

Behind the wine

You pick the grapes, crush them up, put the juice in a bottle and somewhere along the line add alcohol. Wine-making: Simple, huh? Not quite.

A new 'edutainment' attraction produced by Berlin's Flying Saucer Creative Technologies aims to demonstrate exactly what happens before a bottle of wine can be uncorked.

Located only a few miles from Dresden, Sächsische Staatsweingut GmbH in Radebeul opened in September and allows visitors to walk around the impressively redeveloped chateau, park grounds and transparent wine manufacturing plant and discover a host of exciting and entertaining aspects relating to the history of the Staatsweingut Schloss Wackerbarth, while at the same time getting an insight into life as a wine-grower and cellarman.

Around 180,000 guests already visit the state-owned wine estate on an annual basis, so the new attraction seemed a perfect complement to the existing variety of informative tours offered.

In addition to providing advice on the project, Flying Saucer was also entrusted with conceiving and planning the site's technical infrastructure, as well as producing the media installations that help to support the tours.



Illuminated fermentation tanks form part of the champagne visitors tour.