, who clinched the Stanley Cup in 2023. His hospitality empire extends across Napa, Santa Barbara, and even New Zealand, all connected through the Foley Food & Wine Society. Under the guidance of General Manager Nick Meltzer, Black Walnut Inn and The Grange Dundee Hills continue to evolve.

Beyond the Estate

While The Grange beckons guests to linger, the surrounding Willamette Valley offers endless exploration. Yamhill and Carlton exude small-town charm, McMinnville's historic Third Street invites leisurely strolls, and the Yamhill County Heritage Center unveils the region's agricultural and logging history. For nature lovers, the Harvey Creek Trail and scenic Willamette River promise moments of quiet wonder before returning home.

The Grange Experience

More than just a stay, The Grange Dundee Hills is a gathering place. It's where friendships form over shared dinners at Anthology, conversations flow around the Grange fireplace, and guests leave already planning their return. Whether sipping Pinot Noir at sunset, hiking through Douglas fir forests, or simply basking in the tranquility of the valley, The Grange is an invitation to savor some of life's special moments in the Willamette Valley. ❖