



Sen. Amy Klobuchar visits Rolling Forks on a 19-county rural economy tour



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Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar visited Rolling Forks Vineyards of Glenwood last Tuesday and learned about the successes and challenges of the local winery and vineyard operation.

She visited Rolling Forks Vineyards to discuss economic development and tourism with the local Cihlar family of Rolling Forks and other Glenwood leaders.

Rolling Forks Vineyards, a family-owned winery dedicated to crafting exceptional wines from 100% Minnesota-grown grapes, provided a tour of the facilities for Sen. Klobuchar and giving her a background on the operation, the business and the unique challenges of growing grapes and marketing wine.

In addition to visiting in Glenwood Klobuchar last week started a 19 county rural economy tour where she met with farmers, veterans, small business owners, and Minnesotans across the state.

“I want to hear directly from Minnesotans about their challenges, particularly when it comes to health care access, household costs and the impact of the proposed tariffs on the rural economy. Our rural areas are critical to Minnesota’s strength,” Klobuchar explained.



Every year Klobuchar visits all 87 Minnesota counties.

Rolling Forks Vineyards prides itself on its commitment to showcasing the unique terroir of Minnesota through its carefully cultivated grape varietals. These grapes, often lesser-known to the wider wine-drinking public, possess distinct flavor profiles that reflect the state’s climate and soil. The winery believes that the evolving import landscape could encourage consumers, including those with more traditional palates, to explore the exciting world of local wines.

Rolling Forks Vineyards is located among the rolling glacial hills of Glenwood overlooking Lake Minnewaska. It is owned and operated by Joe and Melanie Cihlar. The family-owned winery is committed to producing high-quality wines from grapes grown on their estate. They are passionate about showcasing the unique terroir of Minnesota and crafting wines that are both distinctive and delicious.

The senator’s visit also brought Glenwood Mayor Sherri Meyer and Glenwood City Administrator Dave Iverson and regional economic development advisor Gene Wenstrom to Rolling Forks Vineyards Wednesday afternoon.