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Tasting Room—The King's Cottage

‘ULUPALAKUA, Maui, Hawai‘i (2006)—Located in one of the most historic buildings on the island, the King Kalakaua Cottage Tasting Room at Maui's Winery has become one of the most noted visitor destinations on the island. This charming cottage offers an experience that rivals the lovely tasting rooms of California wine country while also conveying a wonderful glance of the winery's connection to a royal past.

Located on the slopes of Mount Haleakala in Upcountry Maui, The King's Cottage sits on the land of the historic ‘Ulupalakua Ranch. The cottage dates to 1874, when it was built specifically for the visit of Hawai‘i's monarchs, King David Kalakaua and Queen Kapi‘olani. During his turbulent reign, which began that year and lasted until his death 1891, Hawai‘i's last king often came to ‘Ulupalakua to find peace of mind.

Famous for reviving the nearly-lost art of hula, Kalakaua often had dancers entertaining on the large lawn of the property. The grounds surrounding the cottage are shaded by trees over 150 years old and retain the buildings and landmarks of a fascinating bygone era. This is the landscape of old Rose Ranch, one of Hawai‘i's most prosperous and admired nineteenth-century sugar plantations as well as the headquarters of present-day ‘Ulupalakua Ranch, home of the *paniolo* or Hawaiian cowboy. Today the ranch is a destination for visitors exploring rural Maui. After tasting wines by Maui's Winery, visitors may stroll through the grounds, have a picnic and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

The Tasting Room is adjoined by a small history room that offers a fascinating glimpse of the property's past, including royal visits and the colorful lives of the Hawaiian cowboys.

The centerpiece of the Tasting Room is an eighteen-foot-long bar cut from the trunk of a single mango tree. Shelves are stocked with Hawaiian-made products and specialty foods and gifts. The Tasting Room provides packaging for wines as either carried on or checked luggage.

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The Kalakaua Cottage Tasting Room is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (except for major holidays). A complimentary tour of the grounds and winery operation is offered each day at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Groups may contact the winery for private tastings and events. Call 808-878-1266.

Established in 1974, Maui's Winery is located at the scenic 'Ulupalakua Ranch on the slopes of Haleakalā Maui. Also referred to as Tedeschi Vineyards, Maui's Winery offers a wide selection of locally made wines which are available for tasting and purchase on the grounds where King Kalakaua's historic guest cottage is located. Reminiscent of the King's love for parties and entertaining, Maui's Winery often hosts picnics and special events, and has become a popular destination for visitors exploring Upcountry Maui. For more information on tours and the winery, call (808) 878-1266, or visit the website at www.mauiwine.com.

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