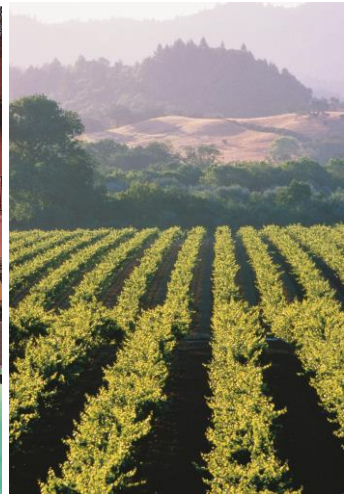


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A CONCIERGE GUIDE
TO VISITING NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA WINE
COUNTRY

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Greetings from Wine Country,

We look forward to welcoming you to The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa. We are happy to offer some great ideas to assist you in planning the perfect vacation in Wine Country!

Even though there are over 1,500 wineries and a hundred or so great restaurants in the region, we highly recommend planning ahead. Many of the most popular options book weeks and months in advance, especially during high season (Spring through Fall).

With so many options to choose from, personal preference plays a big role in planning your stay. The following guide is a comprehensive list of our favorites. This guide is broken down into the main wine producing regions; which varietals they specialize in, which require appointments and different tour options. This guide also lists restaurants and activities. There are many clickable web links throughout our document that offer more detailed information about specific locations.

When choosing wineries to visit, we strongly recommend that you make it a point to experience some of the smaller boutique or cult-style Mom and Pop wineries. These wineries produce amazing limited production wines and typically only sell them directly from the winery. These wineries offer a genuine Wine Country experience.

If you would prefer to leave the planning up to us, kindly provide a little information about your preferences, such as: *I love Cabernet or Chardonnay; I'd like to taste nice wines in beautiful settings with my friends, or I am looking for rare higher-quality cult wines for my home or cellar.* It will also be our pleasure to arrange restaurant reservations and other activity requests as well.

Please feel free to contact us with any special requests prior to your arrival.

Warmest Regards,

Your Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn Concierge Team

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Transportation Options

Airport Transportation

While the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn does not operate an airport shuttle service, there are a number of options available to you from *San Francisco (SFO)* and *Oakland (OAK)*. All of the options from these Bay Area airports will need to be booked in advance (aside from Uber and Lyft, which are on demand ride share services that you may access through your smartphone – 20-30 minute wait times are normal at times) Our Concierge team is happy to assist you in arranging transportation to and from any airport.

Chauffer Sedan/Limo Service – Travel time from both airports is on average 2 hours. Please note prices are **inclusive** of gratuity, tax and fuel charge. Additional costs for early bird hours (\$25) and international transfers (\$20).

❖ **Pure Luxury** - small company with excellent customer service and competitive prices. (One way)

- Sedan
 - \$238 - SFO
 - \$214- Oakland
 - \$259 - Sacramento
 - \$166 - Santa Rosa (Sonoma County)
- SUV
 - \$306 - SFO
 - \$283 – Oakland
 - \$330 - Sacramento
 - \$238 - Santa Rosa (Sonoma County)

❖ **Beau Limousine Services** - excellent customer service, offer a large fleet with more vehicle choices. - (One way)

- Sedan \$292 - SFO & Oakland
- SUV \$346 - SFO & Oakland

Car Rental Agencies

Car rentals from airports should be reserved ahead of time to ensure availability and best price. If you wish to rent a car and use it one-way, we work with the rental car agencies below. Please call them directly for rates if you would like to rent a car in Sonoma. Drop fees may apply if dropping the car off at a different location.

❖ **Enterprise:** (800) 261-7331

Concierge can contact our main branch on your behalf for vehicle availability at SFO, OAK and Sonoma.

Electric Car Charging Locations

Tesla Residential Chargers: Sonoma - 100 Boyes Blvd (2) Napa - 501 Main Street (2)

Offsite Tesla **Supercharger**: Napa (221 Devlin Road – Chevron Station) Petaluma (486 Kenilworth Dr – Dick’s Sporting)

Chargepoint EV Chargers (Pay per Charge) – Sonoma (896 W. Napa St) El Pueblo Inn – Located 2 miles away
(579 1st Street W) 16 600 Winery Parking Lot – 3 miles (148 E. Napa St) Behind La Haye Building – 3 miles

Wine Tours

Arranging a Wine Tasting Day

Wineries are generally open from 10 – 5 PM, but hours do vary. Many of the wineries open to the public do not require appointments; however, in recent years, many wineries, especially in Napa County, are now requiring appointments for all guests due to permit restrictions that restrict the number of clients some wineries are able to see daily. For this reason, reservations are strongly suggested for many of the well know wineries that dot Sonoma and Napa County. For by appointment experiences, also keep in mind that tasting fees are typically not waived. If you are securing a driver or private transportation, tasting fees are not included with the cost of transportation.

The Concierge desk can ship wine domestically (Most of the 48 contiguous states) and offer options for International transport. Please note that restrictions may apply.

There are numerous transportation companies in wine country; however, below is a list of our preferred partners. It will be our pleasure to reserve transportation for you to ensure you receive the best rate possible.

***Please note all transportation companies have a 72 hour cancellation policy. Price is subject to change.**

Three wine tour options are:

- 1.) **Chauffer:** Chauffer services will transport you from the hotel to wineries of your choice. They offer Town cars, SUV's, Vans, Sprinters and Buses.
 - ❖ **Pure Luxury** – **starting at** \$105 per hour includes tax and tip and fuel charge, for a town car with 3 hour minimum Monday through Friday, and a 5 hour minimum on weekends.
 - ❖ **California Wine Tours** – **starting at** \$116 per hour includes tax and gratuity. Additional is a one-time fuel charge. 4 hour minimum applies Monday – Thursday. 6 hour minimum applies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - ❖ **Beau Wine Tours** – **starting at** \$108 per hour includes tax and tip and fuel charge, for a town car with 4 hour minimum Sunday-Thursday and a 5 hour minimum on Friday and Saturday. Beau's personal concierge can assist you in planning a day in wine country.
- 2.) **Personal Wine Tour Guide:** This is the best option for a more exclusive private tour. For little more than a standard chauffer, you can hire a personal wine guide service that arranges your tour and drives you in a luxury vehicle. All of the following companies specialize in the *Napa* and *Sonoma County* wine regions. They arrange a custom wine tasting day after speaking to you about your tastes and preferences. They have great connections for privileged access to hard to get into boutique wineries. This is our favorite option and what we do personally when we are locating and purchasing hard to find wines.
 - ❖ **Bowers Wine Tours** – (**Starting at \$85 per hour plus tax, tip and tasting fees, 6 hour minimum**) – This husband and wife team specialize in small boutique wineries and create wonderful wine tasting itineraries. Peter speaks multiple languages and has written many books about Wine Country.
 - 1-2 passengers \$85/hour (Mercedes Metris Luxury Van)
 - 3-4 passengers \$95/hour (Mercedes Metris Luxury Van)

- ❖ **Bohemian Highway** – (\$475 per person for 7 hours, taxes, tasting fees and lunch included, gratuity not included)
Bohemian Highway Travel Company leverages its relationships with local vintners and other makers to unlock intimate experiences across the region. On our tours you might find yourself barrel-tasting with a second-generation winemaker, climbing aboard an ATV to sip wines atop a mountain, or picking fresh produce for your own lunch. We're constantly adding adventures to our playbook.

Tour includes:

All tasting fees and insider access to premium wineries not open to the general public

7 hours of transportation – pick up and drop off at your desired location (please see information on pick up and drop off outside the Sonoma Valley)

A private wine host with in-depth knowledge of the local wine region

Includes all taxes, tasting fees and chef prepared lunch

- ❖ **Grapeline Wine Tours** – (Varying prices for groups of 2 - 8 people for 5 hours, includes 3 wineries, lunch, tasting fees, gratuity not included). Let Grapeline plan the perfect 5-hour itinerary. You will visit 3 local wineries, and they will secure the reservations on your behalf (wine tasting fees are included). A gourmet inspired boxed lunch is included. You will have your choice of eight selections including a dessert.

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2 guests - \$370 per person

3 guests - \$280 per person

4 guests – \$230 per person

5 guests - \$205 per person

6-8 guests - \$190 per person

3.) **Group Tour:**

- ❖ **Platypus Wine Tours** – (Typically less than 12 people in a Minibus) starting at \$119 per person. This group tour is ideal for guests who are not worried about visiting specific wineries, but looking to have a fun, stress free day of tasting nice wines and seeing beautiful vineyards. A picnic lunch at one of the wineries is provided. With prior reservation, pick up time at our hotel is at 10:45am and return is between 4:30/5pm. Tasting fees are not included and range from \$15-\$20 p/p.

4.) **Designated Driver Services**

- ❖ **Let's Roll Wine Tours** – 6 hour minimum, \$50 per hour. Fully insured to drive rental vehicles.
- ❖ **We Drive** – 6 hour minimum, \$45 per hour. Fully insured to drive rental vehicles.

It is our pleasure to assist in arranging any of the above services to ensure that you receive the best experience at the best price. Please contact the Concierge desk directly @ **707 939 2407** or email our team at smi.concierge@fairmont.com

***Please note prices subject to change.**

Restaurants – Wine Country

Dining at The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn

Santé - Our signature restaurant at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa. Literally meaning “to your health,” our restaurant is a celebration of innovative cuisine and good taste. Designed to exude the California Wine Country experience, the culinary team is committed to sourcing the best ingredients locally and organically, and the restaurant's Napa/Sonoma-centric wine list features boutique and limited production varietals. [Menu](#)

38° Degrees North – Pouring more than 50 wines by the glass from local and international wineries, our hotel Lounge delights with its creativity and attention to detail. Chef Coleman has designed a celebrated menu which promises to entice.

Santé – Serving breakfast from 7am-11am, enjoy a hearty country breakfast and eclectic American cuisine. Don't miss our Fairmont Breakfast, Crab Eggs Benedict and Avocado toast.

Sonoma & Glen Ellen Restaurants

Please allow up to 15 minutes travel time -

Café La Haye - This restaurant is loved by locals and visitors alike. Small and sought after, this restaurant tends to sell out every night. The cuisine is Gourmet American with amazing attention to detail and big bold flavors. Reservations are recommended in advance. [Menu](#)

El Dorado Kitchen - EDK has a fresh, modern feel with fantastic Season inspired Californian cuisine. They also have a great wine list and a full bar which features delicious and creative cocktails. Courtyard dining available in season. [Menu](#)

Girl & The Fig - This trendy cafe is in every guide book and is very popular with visitors. The cuisine is country French and tends to book up every night. Reservations are recommended in advance. Backyard dining available in season. [Menu](#)

Glen Ellen Star - This rustic and charming restaurant encompasses the feeling of Sonoma wine country. They offer Contemporary American Cuisine with a focus on local ingredients and use a wood fired oven for most of their dishes. [Menu](#)

LaSalette - This small restaurant is known for their authentic Portuguese cuisine. Great for couples or small groups. [Menu](#)

Layla – Fresh Mediterranean cuisine within minutes of the Sonoma Plaza at MacArthur Place's signature restaurant. [Menu](#)

OSO – Set in a casual and relaxing space offering tapas/small plates with dynamic ingredients. [Menu](#)

Salt and Stone – Located on the valley floor as you enter the town of Kenwood, views of mountains and vineyards surround you. Comfortable, delicious wine country cuisine in a casual atmosphere. [Menu](#)

Sonoma Grille – The newest addition on the Sonoma Plaza serving pasta, steak, seafood and spirits. [Menu](#)

Tasca Tasca – Portuguese Tapas & Wine Bar set in a casual environment. Open late. Please note they do not take reservations. [Menu](#)

Wit & Wisdom – Michael Mina's new American Comfort food restaurant, located at The Lodge at Sonoma. [Menu](#)

Mary's Pizza – Made from scratch offering both thick and thin crust. Two locations in Sonoma, the closest to us is 5 minutes and they do deliver. [Menu](#)

Napa Valley Restaurants

Restaurants in the Napa Valley are roughly 35-75 minutes from the hotel.

Ad Hoc –Thomas Keller’s casual home-style cooking favorite. They feature a different set menu every night with country favorites like fried chicken and short ribs. [Sample Menu](#)

Angéle - This beautiful French restaurant is located on the river front in downtown Napa. [Menu](#)

Auberge Du Soleil - First class all the way, this high-end French restaurant has the best views in Napa from their popular terrace. They also boast a Michelin star. [Menu](#) For lunch and dinner without reservations, consider their bistro which boasts similar views and a wide variety of dishes.

Bistro Jeanty - This fantastic French bistro in Yountville is charming and offers delicious food. [Menu](#)

Bottega – Food Network star Michael Chiarello is the owner/executive chef of this trendy Italian restaurant located in the town of Yountville. [Menu](#)

Bouchon - This is Thomas Keller's French bistro and sister to The French Laundry. Michelin starred as well, many say this popular restaurant captures the feeling of dining in Paris. [Menu](#)

Celadon - This Michelin starred restaurant is most acclaimed for its "global comfort food," as it takes influences from all around the world, paired with California Wine Country gourmet style. [Menu](#)

FARM - Supported by the bounty of the Carneros region and its surrounding farmers and ranchers, FARM at the Carneros Inn offers a relaxing and authentic wine country experience. [Menu](#)

Il Posto – Traditional Italian in a casual setting, slightly North of the city of Napa. [Menu](#)

La Calenda – Thomas Keller’s casual Hacienda serving Oaxacan-Style Cuisine. Located just steps away from V Marketplace and Bouchon, 3 blocks from the famous restaurateur’s three Michelin star flagship the French Laundry. [Menu](#)

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch – Celebrated American Farmhouse cuisine in the city of St. Helena. [Menu](#)

Morimoto – Owned by famed Iron Chef Morimoto, this restaurant specializes in highly creative gourmet Japanese cuisine with a chic, modern Tokyo-esque atmosphere. [Menu](#)

Mustard’s Grill – This restaurant has been a favorite for decades. Mustard’s is the quintessential lunch spot in Napa, and is also great for dinner. The menu is a fusion of BBQ and California comfort food. [Menu](#)

Oenotri – This great little southern Italian restaurant is committed to authenticity, quality and value of their product. They are located in downtown Napa. [Menu](#)

Redd -Wood– Executive chef Richard Reddington specializes in casual regionally inspired seasonal cuisine. [Menu](#)

Restoration Hardware – This restaurant is a new venture for the Restoration Hardware Company. Chef Brendan Sodikoff focuses on a seasonal, ingredient-drive menu that can be described as elevated comfort food. [Menu](#)

The French Laundry - This three Michelin star restaurant, owned by the world renowned chef Thomas Keller, is considered to be one of the best in the world by chefs and foodies alike. This small and extremely sought after restaurant is also the most challenging to book. Reservations and wait list requests can be explored at <https://www.exploretock.com/tfl/>. A credit card is required for any bookings and once made, are non-cancelable, non-changeable as they are pre-paid. A credit card is required for any bookings and once made, are non-cancelable, non-changeable as they are pre-paid.

Sky and Vine Rooftop Bar – The newest bar with a view in downtown Napa, located at The Archer Hotel. Featuring culinary artistry by Charlie Palmer with cocktails, wine and Sunday Brunch. Open daily from 3pm-Close. [Menu](#)

Russian River & Healdsburg Restaurants

Restaurants in this region are roughly 45-60 minutes from our hotel.

Barndiva - A celebration of all things local, their ingredients are sourced from local farmers, ranchers and small batch purveyors who live and work in the surrounding area. [Menu](#)

Dry Creek Kitchen - Located in Hotel Healdsburg, Dry Creek Kitchen is known for its refined Californian fare and its vine covered terrace. [Menu](#)

Farmhouse Inn - Nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley, this "country-chic" Farmhouse is a Michelin starred Californian restaurant. Open Thursday – Monday. [Menu](#)

Hazel Hill – French Inspired, California focused cuisine in picturesque Healdsburg, at the Montage Resort. [Menu](#)

Madrona Manor - This Michelin starred restaurant is located in an 1880's country inn. They feature New American-French set-price menus complemented by wines from the surrounding regions. [Menu](#)

Single Thread Farm - This restaurant is located right on Healdsburg's main street; after a conversation regarding your preferences, the kitchen tailors the 11 course tasting menu around you. It's definitely American, but there are dishes cooked in Japanese clay pots (*donabe*) – the restaurant also utilizes its own farm for the freshest produce imaginable. Reservations can be explored on <https://singlethreadfarms.tocktix.com/>. A credit card is required for any bookings and once made, is non-cancelable, non-changeable as they are pre-paid.

Vallete – Nestled on Center Street, walking distance from Healdsburg Plaza, this rustic-chic restaurant offers California cuisine in a delightful upscale space. [Menu](#)

Please keep in mind that some reservations may require a credit card to book, as many have cancellation policies. Booking in advance is always recommended. Please feel free to call us for additional assistance. **707-939-2407**

Wineries

Sonoma Valley Wineries – No Appointment Necessary

Wineries in this region are between 10-25 minutes from our hotel. This region is filled with more than 60 fantastic wineries that range in size and production. The wineries below do not require an appointment for parties smaller than 6 people and are generally open from 10 AM to 5 PM daily, excluding major holidays. Please keep in mind that on Christmas Day, most wineries are closed so that staff may spend the day with their families. The Sonoma Valley AVA is generally known for Old Vine Zinfandel, Chardonnay, and Cabernet from the surrounding mountains, as well as Italian varietals, Syrah and other Rhône varietals.

Walk-In Wineries/No Appointment Necessary

[Abbot's Passage](#) – One of our newest wineries in the Sonoma Valley, AP is a small-lot blends winery + mercantile.

[Anaba](#) – The Anaba Tasting Room is conveniently situated at the gateway to Sonoma, on the corner of Highways 116 & 121/12, Anaba focuses on Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Rhône varietal wines. They also have Ports and late harvest wine.

[Benziger](#) - This winery is loved for their informative tram tour through their beautiful bio-dynamic vineyards. **The tram tour runs daily 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM every hour on the half hour (weather permitting).** (Great for a picnic) (Certified Biodynamic)

[Chateau St. Jean](#) – This winery is well known for their beautiful gardens and elaborate chateau. Some of their most noteworthy wines include a reserve Pinot Noir, Malbec, Merlot, Chardonnay, Fume Blanc, and their flag ship Meritage called Cinq Cepage. (Great for a picnic)

[Deerfield Ranch](#) – Known for their Old Vine Zinfandel, Super Tuscan, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay. We love their great tasting room located inside their caves, where one can enjoy seated tastings protected from the elements.

[Gloria Ferrer](#) - This beautiful classic Sonoma winery produces reasonably priced and well regarded sparkling wines. They offer an informative tour, available daily at 10 AM, 1PM, 3 PM.

[Gundlach Bundschu](#) - The oldest family run winery in California. They are well known for their dry Gewürztraminer, Merlot and Tempranillo. Beautiful setting. (Great for a picnic)

[Imagery](#) - This is the sister property to Benziger. Family run and beautiful as well, this winery focuses on less common and rare varietals with smaller production. (Certified Organic)

[Ledson](#) – This winery is known for their beautiful Gothic castle-like mansion, delicious deli and their undistributed wines like their Old Vine Zinfandel. (Great for a picnic)

[Loxton](#) – South Australian Chris Loxton is the owner/winemaker of this boutique operation in Glen Ellen with organic and naturally vegan wines. Amazing Rose, Grenache, Syrah, Zinfandel, Cabernet, Late Harvest Viognier and Port. Distinct soils, amazing vineyards and superb hospitality make Loxton Cellars a must visit in Sonoma Valley.

St. Francis - Well known for their "Old Vine" Zinfandel, this winery also offers charcuterie plates on their patio terrace and delicious food pairings by appointment. <https://www.stfranciswinery.com/culinary/wine-food-pairing/>

VJB Cellars – This boutique winery specializes in Italian varietals and is a great spot for lunch. Visit the Italian gourmet deli for wood fired pizza, grilled Panini's and homemade mozzarella.

Sonoma Valley Wineries – By Appointment

Several wineries in Sonoma require an appointment. It is highly recommended that reservations be made in advance. Keep in mind that these experiences are geared towards a more serious wine enthusiast, whom is here specifically seeking cellar worthy wines.

Arrowood Vineyards - Well known for their fantastic Cabernet and Chardonnay, they also produce a very nice Merlot and other Rhône varietals. Set atop a hill in a beautiful New England style home, you can enjoy wine on the wrap-around porch overlooking the vineyards. This is a perfect place to sit and relax and soak in the beautiful view and wine.

B Wise Vineyards – This unique winery specializes in hand-crafted Cabernet, Syrah and Zinfandel. They border the famous Monte Rosso Vineyard, where they source some of their fruit along side of their own estate grown as well. They also have some of the most beautiful caves and views in all of wine country.

Donum Estate – This high-end Pinot Noir producer consistently receives 90+ point scores from the top publications. Their total production is less than 2500 cases, and some of their special vineyard designate Pinot Noirs are less than 100 cases.

Hanzell – Located on a beautiful private estate, this winery specializes in high-end Chardonnay and old vine Pinot Noir. Appointments include a tasting and a small tour. They are famous for having the oldest Pinot vines in *America*.

Kamen - This winery produces absolutely fantastic Cabernet Sauvignon, Meritage blends, a Côte-Rôtie style Syrah and a crisp Sauvignon Blanc. The owner, Robert Kamen is also known for writing the screen plays *The Karate Kid*, *the 5th Element* and many other well known films. Private vineyard tastings are available at the owner's mountain-top estate by appointment. They also have a walk-in tasting room located just off of the Historic Sonoma Plaza.

MacLaren Wines – Steve Law showcases boutique Syrah's, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Noir by appointment in a beautiful cottage setting in Kenwood. Situated with views of Sugarloaf Mountain, Steve and his wife Heather have a magical location to share with our cool climate Syrah lovers.

Lasseter Family – A family run winery surrounded by beautiful vineyards and gardens. They specialize in small production blends in the French style, featuring Rhône and Bordeaux varietals.

Patz & Hall – This wonderful producer is known for high quality vineyard-designate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. They have a beautiful new location on the east side of town.

Repris Winery - Located on Moon Mountain Road, Repris sits high above the valley floor. Winemaker Erich Bradley is especially gifted at hand-crafting delicious, artisanal terroir driven wines. From extreme hillside mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Left and Right Bank style Meritage blends, Cabernet Franc, a Côte-Rôtie style Syrah, to up and coming projects like vineyard designate Pinot Noirs and a Petite Sirah. Tour and tasting experiences include a production and cave tour with a cheese pairing that accompanies their seated wine tasting.

Scribe - This once historic pre-prohibition winery has just been reborn after years of sitting empty and forgotten. Their Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnays have quickly become well regarded. Their tasting experience currently pairs a light lunch with 4 wines. Beautiful grounds, beautiful views, with a boutique feel.

[Stone Edge Farm](#) - This prominent Cabernet and Meritage blend producer is also known for their sustainable farms. Their new gorgeous tasting facility, called Silver Cloud, sits at the peak of the Mayacama Mountain range and offers beautiful views to match the delicious wines.

For more information about Sonoma Valley wineries, please visit <http://sonomawine.com/>

Sonoma Plaza Tasting Rooms

There is an abundance of wonderful winery specific tasting rooms on the Sonoma Plaza. This is a great place to taste multiple wines from a variety of producers while on foot. One can even add in a little shopping and dining too.

[Bennett Valley Cellars](#)- They specialize in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. **Open 12-6PM**

[Eric K. James](#) – Specializing in high quality, small production Pinot Noirs and Syrah from Sonoma and Napa Valley’s premier vineyards.

[Hawkes](#) - Hawkes is a small family-owned vineyard located in the Alexander Valley. They produce excellent Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet.

[Kamen](#) - This winery produces absolutely fantastic Cabernet Sauvignon, Meritage blends, a Côte-Rôtie style Syrah and a crisp Sauvignon Blanc.

[Kivelstadt](#) – Kivelstadt Cellars Winegarten focuses on sustainability (Growlers can be filled in the tasting room) and amazing California Vineyards; Jordan Kivelstadt and their team welcome you to taste their offerings of Pinot, Syrah, Zinfandel and even orange wine plus wonderful food and seasonal music offerings. (Located in Schellville)

[Pangloss Cellars](#) – This beautiful new tasting room on the Sonoma Plaza is the sister wine label to Erich Bradley’s high-end label Repris. Focused on producing excellent wines in a ‘daily drinkers’ price point. Open 11 – 5 PM

[Roche](#) - This winery operates out of their downtown plaza tasting room, located in a converted home on the square. This is a fun location with nice Chardonnay. They are also open later than most.

[Sojourn Cellars](#) - Offers private seated tastings of their outstanding Pinot Noir. They also share the same winemaker as Audelssa and Repris. **By appointment only.**

[Sigh](#) – Sonoma’s only “bubble bar” serving champagne, sparkling wine and beer (by glass, flight or bottle). 21+ years and over and dogs welcome. Sigh stays open until 10 PM Friday & Saturday.

[Three Sticks](#) – Set in the historic Vallejo-Castaneda Adobe, Three Sticks offers intimate, educational tasting experiences. Sourcing grapes from the famous Durell Vineyards, guests can sip on Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. **By appointment only.**

[Walt Wines](#) - Originally known as Roessler Cellars, which began in 2000. This winery has just rebranded as they are now owned by Kathryn Hall from Napa. They focus on Pinot Noir from the premiere appellations of the West Coast. They also produce small lots of a nice handcrafted chardonnay. **Open 11- 6 PM.**

Glen Ellen Tasting Rooms

[Eric Ross](#) – Great limited production Albarino, Grenache, Zinfandel, and Cabernet with local photography on display. Located in a rustic tasting room across from the Jack London Village Center.

[Laurel Glen](#) – Boutique Sonoma Mountain Cabernet at its best, with great Rose and Sauv Blanc for non-red drinkers. **By appointment only.**

[Schermeister](#) – Known for their really BIG Pinot noir, Robert and Laura welcome you to try their amazing wines in JL Village.

[Talisman](#) – Talisman is a boutique artisan producer focusing on Pinot Noirs from all the prominent Pinot Noir AVAs in Northern California. Tastings are by appointment only in their Glen Ellen tasting room.

Northern Sonoma County Wineries - No Appointment Necessary

Russian River, Alexander Valley & Dry Creek Valley

Located in the north western part of Sonoma County, these three unique wine regions can be reached by car within 45-60 minutes. **Russian River** is famous for 'New World' style Pinot Noir, which tends to be medium bodied and more fruit forward, as well as Chardonnay, Sparkling and Zinfandel. The **Dry Creek Valley** is famous for Old Vine Zinfandel. **Alexander Valley** is known most for Merlot, Cabernet and Chardonnay.

[Bella](#) – This small production family-run winery makes delicious Zinfandel and offers fun cave tours. (Great for a picnic)

[De Lorimier](#) – This winery has won numerous gold medals for their recent vintages of Cabernet, Zinfandel and more!

[Deloach](#) – This winery is well known for their Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay.

[Dutton Goldfield](#) – This winery produces excellent small lot Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel.

[Ferrari Carano](#) – This winery has beautiful gardens and nice wines!

[Francis Ford Coppola](#) - This winery even has a pool with cabanas, a museum and a restaurant with a full bar.

[Gary Farrell](#) - This winery is not only known for their wines, but for their gorgeous view.

[Iron Horse](#) – This fun winery is a perfect stop on a sunny day. Their open-air tasting bar is a great place to enjoy bubbles.

[J Vineyards](#) - Great sparkling and Pinots. The food pairing in their Bubble Lounge is a blast!

[Kokomo](#) – This winery produces ultra-premium wines with an emphasis on single vineyards. Their Zinfandels are excellent.

[Martinelli](#) – This winery was put on the map by Helen Turley. While she has since moved on to other projects, this winery still produces great wines. (Great for a picnic)

[Medlock Ames](#) - Located in Alexander Valley, their estate vineyards are farmed organically. Their portfolio includes Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, a Red Bordeaux Blend, and estate bottled olive oil.

[Merry Edwards](#) - Known most for producing sensational Pinot Noirs and Sauvignon Blanc.

[Papapietro Perry](#) – This fun tasting room is a must stop for Pinot and Zinfandel lovers! Great staff and excellent wines!

[Ridge - Lytton Springs](#) - This winery produces single-vineyard lots of premium wines. They also have vineyards and a tasting room in the Paso Robles area.

[Rochioli](#) – This boutique Pinot Noir producer is open Thurs - Mon 11 – 4 PM and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment.

[Seghesio](#) – This well known winery consistently produces exceptional Zinfandels.

[Silver Oak](#) – This is the Sonoma sister to their well known Napa property.

[Trattore Farms](#) – Known for their lovely wines, olive oil, antique tractors and delicious panini's, Trattore is always a hit!

Northern Sonoma County Wineries - By Appointment

Russian River, Alexander Valley & Dry Creek Valley

[32 Winds](#) – The wines at this phenomenal boutique winery are made by Ehren Jordan, who is also the owner and winemaker for Failla in the Napa Valley. They produce stunning Sonoma Coast, vineyard-designate Pinot Noirs, Russian River Chardonnays and a Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. Their 2010 Maestro Pinot Noir is as close as you can get to a Grand Cru Burgundy in the new world. They host tastings at their rustic tasting room in Healdsburg by appointment only.

[A.Rafanelli](#) – This family run winery is well known for small production exceptional wines like their amazing Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot.

[Arnot-Roberts](#) - Arnot-Roberts was founded in 2001 in Healdsburg by childhood friends, Duncan Arnot Meyers and Nathan Lee Roberts. The focus of this two person operation is on small lot, single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Chardonnay, as well as several other varieties uncommon in Northern Californian vineyards.

[Captûre](#) - Captûre's wines are inspired by their unique estate vineyard which rises nearly 2,500 feet above the Alexander Valley floor in Sonoma County. They were created with a vision of crafting world-class, Bordeaux-style wines.

[Copain](#) – This wonderful boutique winery is perched on a hill overlooking the serenely beautiful Russian River Valley. They are open Thursday through Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM. They produce excellent vineyard-designated wines from Pinot Noir, Syrah, Viognier, and Zinfandel.

[Fisher Vineyards](#) – Half Sonoma and half Napa, the best of both worlds. They specialize in high-end, hand-crafted Cabernet and Meritage blends with a friendly staff and a beautiful location. This boutique producer is a true hidden gem.

[Freeman Winery](#) - Believing in the vast potential of the Sonoma Coast to produce wines of complexity and refinement, after years of searching for the ideal site, the Freemans discovered a beautiful small winery in the picturesque Russian River Valley town of Sebastopol. This lesser know winery always produces exceptional wines rated over 90 points. This boutique, family-run winery is quickly emerging as one of the newest key players in high-end Pinot Noir.

[Jordan](#) – This well known high-end Cabernet producer is always an excellent stop. They offer great tours and library tastings as well.

[Joseph Swan](#) – This fantastic Pinot Noir producer offers tastings in their charming barrel room. They have a wonderful tasting bar and the proprietors Rod and Lynn are often behind the counter ready to talk about their wines. Their hours are **Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am - 4:30 pm**, no appointment need for groups smaller than 6 people. They also offer tasting and sales **by appointment** on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Sorry they do not accept groups larger than 6.

[Kistler](#) - After 30 plus years of making incredible Chardonnay and Pinot Noir behind closed doors, Kistler has finally opened up to the public for tours and tastings by appointment. Their new location is called the Trenton Roadhouse, which is located in a beautifully renovated farm house just off River Road. Tastings are offered Tuesday - Friday at 10:30 or 2 PM and there are two options: Four wines: 3 Chardonnay and 1 Pinot Noir - \$75 per person or Seven wines: 5 Chardonnay and 2 Pinot

Noir - \$150 per person. Tasting fees are independent of purchases and they do have a three bottle max purchase. There is currently no wait for their allocation list.

[Lancaster Estate](#) – This excellent winery produces small yield, high quality wines.

[Littorai](#) - This beautiful winery sits atop a fog kissed mountain ridge in the great Sonoma Coast growing region. Their Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays are excellent!

[Lynmar](#) - This beautiful and stylish winery produces luxurious Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. They also offer food pairing by appointment.

[MacPhail](#) - MacPhail is an excellent Pinot Noir producer located near the town of Healdsburg. They offer comfortable and in-depth tastings by prior appointment Monday through Saturday, at their state-of-the-art winery. Opened in 2008, the winery is located only steps from winemaker James MacPhail's home. They are a small, hands-on operation, so please schedule your visit in advance to ensure availability.

[Michel Schlumberger](#) – Specializing in elegant wines made in very traditional styles, this high end winery is always a wonderful stop.

[Paul Hobbs](#) – This famous winemaker is credited for single handedly creating the “new world” style Pinot Noir from this region. He is also partially responsible for the Malbec boom in Argentina. His Russian River winery is open Monday – Friday from 10 and 2 PM. Those on their mailing list have first priority. (Serious inquires only please)

[Ramey](#) - Winemaker David Ramey produces excellent hand-crafted wines that are made in the old world tradition with new world style.

[Siduri](#) – This excellent producer specializes in high-end, single vineyard designate Pinot Noirs for the premier vineyards of the Russian River and Sonoma Coast. While their wines are divine, their production facility and tasting room are very low key. They actually operate out of a warehouse in Santa Rosa, so very little ambiance, but plenty of amazing wine!

[Sonoma Cutrer](#) – This well known Pinot Noir and Chardonnay producer also has a beautiful production facility and fun Croquet court.

[Verité](#) –Vérité specializes in ultra-premium Bordeaux style blends. They are the only winery in this region to ever receive seven perfect 100 point scores from Robert Parker, with numerous 98 and 99 point wines as well. They make three distinct Meritage blends each vintage, each depicting a specific region of Bordeaux. Their first wine, La Muse, is a “Right-Bank”, Pomerol-style blend, which is Merlot dominant and designed specifically to best Chateau Petrus. Next, La Joie, is their “Left-Bank”, Pauillac-styled, Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend that rivals Mouton-Rothchild. Last, but certainly not least, is Le Désir, their Saint-Émilion-styled blend which is Cabernet Franc focused and designed to rival Cheval Blanc.

[Williams Selyem](#) – This winery was born through the simple dream of two friends. In less than two decades, they have set the standard for making handcrafted, top notch Pinot Noir.

Napa Valley Wineries - Walk-In/No Appointment Necessary

There are a good amount of excellent wineries in Napa that are open to the public for tasting without an appointment for groups smaller than 8 people. These wineries also tend to be some of the most 'easy going' and fun of the bunch. Just because a winery doesn't require an appointment, doesn't mean their wine is inferior by any means. Generally it has to do with the counties licensing procedures, which can limit some wineries to a certain amount of visitors. Wineries in this region are 30-60 minutes east of the hotel.

Alpha Omega – This fun winery has more of a relaxed feel. They are well known for their Chardonnays. **Reservations required Saturdays after 2pm.**

Beau Vigne - This fantastic cult winery operates out of a small tasting room in Yountville. They have amazing Cabs and blends and are open until 7 PM.

Beaulieu (BV) – This yet another historic winery which helped pioneer California's Wine Country.

Beringer – A California wine icon that dates back to 1868, resulting in wines of global recognition.

Bouchaine - This great family run winery specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. They produce a few different styles of each to best suit multiple palettes and preferences. (Great for a picnic)

Castello di Amorosa - Designed to resemble a 12th century Tuscan castle, this beautiful winery was constructed stone by stone from repurposed stone from Europe.

Chateau Montelena – A historic winery, most famous for winning a gold medal in the 1976 blind tasting in Paris for their Chardonnay. This was the first time for an American wine.

Clos Pegase – This beautiful winery is known for their wines, cave and art.

Darioush – Known for its beautiful palace, this winery is one of the most scenic in Napa!

Domaine Chandon – This is the Napa property of famed Moët Chandon from France.

Elizabeth Spencer – This great boutique producer offers walk-in and seated tastings of their wonderful artisanal wines.

Etude – This exceptional winery produces very well regarded Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris.

Flora Springs - Perched at the base of the Mayacama Mountains, at the widest point in the valley, the panoramic views from their estate are stunning. Flora Springs Tasting room is open daily.

Frank Family – This winery has been a preferred stop for generations. They have nice wines and very personable hospitality staff. **Reservations required Friday – Sunday.**

[Grgich](#) – Miljenko “Mike” Grgich's gained his credibility as the winemaker from Chateau Montelena when they won their gold medal in France for his Chardonnay in 1976.

[Hall \(St. Helena\)](#) – Sister winery to Kathryn Hall's high end Rutherford property, this is her more casual location.

[Inglenook \(Rubicon Estate\)](#) – This is Francis Ford Coppola's Napa winery. They just restored the property's historic name, Inglenook. **Reservations are strongly recommended.**

[Jessup Cellars](#) - We love this tasting room, their staff and especially their wines.

[Kelham](#) - This beautiful winery also has nice wines. Delicious charcuterie plates can also be arranged in advance.

[Louis M. Martini](#) - This classic Napa Valley winery has been producing award winning wines since 1933.

[Miner](#) – Located in the heart of the Napa Valley on the scenic Silverado Trail, this great winery is open daily for tastings and offers tours by appointment.

[Mumm](#) – This is yet another great sparkling producer in Napa. They typically have great art exhibits as well.

[Orin Swift](#) – This cult all-star has a tasting room in Saint Helena. They are well known for wines like the Prisoner, an unusual red blend, Mercury Head, their Cabernet and D66 a Grenache, Syrah, Mouvedre blend sourced from grapes grown in the Rhone Valley in France. They open at 11 AM and do not require a reservation for groups smaller than six.

[Peju](#) - This fun winery has great wines and is open later than normal, until 6 PM.

[Pineridge](#) – Another excellent Napa Valley winery which produces meticulously hand-crafted Cabernet, Chardonnay, and Bordeaux blend style wines.

[Robert Mondavi](#) – The family winery of the famous winemaker who started it all. Their tours are very informative, but can be very crowded, especially on weekends. Reservations required for tours.

[Robert Sinskey](#) – Produces a range of reds and whites from organic, bio-dynamically farmed vineyards.

[Silver Oak](#) – This well known producer is always a quality stop. They have a beautiful property and produce wonderful Cabernets.

[Stag's Leap Wine Cellars](#) – Not to be confused with their neighbor, Stags' Leap Winery, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is known for their signature wine Cask 23 and wonderful hospitality. Tastings are available without an appointment for groups of five or less. They first became famous in 1976 at the blind tasting in Paris, France, when they won a gold medal for their 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon. This was the first American winery to ever do so in that category.

[Trefethen](#) – This family run winery has been making great wines for over 40 years.

[Whitehall Lane](#) – A small, family owned winery in the Napa Valley's historic Rutherford appellation.

[ZD](#) – This winery specializes in bio-dynamic farming and small lot production of high quality Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Malbec and more. They also produce a very unique multi-vintage Bordeaux-style blend called Abacus.

Napa Valley Wineries - By Appointment

The Napa Valley **AVA** is world famous for high-end wineries and especially for their Cabernet. Napa is definitely the Bordeaux of California.

Due to licensing requirements, out of 260 + wineries in the Napa Valley, there are 171 that require an appointment to visit. We recommend booking these wineries well in advance, as availability is very limited. Many of these require a credit card to book as most have cancellation policies.

Anderson Conn - Since their inception in 1983, the Anderson Family has been dedicated to the production of fine wines. Anderson's Conn Valley Vineyards offers more than just a tasting, they offer an education. They tailor your experience to fit your specific desires. They offer everything from tastings to making your own barrel of wine!

Anomaly – This high-end and very exclusive winery is located at the base of the Mayacamas *Mountains* in California's Napa Valley in the small historic town of Saint Helena. Anomaly specializes in the production of the highest-quality Cabernet Sauvignon and only produces 1000 cases annually.

Aubert – This high-end boutique producer is located in the northern Napa Valley, in small town of Calistoga. They offer tastings of their delicious Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay in their stylish tasting salon by advanced appointment.

Baldacci – This great small production Stag's Leap District winery not only produces outstanding wines for a great value, but also offers warm and friendly hospitality.

Barnett – Located at the top ridge of Spring Mountain, this small production winery offers beautiful views and great wines like their Rattlesnake Hill Cabernet.

Brown Estate – **Brown Downtown** – This excellent small production winery produces great Zinfandel and Cabernet. Private tastings are hosted in downtown Napa.

Buehler – This small family run winery produces exceptional artisan Cabernet and Zinfandel.

Burgess Cellars – Wine maker Kelly Woods show cases beautiful Syrah, Petite Sirah and Cabernet from the Napa Valley. The mountainside tasting offered allows you to enjoy great red wines with a breathtaking view.

Cakebread – This classic producer makes wonderful wine in every price range and varietal, and they offer a variety of tasting experiences.

Cardinale - Cardinale creates a single wine from each vintage. The wine is a limited production Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend made from distinct and diverse mountain and bench vineyards situated in the *Mayacamas* and *Vaca* mountain ranges surrounding the Napa Valley. Made from select lots of low-yielding vines, Cardinale is in essence, many wines merged into one. The flavor characteristics establish distinctive "footprints" of individual flavor components that lend complexity to the blend. In the bottle, Cardinale is classy, elegant and refined.

Carter Cellars – This high-end Cabernet producer continuously receives high marks for their wines. Tastings are available by appointment in the Envy tasting room in Calistoga.

Chappellet - Located near Lake Hennessey, this great winery is a bit of a drive but well worth it! Their estate is beautiful and their wines are excellent.

Constant Diamond Mountain - This is one of the most high-end wineries in Napa that one can actually visit. Their wines are extremely well regarded and highly allocated.

Continuum Estate - This winery is Tim Mondavi's version of "Opus One." They produce a single proprietary Bordeaux-style blend each vintage.

Corison - Cathy Corison produces artisanal Cabernet Sauvignon. Natural wine made from organic grapes reflecting the terroir and season of each vintage.

Cuvaison – 400 acres in the prestigious Carneros region, Cuvaison offers estate Chardonnay, Pinot noir and Syrah. With breath taking views and privacy afforded by its estates location, guests will fall in love with more than just their wines.

David Arthur – This great winery is dedicated to producing hand-crafted wines which express the terroir of their unique estate.

Davis Estates – Architecture that works synergistically with its surroundings is how to best describe the space you will taste delightful wines in. Beautiful whites and reds with some of the best views to be seen in Calistoga.

Del Dotto – This classic and unique winery specializes in small lot Cabernet and Port. Known for their barrel tasting experience, they sell most of their wine as futures, bottled especially for you. They have two properties; the historic winery in Napa, and the new glitz and glam location in Saint Helena, which is a favorite for its beautiful marble and gold tasting room with Venetian caves.

Domaine Carneros – This is the Napa affiliate of Tattinger in France. The winery is located in a beautiful, giant chateau on the hillside overlooking their vineyards. They produce great sparkling wines and Pinot Noir

Ehlers Estate – This great winery not only produces high quality Cabernet and Sauvignon Blanc, but they are a non-profit winery, donating a large portion of their profits to cardiac research.

Failla - *"FAILLA is a top-notch source of high quality, European-inspired wines that combine flavor, intensity and elegance."*
- Robert M. Parker

Far Niente - Founded in Oakville in 1885 and restored in 1979, Far Niente is consistently recognized as a benchmark producer of Napa Valley Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Fontanella – This family winery operates out of their home. They produce great Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel.

Frog's Leap – This quirky winery is a fun stop and offers multiple tasting experiences.

Hartwell Vineyards – This high-end boutique producer specializes in excellent small production Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc.

Jarvis Cellars - This unique winery is entirely underground. The wine doesn't even see the light of day until you open the wooden box it comes in at home. They offer an amazing tour of their beautiful caves and even have a waterfall. They produce wonderful Cabernet, Merlot and Chardonnay.

Joseph Phelps - This great classic winery has great educational wine seminars and wonderful Cabernets and blends, like their famous Meritage blend Insignia!

Kapcsandy – This high-end family winery is an award-winning, small estate grown production winery bottling three distinct red wines from their estate State Lane Vineyard. The cost is \$100 per person to taste for parties of 4 – 8 people only.

Kathryn Hall (Rutherford) - This stunning winery is located amongst the legendary Sacrashe vineyard. State-of-the-art vision, timeless artisanship and gracious hospitality are showcased in every luxurious detail.

Keenan - Combining both the art and science of winemaking, Keenan's passion and commitment to quality is evident in every aspect of their world class wines, from using only the finest grapes to the Portuguese cork use to seal every bottle.

Keever Vineyards - Nestled in the western slopes of Yountville, this family-owned and operated winery produces exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon from the family's six acre estate.

Kenzo – This beautiful Japanese themed winery offers tours, lunches and tastings of their excellent Bordeaux style wines. If you played video games like Street Fighter and Pac Man in the 80's and 90's, then you helped fund this winery.

Kuleto – This excellent winery is owned and operated by the well-known restaurateur Pat Kuleto.

Lail – This producer hand crafts small lots of delicious Bordeaux varietals.

Larkmead - History, family heritage and excellent wine come together in a unique Napa Valley estate.

Maritas – This rustic and unique winery offers tastings and even lunches at their homes.

Neyers Family Vineyards – Located in relatively unknown and often missed Chiles Valley AVA, which is tucked away behind the Vaca Mountain range on the eastside of the Napa Valley. Neyers Family Vineyards is one of Napa's best kept secrets for high quality, reasonable priced, small production wines.

Nickel & Nickel – Sister to Far Niente, this producer is dedicated exclusively to producing 100 percent varietal, single-vineyard wines that best express each vineyard's terroir.

O'Brien Estate – Family run and unique, this winery is truly a fun and unique stop. They produce excellent Cabernets and Meritage blends, which have recently received very high marks from Robert Parker and other leading wine critics.

Opus One – This joint venture between the extremely famous winemakers Robert Mondavi and Boudreaux's Baroness Philippine de Rothschild of Château Mouton Rothschild. They produce a single proprietary Bordeaux-style blend each vintage.

O'Shaughnessy - This is another amazing under-the-radar winery. They produce outstanding Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder Cabernets which typically score well over 90 points.

Outpost - Outpost was established with the vision of producing wines that are a living, breathing embodiment of one of the world's great Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel growing regions, Howell Mountain. The unique terroir of the Outpost vineyards - the hard, rocky red soil, high altitude, gentle cooling breezes and sunny western exposure - produces fruit of incredible intensity and richness, with a distinctive spice you simply cannot find anywhere else. Outpost creates world-class 100% varietal bottlings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Grenache from their own hand-cultivated, organically farmed 28 acre estate vineyards.

Ovid – This beautiful high-end winery not only has great wines but also offers beautiful views from their tasting room and a great tour of their gravity flow production facility.

[Palmaz](#) - This over the top winery has amazing caves stretching 17 stories deep and a very high tech production facility. They produce fantastic Cabernet, Chardonnay and Riesling. Their incredible multimillion facility is jaw dropping, especially when you find out that they produce less than 5,000 cases annually.

[Porter Family Vineyards](#) – Known for their Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, this boutique Coombsville producer has beautiful views, gorgeous wines and family at the reigns of this superb operation.

[Pride Mountain](#) - This winery sits along the ridge of the Mayacama Mountain range, which overlaps both Sonoma and Napa. They produce Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Great hospitality, views and value!

[Quintessa](#) - This very scenic winery produces nice Bordeaux varietals and has a very impressive production facility.

[Robert Biale](#) - This excellent boutique winery produces great Petite Sirah & Zinfandel.

[Rombauer](#) – This winery is very well-known for their big, buttery Chardonnay, as well as their Zinfandel and Cabernet.

[Round Pond](#) – This popular winery offers seated tastings and tours and also produces delicious olive oil.

[Rudd](#) – This very high-end winery produces fine artisanal wines from Bordeaux varietals. All tasting appointments are seated and include a very nice food pairing as well. The cost is \$80 per person with a 48 hour cancelation policy from the time of booking.

[Saintsbury](#) – This winery remains at the forefront of California's Pinot Noir revolution by producing delicious vineyard designate Pinot Noir and offering great hospitality.

[Schramsberg](#) – This wonderful and historic winery produces outstanding sparkling wines. Tasting appointments include an amazing candelabra lit tour through their historic hand-dug caves.

[Seavey](#) - "...there is a strong argument to be made that this is the most underrated great Cabernet Sauvignon produced in Napa Valley." - Robert Parker

[Shafer](#) – This high end Stag's Leap District winery is open Monday through Fridays for tasting of their exceptional Cabernet and Syrah blend called *Relentless*, along with their other great wines.

[Sherwin Family](#) – This small family winery sits atop Spring Mountain. They too have great wines and beautiful views.

[Somerston](#) – This fantastic boutique producer is located on the backside of the Vaca Mountain range past Auberge Du Soliel near Lake Hennessey. This beautiful estate winery produces fantastic Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Petite Syrah and Pinot Noir from offsite vineyards. They also offer an ATV tour of their estate with beautiful views and even an option for a catered lunch from Bouchon, with 48 hours advanced notice.

[Spottswoode](#) – This historic family run winery offers tastings by appointment Monday through Friday and tours on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 AM. They produce highly rated Cabernets and Sauvignon Blancs.

[Swanson](#) – This unique winery offers tastings of their delicious wines and food pairings in their stylish salon.

[Tres Sabores](#) – Let Julie Johnson, owner/winemaker share her passion with you in St. Helena. Gorgeous Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon. One of the truest "tasting" in the vines experience around.

[Tedeschi Family Winery](#) – Truly a family operation, Emil, Emilio, Mario and Aunt Fran welcome you to visit their boutique property in Calistoga. From Rose to Cabernet, you will find some of the best Bordeaux - varietals available in Napa with amazing hospitality to match.

[Titus Vineyards](#) – Surrounded by estate vineyards in scenic St. Helena, Titus offers handcrafted Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. For a unique experience, tour around their property in a '53 Chevy Bel Air...

[V. Madrone](#) - This excellent boutique winery produces less than 1000 case annually of excellent Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Chardonnay.

[Viader](#) - Tony Soter and Mia Klein help Delia Viader produce this Deer Park winery's distinctive blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

[Vice Versa Winery](#) – This winery is a true hidden gem. They produce amazing vineyard designate Cabernet Sauvignons, from well regarded vineyards like Mondavi's famed To Kalon Vineyard. Tastings are held privately in their home.

[Vincent Arroyo](#) – This high-quality small production winery produces fantastic Petite Sirah and Cabernet.

[Vineyard 7 & 8](#) - Vineyard 7 & 8 is a small family run winery that is committed to producing high quality Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay which expresses the unique characteristics of the Spring Mountain District.

Wine Country Activities

Airplane Flights

- ❖ *Coastal Air Tours* - www.coastalairtours.com
- ❖ *Vintage Aircrafts* - www.vintageaircraft.com

Bicycling (available at the hotel)

- ❖ 2 hour windows for hotel bicycles through our Bell Desk.

Camping on the Coast

- ❖ [Bohemian Highway Travel Co.](#) - \$275 per day, Fully equipped Land Rover 110 Defender...

Cheese Tasting

- ❖ [Vella Cheese](#) on 2nd Street, slightly off of the Sonoma Plaza, offers award winning Sonoma County cheeses.

Exotic Car Rental

- ❖ Explore the back roads of wine country in style! Put the top down and drive the curvy, tree lined roads in an Aston Martin, Audi, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Tesla or Porsche. Daily rates start at \$225. Please contact Concierge for full details.

Food and Wine Walking Tour

- ❖ [Gourmet Food and Wine Tours](#) with Renee Bell and her team of lovely hosts will share the best of each area with wonderful food & wine along the way. Sonoma, Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, and Sausalito options.

Golf

- ❖ **Sonoma Golf Club:** This classic and challenging 18 hole golf course is for the exclusive use of members and hotel guests. Green fees vary by season. Club rentals available upon request. Fees apply. Please contact concierge to book.

Glass Blowing

- ❖ **Art Escape Sonoma:** Offering a glass bead torch experience where you are able to learn the techniques of glass blowing in a safe and exciting space. Great for couples, groups and anyone who is curious to learn!

Hot Air Ballooning

- ❖ **Balloons Above the Valley** – Providing transportation to and from the Fairmont Hotel and balloon launch site, a brunch at C Casa in the Oxbow after the flight, with Coffee and Pastries at The Model Bakery prior. \$299 per person. Balloon rides typically last between 45 min and 60 minutes. Please contact Hotel Concierge for bookings.
- ❖ **Napa Valley Balloons** – No transportation provided to and from the Fairmont Hotel and balloon launch site, at Vintner's Golf Club. Pre-flight Coffee and refreshments, with a post-flight champagne toast. \$275 per person. Balloon rides typically last between 45 min and 60 minutes. Please contact Hotel Concierge for bookings.
- ❖ **Sonoma Ballooning Adventures** – Providing transportation to and from the Fairmont Hotel and balloon launch site, Pre-flight Coffee and refreshments, with a post-flight champagne toast. \$275 per person. Balloon rides typically last between 45 min and 60 minutes. Please contact Hotel Concierge for bookings.

Hiking

- ❖ **Fairmont Guided Hike:** Available every day from 8 – 10 AM. Complimentary for hotel guests. Minimum age is 10 years. Reservations are required, availability is limited. Please contact the spa directly. 877.289.7354.
- ❖ **Jack London State Park:** This Park boasts over 26 miles of trails across 1400 acres including stunning vistas and the historic buildings from the time when famous writer/adventurer Jack London called this his home.
- ❖ **Sugarloaf State Park:** This Park runs through a gorge and canyon, across the meadow floor, beneath scenic rock outcroppings, and is surrounded at times by redwoods and ferns.

Horseback Riding

- ❖ [Sonoma Valley Trail Rides](#): Venues in Napa (Di Rosa – 25 minute travel time) and Sonoma (Ramel Road – 20 minute travel time) \$135 - \$200
Options include trail rides with or without picnic lunch option.
- ❖ [Napa Valley Trail Rides](#): Venue is located at Shady Brook Estates (45 minute travel time)
Trail rides available with or without Wine Tasting Component.
- ❖ [The Ranch at Lake Sonoma](#): Venue is located at picturesque Lake Sonoma (1 hr 15 minute travel time) conveniently located to Dry Creek/Alexander Valley Wineries and lodging.

Olive Oil Tasting

- ❖ [The Olive Press](#) - Sonoma's very first olive mill offers tastings daily inside of Jacuzzi Winery.
- ❖ [Figone's](#) – Family owned, specialty olive oil and balsamic producer located on our Sonoma square.
- ❖ [B.R. Cohn](#) – Local winery known for Zinfandel and their wonderful estate olive oils.
- ❖ [McEvoy Ranch](#) – Located in Petaluma, known for amazing Olive oil and wines. Appointment required.

Ropes Course

- ❖ [Challenge Sonoma](#) – Fun for the entire family. Open days scheduled each month, but also please contact the concierge to inquire for group bookings. Located in Glen Ellen, about 15 minutes from Fairmont Sonoma.

Sushi Making Class

- ❖ [Sushimoto's](#) – Sonoma Sushi chef Edward Metcalfe has created an experience which blends an educational hands on class with lunch. Excellent for any size party, you are sure to have an unforgettable wine country experience!

Trains

- ❖ [The Napa Valley Wine Train](#) – Napa’s very own train through wine country. Open lunch and dinner with advance reservations. Great for special occasions, group outings, and rainy days. Departs from The Napa Valley Wine Train Station daily (Walking distance to the Oxbow market and CIA Copia). 35 Minute drive time from Fairmont SMI.
- ❖ [The Skunk Train \(Mendocino County\)](#) – Departing Willits (2 to 2 ½ hour drive) and Fort Bragg (3-4 hour drive), schedule will vary depending on season. Various options are available including pedal-powered railbikes. Great for families heading up towards Fort Bragg/Willits after a stop in wine country.

Tennis

- ❖ [Sonoma Golf Club](#) – Two tennis courts are available to hotel guests from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM every day (weather permitting). Court fees are \$25 per hour. Ball machine is \$35 per ½ hour. Rackets available for \$10.

Spa

- ❖ [Willow Stream Spa](#) is the ultimate spa destination located inside the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn. Blessed by natural mineral hot springs, it is rated amongst the Top Spas by Travel + Leisure Magazine. The 40,000 square foot facility offers endless opportunities to find your energy. Please phone Spa Reservations in advance to book treatments. Must be 18 years or older. 1 (877) 289-7354.