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Editor's Note: Below is the original Okinawa Hai post on Itoman Wine Farm. We published a newer post on this establishment in 2016. We've left all of your original comments in place on the newer post, but we thought after five years you might want a fresher take on the place.

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Would you ever have guessed that wine production and miniature golf go together?

Like other fun unusual business combinations in Okinawa (Think back to the <u>egg</u> <u>shop and petting zoo</u>), last weekend we explored the **Itoman Wine Farm**.

There we found none other than a small local wine factory and popular putt-putt golf course, good for the whole family.



For a fee, there were also a couple of horses for children to ride around the farm (~800 yen), and a pen with bunnies to play with (~100 yen). In addition, there was a large greenhouse with plants and flowers that could be purchased, and a restaurant with traditional Okinawan fare.



The mini golf course had 18 holes, and though it wasn't fancy by any means (no loopty loops or bridges over ponds), it was a fun time. (Even though my husband insisted on keeping score! Can you relate?)



Despite the dreary weather, the mini golf seemed quite popular with locals including families with little kids, groups of teens, and a competitive team of grandpas! We suspect we must have been there during a senior citizen tournament - I'll tell you one thing, they had great shots. The fee cost 600 yen per person to play, and there didn't seem to be any time limit on the course.



The farm produces several varieties of wine including Acerola wine, Passionfruit wine, and a Sparkling version. You can walk around the factory and peer through big glass windows to observe the machinery and the whole process of it. Because we were there on a Sunday, it didn't seem that much was going on in the way of guided tours or churning vats. I'm guessing that summertime might be a more popular time for that.



They did have a nice souvenir shop, however, where they gave free tastings of the wines. They also sold jars of fruit jams and spreads made out of local ingredients like sweet potato, shikuwasa, pineapple, and more.

The Itoman Wine Farm is almost directly across the street from <u>Peace Prayer</u> <u>Park</u>, making it an easy side-excursion with kids if you are heading down that way. Combine it with a stop for dinner at <u>Cafe Caracuma</u>, <u>Thai in the Sky</u>, and you've got the makings for an interesting day that pleases the whole family