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While the rest of the world is gloomily saying farewell to the last echoes of the holiday season, Napa Valley is already moving on to a time where the Valley is lush with new life. January through March means Mustard Season here in wine country, and visitors from all over arrive to marvel at the region's transformation into a brilliant display of color and artistry. It is as though the world has quietly, magically reset itself: winter becomes a distant memory, and everywhere you look, the valley teems with sunshine-yellow life.

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Why Winter Might Be Wine Country's Best Season

Winter in Wine Country has a magic all its own. As the vines rest and the crowds thin, Napa, Sonoma, and Lake counties reveal a quieter, more intimate side of themselves – one I cherish deeply and hope you'll experience for yourself. From January through early spring, the hillsides come alive with brilliant yellow mustard flowers, transforming vineyard rows into a painterly landscape that feels both fleeting and unforgettable. Crisp mornings give way to sun-splashed afternoons, fireplaces glow in tasting rooms, and winemakers have a little more time to linger in conversation.

In this issue, we set out to demystify one of wine's most often-mentioned (and misunderstood) topics: Pinot Noir clones. From the silky, berry-driven 777 to the spicy, structured 115 and the heritage Swan and Pommard selections, clones are not about superiority but about personality. Think of them as individual voices in a choir – each with its own tone, character, and flourish. When blended, they create the harmony that defines a winemaker's style. When bottled solo, they highlight the nuance of clone and site terroir.

And if you're someone who likes to plan ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be a blockbuster year for wine-related festivals. Mark your calendars early; several events are expected to expand in scope and sell out faster than ever.

As always, we're keeping an eye on what's new and up-and-coming in Wine Country, where evolution, creativity, and community are shaping what's next. The region continues to balance legacy with fresh perspective. New tasting rooms are opening on the Sonoma Plaza, a first-ever brand store is redefining culinary retail in downtown Napa, and producers are expanding their portfolios with sparkling wines, immersive tastings, and unexpected moments of joy.

Finally, don't miss our in-depth calendar of events, the most comprehensive seasonal guide in Wine Country where you'll find everything you need to plan the perfect winter getaway.

Here's to quieter roads, deeper conversations, and glasses raised to world-renowned wines and unforgettable food.

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2026 WINE FESTIVALS *and Celebrations*

Throughout the year, Northern California hosts a myriad of wine festivals that celebrate the rich viticultural tapestry of this bountiful land.

From the sun-kissed vineyards of Napa Valley and Sonoma County to the rugged beauty of Mendocino County, these festivals offer an immersive experience for both seasoned connoisseurs and casual enthusiasts alike. Whether you're savoring exquisite vintages, indulging in culinary delights, or partaking in the vibrant local culture, each wine festival unfolds as a unique celebration of the art and science behind the world-class wines produced in Northern California.

• Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

JANUARY-MARCH – NAPA VALLEY

During the three-month period, the Napa Valley Mustard Celebration promises to be an amalgamation of sight, sound, touch, scent, and taste. Each of the five towns which comprise the Napa Valley – American Canyon, the City of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, and Calistoga – will feature events or activities to commemorate the mustard season. Residents and visitors alike might expect live art demonstrations, discounts at local merchants, specialty food items, and open gallery exhibits at various locations in Napa Valley. (See pages 33-36.)

napavalleymustardcelebration.com

• Pour & Explore Tasting Series

MONTHLY AT SELECT SONOMA COUNTY WINERIES

Produced by Sonoma County Vintners in collaboration with Sommelier Christopher Sawyer, discover remarkable wines that reflect each winemaker's individual style and the character of Sonoma County's distinctive vineyards. These festive events will focus on a specific wine theme at beautiful wineries throughout Sonoma County and feature walk-around tastings with a curated selection of wines from each vintner. February/Bordeaux Varietals; March/Pinot Noirs, April/Rosés, July/Zinfandels, August/Super Blends, November/Chardonnays, December/Sparkling.

sonomawine.com/pour-explore



Pour + Explore at Bricoleur Vineyards



Napa Truffle Festival

• Napa Truffle Festival

JANUARY 16-19 – NAPA VALLEY

Experience the magic of truffles while savoring some of the finest truffle cuisine in the world paired with magnificent wines amidst the splendor of world-class Napa wineries. Learn firsthand how to work and cook with truffles from the best Michelin star/master chefs. Explore a working truffle orchard, see where and how truffles are harvested, and meet the trained truffle dogs. www.napatrufflefestival.com

• Winter Wineland

JANUARY 17-18 – NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY

Join 60+ wineries for two glorious days along the Wine Road sipping wine, connecting with friends and relaxing after the holiday rush. Taste current vintages of multiple varietals grown there. Travel from winery to winery, visiting the ones you are interested in exploring and experience the beauty of winter in Sonoma County. www.wineroad.com

• Napa Lighted Art Festival

JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 15 – DOWNTOWN NAPA

This walkable outdoor experience is a celebration of creative arts, technology and lights, and supports innovative techniques using light and light technologies as a growing art medium. See 15 lighted art sculptures for 5 weeks. Projection artwork will be displayed on 3 iconic downtown buildings for the first nine nights. donapa.com/lighted-art-festival

• ZinEX Classic Weekend

JANUARY 29-31 – NAPA

Raise a glass to 35 extraordinary years of Zinfandel advocacy at an unforgettable weekend in Napa Valley. Join the vibrant community of Zinfandel lovers, vintners, and culinary artisans for an immersive celebration of heritage, flavor, and fellowship. Savor limited-production wines, indulge in perfectly paired dishes, and share in the stories that connect us all – set against the breathtaking backdrop of Wine Country.

zinfandelexperience.com

• Calistoga Wine Experience

JANUARY 31 – PRESS CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO

Indulge in a variety of tastings from 19+ world-class Calistoga wineries, meet the talented winemakers, and immerse yourself in the world of Calistoga wines. Don't miss this unique opportunity to savor some of the finest wines in a vibrant and social atmosphere. Grab your friends and come sip, swirl, and enjoy along with gourmet bites courtesy of Press Club's culinary team.

www.calistogawinegrowers.com/events

• Anderson Valley International White Wine Festival

FEBRUARY 14-15 – BOONVILLE, PHILO, YORKVILLE

This unforgettable wine weekend features more than 40 premier wineries, international white wine producers, immersive tastings, food pairings, and educational experiences in a stunning countryside setting.

avwines.com



Lake County Barrels & Verticals

• Lake County Barrels & Verticals

FEBRUARY 28 – MULTIPLE LAKE COUNTY WINERIES

Discover the art of barrel tasting as you sample exquisite wines straight from the source. Experience the unique flavors that develop as wines age with vertical tastings. This in-person event is an incredible opportunity to mingle with fellow wine enthusiasts, meet talented winemakers, and expand your wine knowledge. lakecountywineries.org/upcoming-events



Wine Road Barrel Tasting Weekend

• **Barrel Tasting Weekend**

MARCH 7 & 8 – WINE ROAD, NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a “signature event” by throwing the price back to \$50 per person for the weekend. This ticket is good for both Saturday and Sunday, there will not be a 1-day ticket option. Meet winemakers, learn a bit about the winemaking process and mostly buy “futures” of the wines you’ll sample directly from the barrel.

wineroad.com

• **19th Annual Pigs & Pinot**

MARCH 20-21 – HEALDSBURG

Chef Charlie Palmer brings together culinary and wine elites from around the world for the 19th Annual Pigs & Pinot. Held at Appellation Healdsburg, this celebrated weekend features an extraordinary father-and-son chef lineup alongside an all-female roster of Gala winemakers. Over 60 top wineries and 20 acclaimed chefs will come together for inspired pairings and spirited competition. Guests can expect unforgettable culinary experiences, all in support of the Palmer Family Education Foundation and the next generation of culinary and hospitality professionals.

pigsandpinot.com

• **Sonoma Epicurean – V Foundation**

MARCH 26-29 – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma Epicurean is a signature series of events that feature curated, hands-on experiences with award-winning chefs, local artisans and world-class vintners. Adventures and experiences focused on lifestyle, wellness and sustainability. Proceeds from the event will benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research to fund game-changing cancer research and related programs.

sonomaepicurean.v.org

• **California Artisan Cheese Festival**

MARCH 20-29 – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SONOMA COUNTY

A cheese-filled celebration that brings together a warm and knowledgeable community of cheese experts, makers, and enthusiasts to celebrate the craft of artisan cheesemaking. Enjoy tastings, tours, a cheese crawl, and the signature Artisan Cheese Tasting & Marketplace. The festival highlights the people, stories, and flavors that make this industry so special, while inspiring greater appreciation and enjoyment of artisan cheese. Come snack, sip, and celebrate all things cheese!

www.artisancheesefestival.com



California Artisan Cheese Festival

• **Howell Mountain Bud Break Celebration**

MARCH 22 – FORT MASON, SAN FRANCISCO

Indulge yourself in 100+ world-class wines from 30+ Howell Mountain wineries plus gourmet small bites from McCall's Catering and bid and win silent auction lots filled with rare Howell Mountain wines and winery experiences at the beautiful Gateway Pavilion at Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture in San Francisco!

howellmountain.org

• **bASH 2026**

MARCH 28 – CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AT GREYSTONE, ST. HELENA

Appellation St. Helena (ASH) will host bASH, its annual wine and food pairing competition. Visit tasting stations where the wines from 20 ASH wineries will be paired with savory bites prepared by ‘Rising Star’ students. Attendees will also vote with tokens for the top three student teams, plus a professional team the People’s Choice Best Pairing. Sip, Savor and vote! Each year is a sell-out event, with many attendees promising to return the following year for the “Best wine and food event in Napa Valley!”

appellationstheleena.com

• Lodi Wine Festival

MARCH 28 – LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS

Wine tasting from up to 40 wineries pouring over 200 varietals. This is a unique opportunity to explore the Lodi wine region has to offer all in one place; music, food available for purchase and much more. Grand tasting includes wine tasting and a commemorative wine glass. grapefestival.com



Songwriters in Paradise

• Songwriters in Paradise – SIP Napa

APRIL 16-19 – VARIOUS NAPA VALLEY LOCATIONS

SIP Experiences are always unique to the paradise they call home, but what never changes is the amazing songwriting talent, the intimate and exclusive performances and the almost backstage access SIP attendees receive at every single show. There will be four shows at four different wineries, VIP events and after parties. songwritersinparadise.com

• Discover Coombsville

APRIL 18 – NAPA

The grand tasting event will feature more than 25 wines from the region. The area's location on the south-eastern tip of Napa Valley makes for exceptional grape-growing conditions ... and phenomenal wine.

coombsvillenapa.org

• Stags Leap Vineyard to Vintner Weekend

APRIL 24-26 – NAPA VALLEY

Vineyard to Vintner brings enthusiasts together with vintners, winemakers and principals for a memorable weekend of esteemed wines, enchanting dining and in-depth education. Events include Wine and Dine with the Vintners, Taste of the Neighborhood, Sunday tastings and more.

stagsleapdistrict.com/v2v.php

• Passport to Dry Creek Valley

APRIL 24-26 – NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY

Travel around 16 x 2 idyllic miles of world-class winemaking and revelry! Three days with 50+ wineries and 30+ grape varieties; meet founders and winemakers; celebrity chefs and local bites; live DJ beats and insider perks. Enjoy a wide variety of unique experiences in wine, food, education and entertainment.

www.drycreekvalley.org

• April in Carneros

APRIL 25-26

Celebrate the Carneros appellation with multiple wineries participating with wine, bites, live music and more.

facebook.com/p/Hospitality-de-Los-Carneros

• Napa Valley Grand Tasting

APRIL 26, LOUIS M. MARTINI WINERY, ST. HELENA

50 distinguished Napa Valley wineries will pour current releases and exclusive library wines, offering guests a rare chance to taste with the vintners and winemakers themselves. La Saison Napa is catering the event with its spectacular seasonal fare to complement the 100+ wines to be poured. A Silent Auction of 25 lots of magnums, tours and unique tasting experiences further supports the Napa Valley Wine Library Collection and wine education programs throughout the year. By attending this remarkable event, guests join a community of wine enthusiasts and professionals dedicated to preserving and celebrating the legacy of Napa Valley winemaking. napawinelibrary.com

• Taste of Yountville

APRIL 26 – CHANDON, YOUNTVILLE

Delicious wines crafted by Yountville Tasting Rooms and Wineries along with Farm to Table bites from the Chandon Culinary Team. This intimate event is limited to 300 guests.

yountville.com



Stags Leap Vineyard to Vintner Weekend

• **Garagiste Festival – Northern Exposure**

MAY 2 – VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL, SONOMA

A unique chance to taste with 30+ ultra-premium, under-the-radar micro-wineries from Napa, Sonoma, Livermore, Lodi, Mendocino, Santa Cruz and Sierra Foothills AVAs – most without tasting rooms.

garagistefestival.com

• **Barndiva Pink Party**

MAY 3 – BARNDIVA, HEALDSBURG

40+ rosé producers from Sonoma/Mendocino counties.

Music, bites, and flowers everywhere. Held in the beautiful gardens of Barndiva. Dress code: Think Pink!

barndiva.com



Healdsburg Wine & Food Experience

• **Healdsburg Wine & Food Experience**

MAY 14-17 – HEALDSBURG

A multi-day event showcasing the “Makers Behind the Magic” featuring the best of Sonoma County and world-renowned food and wines. The festival will showcase the region’s makers – farmers, growers, winemakers and chefs – alongside globally recognized wines from the greatest wine regions of the world.

healdsburgwineandfood.com

• **Yountville Art, Sip & Stroll**

MAY 16, DOWNTOWN YOUNTVILLE

Enjoy over 70 juried Artists proudly showcasing their fine art, sculptures, ceramics, photography, jewelry, live music, and more at this free art event. Taste wines from over 20 fantastic local wineries. Food available for purchase.

artsipstroll.com

• **Collective Napa Valley Auction Weekend**

JUNE 4-6 – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Spend a weekend in Napa Valley with the beauty of this world-famous winegrowing region as your backdrop. Enjoy world-class wines, culinary delights from the best restaurants and a chance to bid on special wine and experiences from winemakers, all while raising money for the health and well-being of children and teens in Napa Valley. The Auction Napa Valley All-Access experience includes the full weekend of festivities: Napa Valley Barrel Auction, Vintner-Hosted Dinners, Napa Valley Your Way, and the finale of the weekend, the Live Auction & Dinner Celebration.

collectivenapavalley.org

• **Bottlerock Napa Valley**

MAY 22-24 – NAPA VALLEY EXPO, NAPA

A mix of major musical acts, culinary demos, fine wines, craft beers, and artisanal cocktails. BottleRock offers unforgettable moments and unique experiences.

bottlerocknapavalley.com

• **Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Festival**

JUNE 12-14 – BOONVILLE, PHILO, YORKVILLE

This is a rare opportunity to connect deeply with the people who live and work in the valley, crafting wines that reflect both place and passion with Vineyard Seminar, Wine & Vineyard Tour & Tastings, Grand Tasting, VIP Bubble Lounge, Winery Open Houses, Winemaker Dinner

avwines.com/pinot-noir-festival

• **Taste of Howell Mountain**

JUNE 20 – CHARLES KRUG WINERY, ST. HELENA

Treat yourself to world-class wines from 50 Howell Mountain wineries with wine tasting, gourmet food pairings, and silent auction.

howellmountain.org

• **Festival Napa Valley**

JULY 4-19 – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

More than 60 world-class performances in iconic Napa Valley settings and beyond. A rich lineup of music, food and wine events for every taste and budget at venues throughout Napa Valley.

festivalnapavalley.org

• **Songwriters in Paradise: Healdsburg**

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Gay Wine Weekend

• **Gay Wine Weekend**

JULY 17-19 – HEALDSBURG

A 3-day LGBTQ+ celebration in Sonoma County with wine, culinary delights, and events like a drag queen brunch. Events benefiting Face to Face, Sonoma County HIV/AIDS Network.

outinthevineyard.com

• **V Foundation Wine Celebration**

JULY 30-AUGUST 2 – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, NAPA VALLEY

Set in the Napa Valley, the three-day series of events highlights intimate vintner experiences, a spirited live auction, a festival of music, and an enlightening cancer research symposium.

www.winecelebration.org

• **Mount Veeder Appellation Wine Tasting**

AUGUST 8 – CHARLES KRUG WINERY, ST. HELENA

An exclusive opportunity to taste small-production gems from 30+ Mount Veeder wineries, many of which are not normally open to the public. Enjoy gourmet small bites, silent auction, and of course, amazing wines.

mtveederwines.com

• **Project Zin**

AUGUST 21-22 – HEALDSBURG

Celebratory weekend offers a series of dining events hosted by Chef Palmer, Clay Mauritson and some of the industry's most elite winemakers. Saturday evening's preeminent event, Project Zin, will gather some of the most sought-after Zinfandels paired with the food of Chefs Charlie Palmer of Dry Creek Kitchen, as well as top local Sonoma County chefs. All proceeds will benefit the Down Syndrome Connection Bay Area (DSCBA).

projectzin.org

• **Cochon Heritage Fire**

AUGUST – ST. HELENA

This outdoor live-fire feast offers an endless array of sustainably sourced food from the region's top family farms, local purveyors and chefs. From whole pig, lamb and goats to responsibly raised fish, duck, chicken and locally grown heirloom vegetables, there is something for everyone. Beyond the food, the all-inclusive event includes free flowing wines, cocktails and craft beer.

cochon555.com/heritage-fire

• **Crush Challenge**

AUGUST 22 – NAPA VALLEY

This ultimate food, wine, and cycling lifestyle event, held during the vibrant harvest season, brings together enthusiasts from across the country to support two worthy causes: UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center for non-toxic cancer research and the Teen Center at Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley for local youth.

zdwines.com/events

• **Hands Across the Valley**

AUGUST 29 – CHARLES KRUG WINERY, ST. HELENA

Come and enjoy an evening of food, wine, fundraising and dancing under the stars.

handsacrossthevalley.com

• **WineSong**

SEPTEMBER – MENDOCINO

This cherished coastal tradition brings together the finest chefs, restaurants, wineries, beverage vendors, local bands, and artists to honor the culinary and cultural heritage that has shaped the identity of the region.

mchfoundation.org

• **Lodi Grape Festival**

SEPTEMBER 17-20 – LODI

A four-day event filled with great entertainment, food, vendors, grape and commodity murals, competitive exhibits, carnival, wine tasting, and so much more.

grapefestival.com

• **One Mind Music Festival**

SEPTEMBER 19 – STAGLIN FAMILY WINERY, NAPA

Live music, inspiring speakers, and opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about mental health. The One Mind Music Festival is a celebration like no other, blending world-class music with a powerful cause. Set against the stunning backdrop of Napa Valley, this annual festival brings together top artists, mental health advocates, and supporters for an unforgettable experience. More than just a concert, this event raises critical funds and awareness for brain health research, making it a cornerstone of our mission to transform mental health care.

onemind.org



One Mind Music Festival

• Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival

SEPTEMBER 25-27 – SONOMA PLAZA

Since 1897, the Vintage Festival has brought the community together to celebrate the annual harvest season in Sonoma Valley. Winemakers, grape growers, and community welcome you for a weekend honoring the regions rich winemaking legacy and agricultural heritage in the birthplace of California wine. Wine tasting, craft brews, food, live music, blessing of the grapes, grape stomp – honoring the wine, food, culture and heritage of Sonoma Valley at California's oldest festival.

valleyofthemoonvintagefestival.org



One Mind Music Festival

• Access Alexander Valley Wine Week

SEPTEMBER 21-27 – HEALDSBURG, GEYSERVILLE, CLOVERDALE

Wine harvest experiences – like vineyard tours, tastings, winemaker meetings, and food pairings, plus a big Grand Tasting at the end – offering unique, intimate access to the region's wine culture beyond regular visits.

alexandervalley.org

• Healdsburg Crush – Pouring on the Plaza

OCTOBER, HEALDSBURG PLAZA

Taste limited-production Pinot Noir and sparkling wines from more than 60 of the top California wine producers all while enjoying the beautiful Healdsburg Plaza. Silent auction.

bgcsonoma-marin.org/healdsburgcrush

• Sonoma County Harvest Fair

OCTOBER 10 – SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, SANTA ROSA

A premier annual event celebrating Sonoma's agricultural bounty, especially its world-renowned wines, featuring professional judging, a Grand Tasting of top wines, the lively World Championship Grape Stomp, local culinary showcases, artisan markets, and family fun, all highlighting the county's harvest season since 1975.

harvestfair.org

• Big Sur Food & Wine Festival

NOVEMBER – BIG SUR

A culinary experience like no other. Events are held at special private properties where guests, wineries, chefs, artists and volunteers all come together in small groups to connect on a personal level with each other. At no other place can you not only taste some of the best wine and food in the world, but also possibly share a hike, a dance, or a story with those who make it happen. Guests leave with full bellies and even fuller hearts.

bigsurfoodandwine.org

• Holiday in Carneros

NOVEMBER – PARTICIPATING CARNEROS WINERIES

Celebrate the Carneros appellation with multiple wineries participating offering wine, bites and live music.

facebook.com/p/Hospitality-de-Los-Carneros

• Wine & Food Affair

NOVEMBER, NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY

Winemaker dinners, breakfast with the winemakers, along with a weekend of wine and food pairings.

wineroad.com

• Winter Wine & Food Fête – Inspire Napa Valley

DECEMBER – ST. HELENA

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Pinot Noir Clones

The Hidden Genetics Behind its Many Personalities

BY MONTY PREISER

There are those who profess to hate baseball, believing that much of it is a waste of time. Realistically, these people never realized how many options are in play on almost every pitch, but if they did, they may well have garnered a finer appreciation for the game. Life, including the enjoyment of wine, is much the same, where the more one knows, the better the experience. Sometimes even important lessons can be quite esoteric, as with our subject here regarding Pinot Noir clones.

At the outset, I would opine that a mere wine writer/vintner like myself cannot accurately set out the nuances of clones and their modern usage. Thus, I asked questions of the noted overseer of the Pinot Noir program at Domaine Carneros, TJ Evans, who proved invaluable. Thanks, TJ.

A clone is essentially a genetic copy of a specific vine that has been selected for its exceptional characteristics. The differentiation occurs in two ways – through breeding and through genetic mutation in the field. Pinot Noir, a very old variety of vine, is very prone to genetic mutation. When you combine the two above factors together, you get the tremendous diversity of grape material within the Pinot Noir family. There are reportedly over 1000 types of Pinot Noir in the world, 300 that are commercially important, and over 50 in California.

While all Pinot Noir clones share the same basic DNA, subtle genetic variations create distinct differences in everything from berry size (affecting juice concentration), fertility (the number of seeds, which effect the strength of tannins), vigor (which has a profound impact on crop load), and skin thickness (impacting tannins, color, and flavor). Generally speaking, most winemakers blend a range of clones (sometimes only one) together, using them much like a chef would use a spice rack. Herein we examine the types primarily found in Sonoma, Napa, and Lake counties.



Domaine Carneros

Dijon Clones

:: **Dijon 115** is widely used. It shows red and black fruits and boasts silky tannins with a medium body. It is complex and ages well.

:: **Dijon 667** is arguably the most successful in the Dijon family. Hallmarks are firm tannins, good acidity, and dark color. Provides structure, foundation, depth, and concentration. It also comprises a stand-alone wine.

:: **Dijon 777** (commonly referred to as "trip 7") is extremely popular and often used alone. It exhibits a perfumy nose followed by black fruits, violets, and exotic spices woven inside tannins of velvet and plush layered textures; adds complexity to the wine and in demand most everywhere.

Pommard Clone

:: **Pommard**. Earthy with mushrooms is a common characteristic. It is rather thin-skinned, yet produces charming wines of noticeable fruit and spice. Due to its versatility, it is used in both still and sparkling wine (where too much color and intensity can be a liability).

California Heritage Clones:

:: **Martini** is a full-bodied clone offering red cherries, firm tannins, and minerality. Great for aging. Its origin is a mystery, but ultimately the vine material was taken to the Louis Martini Winery in Napa where it was certified and earned its name.

:: **Swan** was born in noted winemaker/vintner Joseph Swan's vineyards. Though not widely planted, it is often favored by winemakers for its delicate nature and spicy/savory fruit profile.

:: **Mt. Eden** (AKA Clone 37) was identified with the help of the iconic Merry Edwards. It is prized for its aromatic intensity, refined tannins, and ageability.

:: **Calera** selections were first planted in San Benito County. They are quite in vogue and help bridge the gap between the older Heritage selections and newer ones from Dijon. Characterized by small berries and generally low yields, which result in intense color and good tannin structure suitable for aging.

As one might imagine, clonal selection is both an art and a science, and profoundly shapes what ends up in your glass. The finest of Pinot Noirs represent careful clonal selection, site-specific adaptation, and dedicated winemaking. Understanding which clones are in a wine, why clones matter, and specifically what each clone brings to the table, enriches appreciation for the complexity and craftsmanship behind every bottle.

Yet in the long run, clones are only one part of a vast matrix of elements that find their way into your glass. While the site determines a wine's ultimate quality, the selected clones define the wine's personality and style. Understanding them adds to the allure.

2026

What's New in Wine Country



PLATT VINEYARD, SONOMA

Tasting Salon Opens in Downtown Sonoma

Situated in the West Sonoma Coast AVA, Platt Vineyard illustrates the dynamic confluence of the Pacific Ocean, redwood forests, millions of years of tectonic activity and a rich, thriving ecosystem. In this dramatic, breathtaking landscape – with the high annual rainfall – cool, intense sunlight illuminates brilliant green canopies of vines, deeply rooted in the soft, fine grained sandy Goldridge soils delivering a decidedly pure and energetic expression of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Platt Vineyards has opened their new tasting room on the historic Sonoma Plaza at 383 First Street West, offering a curated selection of their first release in an elevated yet inviting setting.

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SOL REI WINE, SONOMA

Tasting Room Opens on Sonoma Plaza

Sol Rei Wine – a women-owned boutique wine producer crafting award-winning, pure artisan wines – opened its new tasting room in downtown Sonoma last month. Known for its low-histamine, low-sulfite wines that are third-party lab verified to contain no detectable pesticide, fungicide, or herbicide residues, Sol Rei is dedicated to purity and elevated craftsmanship in the premium wine category. To showcase the wines, the tasting room is designed as an airy, nature-inspired retreat where guests can “go beyond the glass” and connect with the craft, the land, and the stories behind each wine. With their first vintage in 2023, Sol Rei Wine has rapidly earned national recognition. The 2023 Private Reserve Red was recently awarded Editor’s Choice by Wine Enthusiast (Oct. 2025). Sol Rei’s Syrah and Private Reserve Red also received Double Gold and Gold Medals at the 2025 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. The current portfolio includes Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Zinfandel, a Private Reserve red blend of Mencía and Petite Sirah, and a sparkling Blanc de Blancs. Walk-ins are welcomed; reservations encouraged for parties of 6+.

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DOMAINE CARNEROS, NAPA Sensory Tasting Experience

Domaine Carneros has just created a new tasting experience for 2026. The Scent & Savor Experience tasting takes guests on an immersive sensory exploration that introduces them to wine tasting in a whole new way. Dive into the real-life aromas of their finest wines before discovering how flavors in food and wine converge to create winning combinations.

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MACROSTIE WINERY & VINEYARDS, HEALDSBURG

New: Sparkling Wine Tasting

MacRostie Winery & Vineyards has debuted a new sparkling wine tasting exclusively for the new year – the MacRostie Elevated Sparkling Food & Wine Experience. Timed to coincide with the winery's Sparkling Wine Allocation

Offering, the new experience shines a spotlight on MacRostie's acclaimed sparkling wine program and features the highly anticipated 2022 MacRostie Blanc de Blancs, Blanc de Noirs, and Brut Rosé, as well as limited-production still wines from the MacRostie Pinot Noir and Chardonnay Clonal Series. Hosted at the MacRostie Estate House in Healdsburg, which was named one of "The Ten Most Beautiful Wineries in California" by Condé Nast Traveler and honored by San Francisco Magazine as the "Best Tasting Room in Napa and Sonoma," the experience pairs each sparkling wine with a curated menu of elevated small bites featuring ingredients from local artisan farmers and producers.

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HESTAN NAPA, DOWNTOWN NAPA First-Ever Brand Store Opens

Hestan, the premier culinary brand, which includes Hestan Cookware, Hestan Appliances, and Hestan Vineyards, proudly announces the debut of their first-ever brandstore in the heart of Napa Valley. The store opened to the public on November 22 and offers a culinary destination like no other, inviting guests to experience the Hestan brand in-person for the first time. The retail experience features award-winning Italian cookware, Hestan Appliances made in America, wine from Hestan Vineyards, and a restaurant with dishes from Michelin-star Chef Mark Dommen.

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APPELLATION HEALDSBURG Culinary-Driven Luxury Hotel

Visiting Healdsburg is more fun now than ever with the addition of Appellation Healdsburg. Enjoy panoramic views at their rooftop bar, immersive dining experiences paired with curated wine selections in on-site restaurants, and artisanal suites with al fresco terraces throughout the village-style accommodations. Just a short stroll away is Christy Lynn's amazing new boutique. With a BFA in Fashion & Fine Arts and over a decade of experience as a fashion designer in New York City, Christy Lynn Lee has setting up shop in Healdsburg, creating the brand's first destination store. Feeling the need for something sweet? Wander over to Dutch Door Donuts for their scrumptious Salted Brown Butter, Pistachio Cardamom, or Gravenstein Apple Cider-Glazed creations. We're talking serious doughnut flavors at this new offering in Healdsburg. Shopping is hard work (and it definitely counts as cardio). Good thing is: Healdsburg offers a diverse array of luxury hotels, sparkling vacation rentals, and quaint cottages to rejuvenate you on every level, plus donuts!

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MARIA CONCETTO WINERY, CALISTOGA Unique Experiences

Looking for a fun means of enjoying one of the most lively tasting rooms in Calistoga? The Maria Concetto Winery is offering a vintage-inspired electric “**Concetto-Mobile**” for Calistoga pick-ups, photo opportunities, and short rides to and from Maria Concetto Winery for private groups and special occasions, weather permitting.

The tasting salon is known for its joyful, celebratory vibe. In 2026 it will be expanding its popular “**Dance-In at Maria Concetto Winery**”. These fun, spontaneous mini dance celebrations happen when guests discover the wines or simply feel the energy of the space. These have become one of the most memorable guest experiences in Calistoga. Looking for something out-of-the ordinary? Try wine tasting with their **Robot Sommelier**!

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PLAYTE KITCHEN, NAPA Culinary Center

This year, PLAYTE Kitchen, Napa Valley's home for immersive cooking experiences, is celebrating the opening of its new culinary center. The expansion offers more room for hands-on group cooking classes, corporate team experiences and events, and flexible meeting spaces, while staying true to PLAYTE Kitchen's mission of making cooking accessible, sustainable, and fun. Designed with the home chef in mind, classes and menus are easy to recreate, ingredients are locally sourced, and the equipment feels familiar. Each experience at PLAYTE is a reminder that cooking isn't about creating the perfect recipe, it's about connecting with others and carrying that joy back into everyday life.

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MEADOWCROFT WINERY, SONOMA Wine and Food Experience

One of the best means of enjoying great wine is when it's paired with amazing food. The Meadowcroft tasting room is offering their **Taste of Meadowcroft**, a wine-and-food pairing experience that has become a huge hit with visitors and locals, alike. Sip through four select Meadowcroft wines, each paired with a seasonal bite from Chef Sonam Sherpa. While the pairings are expertly designed to highlight harmony in every sip, the helpful staff will encourage you to have fun, explore, and find your own favorites. Whether you're hosting out-of-town guests, planning a fun outing, or simply want to treat yourself — they'd love to welcome you to Meadowcroft Wine.

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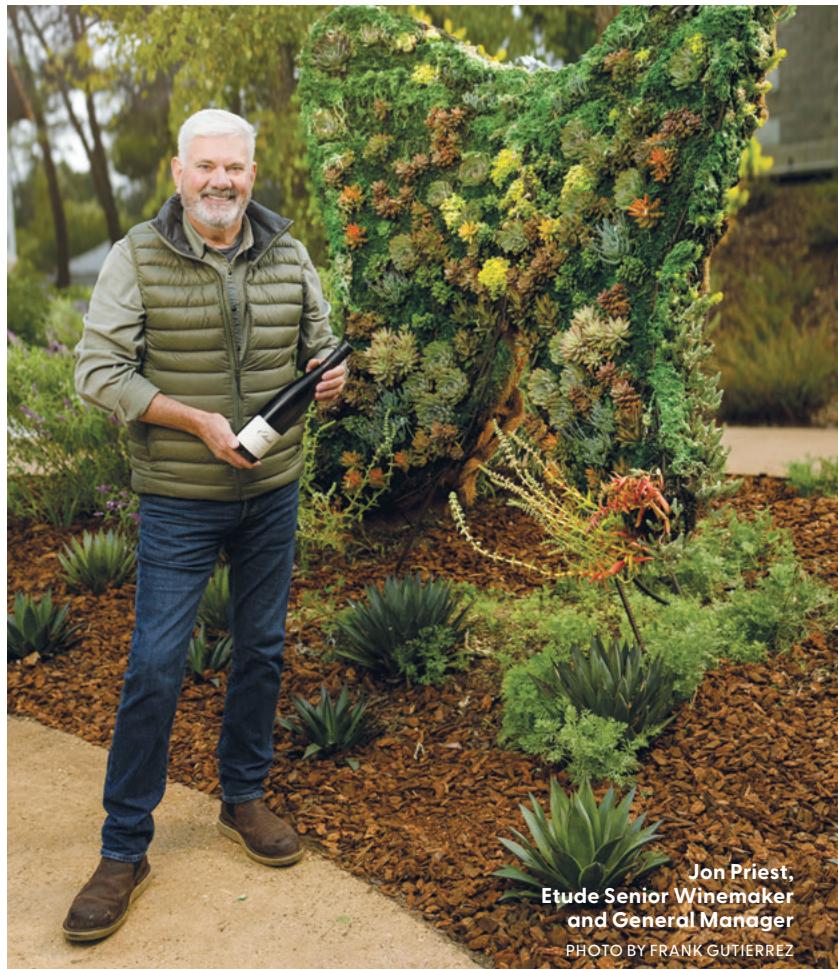


EIGHT NORTH, CALISTOGA

Restaurant with Food, Wine & Beverage Experiences

Eight North opened in November in downtown Calistoga and is quickly becoming a new gathering place. For 2026, the restaurant is expanding guest experiences across food, wine, and beverage, including brunch, wine tastings, an afternoon social hour with small bites and drink features, plus a rotating selection of winemaker collaborations and seasonal dishes from Executive Chef Abby Burk, whose wood-fired, ingredient-driven cooking highlights the best of the region. **Sunday Supper** will be offered weekly, an amazing value at \$38 for an entrée, dessert, and a glass of wine, with a menu that changes week to week. The wine tasting experiences, a core part of Eight North's identity, will expand to include curated wine flights, thoughtful pairings, and the "**Evolution of Fermentation**" tasting, which highlights a vineyard's fruit as verjus, juice, and finished wine. The enhanced cocktail and zero-proof bar program will remain rooted in local ingredients, including single-varietal grape juices, verjus, and local spirits, with ongoing updates throughout the year as the beverage team evolves the menu. Throughout 2026, Eight North plans to offer special dinners, pairing events, and seasonal menus while continuing to collaborate with local partners to support Calistoga and the local community.

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Jon Priest,
Etude Senior Winemaker
and General Manager
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ETUDE WINES, NAPA

Butterfly Topiary

The beauty of nature and the artistry of winemaking combine in stunning fashion at Etude Wines. Etude has partnered with topiary artist Joe Kyte to create three butterfly topiary art installations that will live at Etude's Napa Valley property, celebrating Etude's leadership in wines that are grown, not made – meaning minimal intervention in the vineyards themselves – reduced emissions, and biodiversity, fostering species like the monarch butterflies that inspired these designs. Not only do these installations pay homage to Etude's commitment to sustainable winemaking practices, but it's also a beautiful family-friendly destination. Etude Wines, located in the Los Carneros region between Napa and Sonoma, is world renowned for its outstanding Pinot Noir. In 1982, Etude was established in the cool-climate Carneros region with the aim of producing world-class Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir is the most appropriate vehicle with which to study wine growing, precisely because of its demanding nature but also because of its delicacy and transparency. When it's right, Pinot Noir is a glorious and moving thing. It is in the pursuit of that experience that the winemakers of Etude work.

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GRAND SCHEME WINES, GLEN ELLEN First Sparkling Wine Release

Grand Scheme Wines is celebrating a major milestone with the release of their very first sparkling wine, a Blanc de Blancs crafted entirely from organically farmed, estate-grown Chardonnay from their Barn House Vineyard in Carneros. Created using the traditional méthode champenoise and finished without dosage, this debut sparkler is a pure expression of the cool-climate site: bright, vibrant, and driven by the natural acidity that defines Carneros. With this release, the winery is expanding their portfolio beyond still wines and marking the next chapter of their organically certified estate vineyard. In the grand scheme of things, only the wine matters. Come by Passaggio Wine Bar in Glen Ellen in the new year for a taste!

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BEVAN CELLARS/ADVERSITY CELLARS, NAPA Major Napa Wineries Join Together

One of Napa's most sought-after boutique labels is officially being folded into Bevan Cellars, marking a significant evolution for Russell and Heidi Bevan. Adversity Cellars announces an exciting new chapter as it transitions under the Bevan Cellars portfolio. This evolution marks the culmination of a remarkable journey for Adversity Cellars — a label born from the Bevans' shared vision to craft wines from vineyards that embody strength, struggle, and resilience. Since its founding, Adversity has become one of Napa Valley's most coveted boutique brands, beloved for its vineyard transparency, textural depth, and unwavering following among collectors. While 2023 will mark the final vintage bottled under the Adversity Cellars name, the story continues: three of its most highly sought-after single-vineyard wines will live on within Bevan Cellars, beginning with the 2024 vintage. The move reflects Russell's renewed commitment to Bevan Cellars after expanding its ownership team this year, allowing him to be even more hands-on in the vineyards and cellar.

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DUCKHORN COLLECTION AT PARADUXX Culinary Experience in Napa Valley

With the debut of an extensive new culinary program, visitors can savor seasonal flavors paired with an array of exceptional wines and the gracious spirit that defines the Napa Valley. The new “**Gather & Graze**” experience encourages guests to gather for a tasting that celebrates wine, food and community. The seasonal small plates are meant to be shared and savored. Wine pairings will accompany each dish, and guests are urged to discover their own favorite combinations. In addition to the new experience, clever vineyard-inspired bites are available alongside every wine flight. The culinary program blends classic flavors with playful creativity, like a whimsical creation that evokes nostalgia for the classic spreadable cheese-and-cracker combination.

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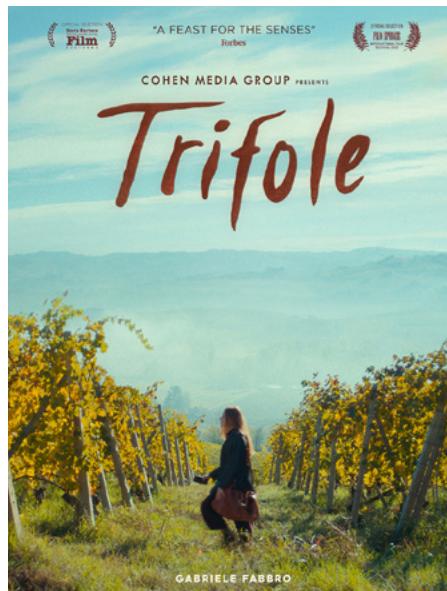
Napa Truffle Festival, January 16-19

*A Decadent Winter Weekend Celebrating
Truffles, Wine, and Napa Valley's Culinary Stars*

Attending the 2026 Napa Truffle Festival is an immersive winter escape into one of the culinary world's most luxurious ingredients: truffles! The fungi king. Taking place January 16-19, the multi-day event draws celebrated chefs, truffle hunters and their dogs, winemakers, and devoted food lovers to Napa Valley for an unforgettable exploration of the prized black truffle, set against the region's renowned vineyards, restaurants, and refined sense of place.

Your weekend might begin with La Dolce Trifole, an evening at CIA Copia combining wine, truffle pizza, the screening of an Italian truffle film, and a chance to meet truffle dogs – the lovable experts trained to sniff out these subterranean treasures.

Over the next few days, your truffle experience could include the Scientific Truffle Grower Seminar exploring how truffles are cultivated and harvested; a cooking demo by legendary Michelin Chef Roland Passot; a Dig Truffle immersive experience, followed by lunch and truffle dog demo at Joseph Phelps Vineyards (petting allowed); and the fabulous Truffles & Wine Dinner at Michelin-rated La Toque, where Michelin and Master chef-



inspired truffle dishes are artfully paired with some of the world's most celebrated wines.

The festival's finale is the Truffle Festival Marketplace at Oxbow Public Market – a lively, free-admission event where you can wander among vendors offering everything from wagyu nigiri with shaved black truffle to truffle bread pudding, truffle cheeses, wines, and specialty truffle



products. Here, you'll find truffle dogs, live cooking demonstrations, and a rare chance to purchase fresh Périgord black truffles to take home and prepare in your very own kitchen.

What makes the Napa Truffle Festival truly special is its blend of food and culture: you're not just tasting incredible truffle dishes – you're learning about their history, cultivation, and the science behind them, all while enjoying Napa Valley's scenic beauty and award-winning wines.

Whether you're a seasoned truffle lover, or discovering these aromatic fungi for the first time, the festival offers something memorable on every level.

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Andy's Beeline Rooftop at
Appellation Healdsburg

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Pigs & Pinot Weekend, March 20-21

Celebrating Father-Son Chef Duos and Trailblazing Winemakers with its firstever All-Female Gala Winemaker Lineup



Chef Charlie Palmer's legendary Pigs & Pinot weekend – celebrated for uniting acclaimed chefs, winemakers, and sommeliers for a purpose-driven celebration of heritage pork and Pinot Noir – returns for its 19th year, March 20-21, marking an exciting new chapter in the event's history. For the first time, the weekend will be hosted at Appellation Healdsburg, Chef Palmer's new flagship resort and dining destination in the heart of Sonoma County.

The 2026 edition embraces a meaningful father-and-son theme, honoring the evolution of culinary craftsmanship through mentorship, legacy, and innovation. Revered culinary icons will cook alongside the next generation of chefs shaping the future of American dining. Joining Chef Palmer and his son, Reed Palmer, chef de cuisine at Folia Bar & Kitchen at Appellation Healdsburg, are an extraordinary lineup of father-and-son duos: Wolfgang Puck and Byron Lazaroff-Puck; Emeril Lagasse and E.J. Lagasse; Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Cédric Vongerichten; and Dr. L Tim Ryan and Jackson Ryan. Together, they form a one-of-a-kind gathering rooted in tradition and forward-thinking creativity.

"For nearly two decades, Pigs & Pinot has brought people together through incredible food, wine, and a shared sense of purpose," says Chef Palmer. "Bringing the event to Appellation Healdsburg feels like a full-circle moment—honoring our roots while celebrating the next generation of hospitality leaders."

Complementing the culinary talent is an inspiring roster of trailblazing winemakers, highlighted by the event's first-ever all-female Gala lineup. Featured winemakers include Eva Dehlinger (Dehlinger Winery), Perri Haughwout (Perri Jaye Vineyards), Ashley Herzberg (Innumero Wines), Anne Moller-Racke (Blue Farm Wines), and Heidi von der Mehden (Merry Edwards). Together, these visionary women represent the depth, heritage, and innovation of Sonoma winemaking. The weekend is further elevated by emcee Mario Cantone, whose wit anchors the festivities, and Bob Cabral, Pigs & Pinot Wine Director and one of California's most iconic Pinot Noir authorities.



Philanthropy Remains at the Heart of Pigs & Pinot

Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$2 million to support scholarships and community programs benefiting the next generation of hospitality professionals. That mission continues through the Palmer Family Education Foundation, supporting institutions such as The Culinary Institute of America, Sonoma State University's Wine Business Program, and local arts and education initiatives.

Two Days of Signature Events

Over two immersive days, guests will enjoy a curated series of signature events. Highlights include the lively **Taste of Pigs & Pinot**, featuring more than 60 Pinot Noirs competing for the "Pinot Cup," paired with inspired pork dishes from celebrity chefs and local restaurants, along with a new VIP Reception offering early access. Late-night fun follows with **Pinot After Dark**, while daytime programming includes the **Table Talk Seminar** with gala chefs, the high-energy **Ultimate Pinot Smackdown Seminar**, and intimate **Fireside Chats** and **Winery Experiences** across Sonoma County. The weekend culminates in the elegant **Pigs & Pinot Gala Dinner**, a collaborative five-course, wine-paired experience, followed by **The Final Flight**, an after-hours celebration with standout wines and cocktails.

Guests may attend the Friday night Taste of Pigs & Pinot with à la carte tickets, while all other events are available through curated weekend packages for two. Options range from the approachable Weekend Select Package (\$3,500) to the elevated Luxe Package (\$6,500), and the



exclusive Donor Platinum Package (\$20,000), offering a fully immersive insider experience at Appellation Healdsburg.

Set on eight-and-a-half acres on the north end of Healdsburg, Appellation Healdsburg is a culinary-focused retreat celebrating Sonoma's agricultural heritage through thoughtful design, destination dining, wellness experiences, and artisan-driven programming.

For tickets and weekend packages: pigsandpinot.com.



A Destination Built for Your Wine Discovery

Bacchus Landing offers a curated journey through the heart of Sonoma County wine country. Explore a diverse selection of varietals, engage with passionate vintners, all while enjoying the upscale setting of Sonoma's premier tasting room collective.

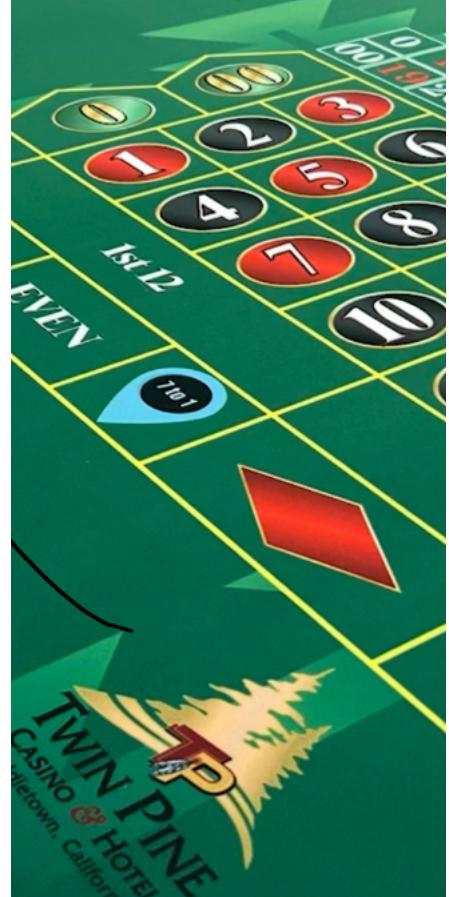
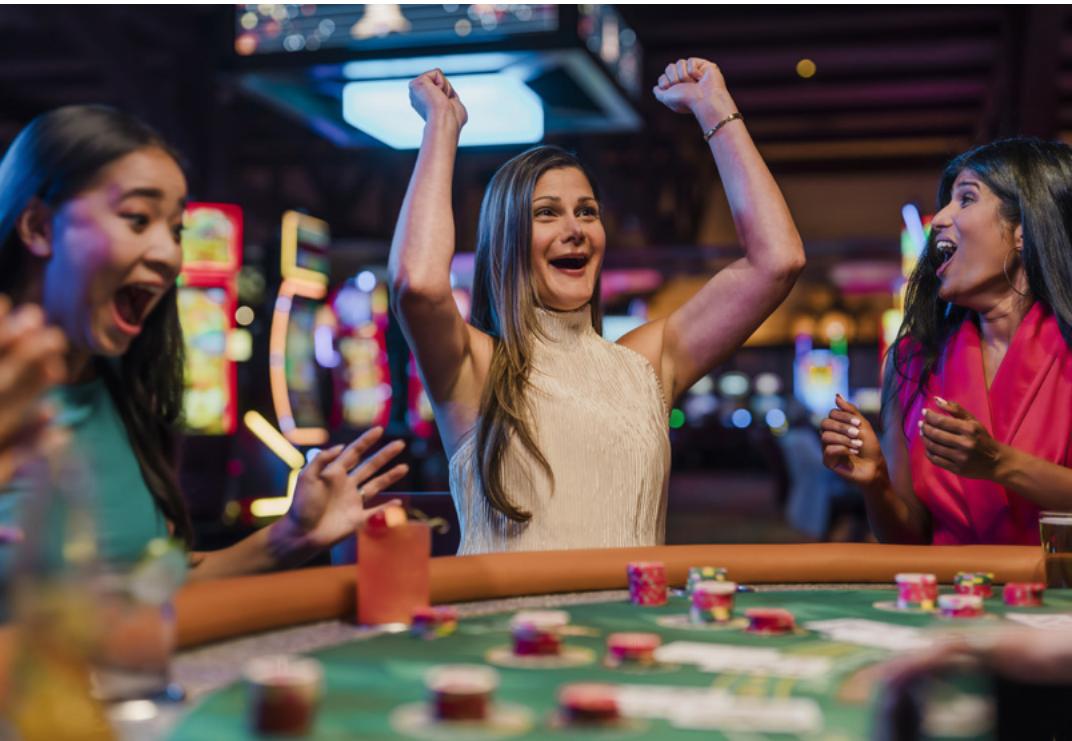
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Get Lucky in the New Year!

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel Rolls Into 2026 with Big Fun, Big Laughs, and Even Bigger Wins

From comedy and concerts to roulette and blackjack to bingo, Twin Pine Casino & Hotel is redefining Wine Country entertainment in 2026. Don't miss your chance to get lucky in the new year.

If you're planning a Wine Country getaway in 2026, add Twin Pine Casino & Hotel in Middletown to the top of your list. This local favorite is kicking off the new year with a burst of new entertainment, expanded gaming options, and a fresh lineup of shows that promise nonstop fun in the heart of Lake County. Whether you're here for a weekend escape, a midweek break, or a lively night out with friends, Twin Pine is serving up the perfect blend of energy, excitement, and Wine Country charm.

Laughter Takes Center Stage in the Event Center

Comedy lovers, rejoice – Twin Pine has officially launched its all-new Live Comedy Nights beginning with January 7th in the Event center. The doors open at 7:00PM and the comedy show starts at 7:30PM. Purchase your tickets online or in our Gift shop for just \$10.00 and \$10.00's in free play. Stand-up entertainers will be performing who've graced major stages across the U.S. With top-tier talent in an intimate setting, Twin Pine Casino & Hotels comedy nights are already shaping up to be one of Wine Country's best-kept secrets.

Roulette is in the House!

Gamers get their own reason to celebrate in 2026 as Twin Pine expanded its casino floor with the addition of a brand-new roulette table. The iconic spin of the wheel brings fresh adrenaline to the gaming experience. What will your lucky color be? Pull up a chair and join in as Twin Pine adds this beloved classic to its roster of guest favorites.



New, World Premiere Gaming Table

Twin Pine just debuted a groundbreaking new progressive from Galaxy Gaming, at the blackjack tables. This innovative feature brings a reimagined take on Monopoly to the felt, adding a dynamic layer of fun and anticipation to every hand. Expect bigger thrills, bigger jackpots, and an exciting new way to strike it lucky at Twin Pine.

Bingo Twice a Week: Double the Fun Is coming! Be on the Look Out!

Bingo fans have even more to look forward to this year. Twin Pine is launching twice-weekly Bingo sessions in the spacious Event Center (times to be announced). Whether you're a seasoned player or just there for the camaraderie, it's the perfect reason to gather friends and shout a triumphant "BINGO!" as you chase your next big win.



A Star-Studded Start to the Year

Music lovers can get in on the action, too. Concert tickets are available at the Gift Shop or online via QR code, and the 2026 entertainment calendar is already filling up fast:

- Dream Like Taylor – Taylor Swift Tribute, January 24** – Grab your best singing buddies and get ready for the ultimate Swiftie night.
- Traveller – Country Rock Favorite Chris Stapleton Tribute, February 14** – Perfect for Valentine's Day date night – or gather the girls and celebrate Galentine's Day in style.
- Uptown Funk – Tribute to Bruno Mars, March 14** – Bring your dancing shoes; this one is guaranteed to get the crowd moving.

Year-Round Fun, Every Weekend

The excitement doesn't stop at headline shows. Every Friday and Saturday, guests can enjoy free live entertainment and signature cocktails at The Grape Vine. It's one of the few places in Wine Country where the entertainment is plentiful – and often free.



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Napa Valley MUSTARD CELEBRATION

Here's to the season between the seasons,
when Napa Valley welcomes you in with bold, vibrant color.



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Watch Napa Valley bloom to life with the brilliance of our most anticipated season.

*W*hile the rest of the world is gloomily saying farewell to the last echoes of the holiday season, Napa Valley is already moving on to a time where the Valley is lush with new life. January through March means Mustard Season here in wine country, and visitors from all over arrive to marvel at the region's transformation into a brilliant display of color and artistry. It is as though the world has quietly, magically reset itself: winter becomes a distant memory, and everywhere you look, the valley teems with sunshine-yellow life.

Long before it became one of Wine Country's most beloved seasonal sights, Jesuit priests planted mustard between vineyard rows out of simple necessity. Early growers sowed it as a cover crop, valuing its ability to enrich the soil, prevent erosion, and attract beneficial insects during the dormant winter months. Over time, what began as practical farming wisdom evolved into a defining visual signature of the region. Each winter and early spring, the bright yellow blooms return, threading their way between bare vines and signaling both renewal and continuity – a living reminder that Wine Country's beauty is deeply rooted in thoughtful stewardship of the land.

All throughout the valley, festivities celebrating this spectacular season will cater to every sense, and incredible food, wine and art are here to pair perfectly with the vibrant backdrop. Indulge in expressive wines at lively celebrations, enjoy unforgettable culinary experiences brought to you by some of the best chefs in the world, and, thanks to Napa Valley Mustard Celebration founder Jessel Miller, some wonderful works of local art. Miller, an artist herself and owner of the longest-running art gallery in Napa (Jessel Gallery), has long been dedicated to uplifting and preserving Napa Valley's local art scene, so you can expect quite a few inspiring pieces to take center stage.



Each year, the celebration includes a featured artist, responsible for designing the official Napa Valley Mustard Celebration poster. This year's featured artist is Paul Youngman, a Wisconsin-born Napa local who has been painting vivid oil renditions of wine country's stunning landscapes since 1976. He has a knack for capturing the true essence of the valley in rich, extraordinary bursts of color, and his work for this year's mustard season is no exception. Prints of the poster featuring Youngman's painting, Winter into Spring, are available for purchase both online and at a number of Mustard Celebration events.

Mustard Season Celebrations & Events

The celebration begins on January 17th with the **Napa Valley Mustard Celebration Kick-Off Event** at Silverado Resort in Napa, where, for \$40, guests are invited to enjoy a variety of local wines alongside meticulously prepared pairings, all with the spirit of mustard season in mind. You'll also be able to browse a wide variety of local vendors, each of which offer unique, exclusive goods, perfect for commemorating your mustard season visit. Each ticket holder will also receive a custom wine glass to mark the occasion.

Then, head up-valley on January 22nd for the **Yountville Art & Mustard Celebration**, hosted at the Steve Rogers Gallery and Community Hall. Tickets are \$25, and the evening will be all about the incredible art that this colorful season inspires. Browse works by local artists as you enjoy splashes of unique wines and bites as artfully prepared as the art itself! This curated exhibit that captures the breathtaking beauty of Napa Valley's Wild Winter Mustard Season through the lens of talented photographers will continue through March 26 with **The Photo Finale Closing Reception & People's Choice Award presentation**.

February 7th-8th, Jessel Miller welcomes you to Jessel Gallery's **NVMV Celebration**, which will feature art by a wide variety of talented Napa Valley artists. This year's featured artist, Paul Youngman, will be there as well, so you'll have the opportunity to chat with him about his work and even take a signed print home. Miller will also be hosting a similar artist demonstration event on the weekend of March 7th-8th, so you'll have multiple chances to experience the artistry.

Of course, in February, the smell of mustard blossoms isn't

the only thing in the air – love is, too. **Celebrate Valentine's Day and Mustard Season** at the Collings & Légère Art Gallery, where mustard-inspired beauty makes everything feel rosy. Enjoy complimentary hot chocolate with your sweetheart and discover the exquisite paintings of local impressionist artists Marta Collings and Thérèse Légère.

St. Helena is getting in on the mustard season excitement, too, with a special **Mustard Celebration Day** at the St. Helena Welcome Center on Friday, February 27th. Savor seasonally inspired food and wine as you browse local photographer Rob Watermeyer's works and soak in the lively atmosphere of this charming town coming to life.

March brings mustard season to a close, and will be ending on a high note. RD Winery is hosting its own **American Canyon Mustard Celebration Event** on March 21st, featuring a variety of vendors as well as special musical performances by local youth programs.

Then, as the final mustard season hurrah, the Culinary Institute of America at Copia in Downtown Napa is throwing a two-day **Mustard Celebration Finale: A Festival of Wine, Food & Art** on March 27th and 28th, where you will have the chance to try food, sip wines, and browse goodies from over 75 different artisans. Get your tickets now – this event is a must-attend, and space fills up fast!

As one of Napa Valley's most anticipated seasons, this is the perfect time to book a wine country getaway, so what are you waiting for? Watch the valley burst to life as we welcome these brilliant blooms with open arms.

Here's to golden days ahead.

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YOUR FIELD GUIDE TO THE BEST MUSTARD BLOOM SPOTS IN THE VALLEY

Each year, from January to March, Napa Valley springs to life with an explosion of wild mustard blooms carpeting the rows of vineyards with bright yellow flowers to usher in a new growing season. Mustard flower bloom is one of the best-kept secrets in Napa Valley. The locations mentioned on this handy map are usually some of the best viewing spots around. Be sure to have your cameras ready!

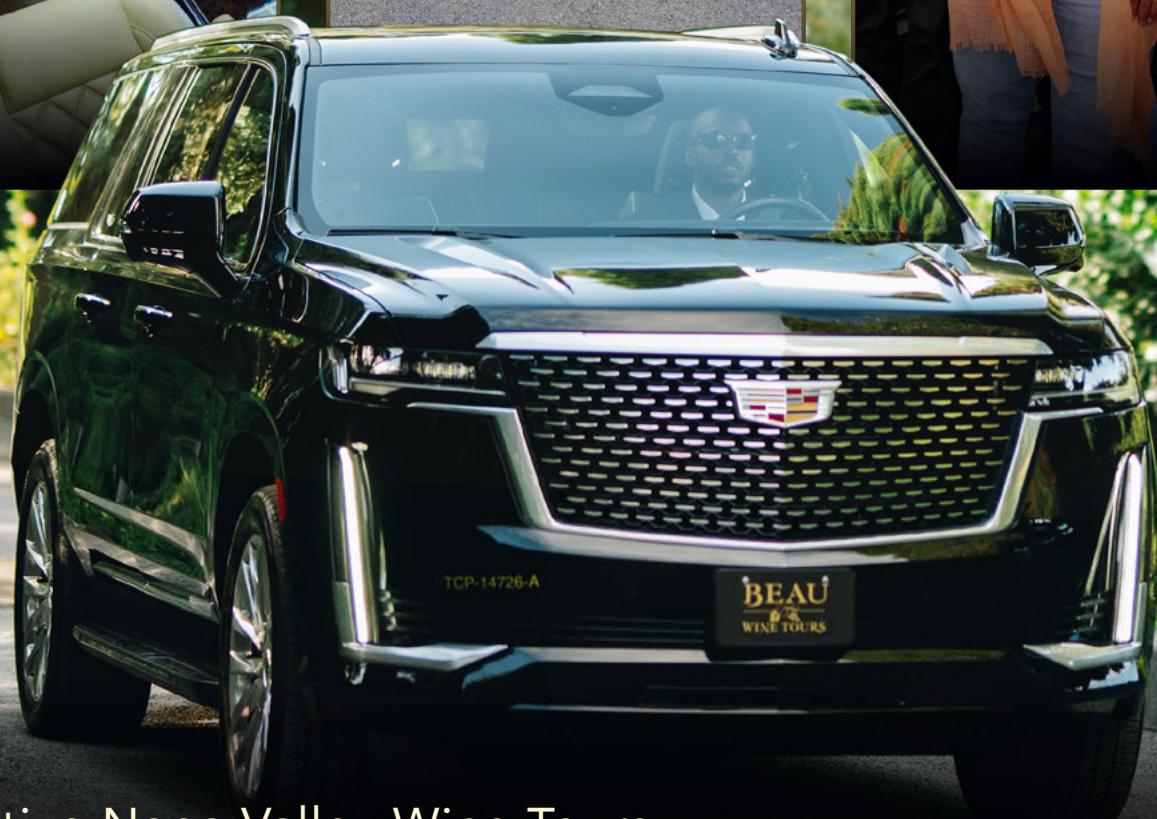
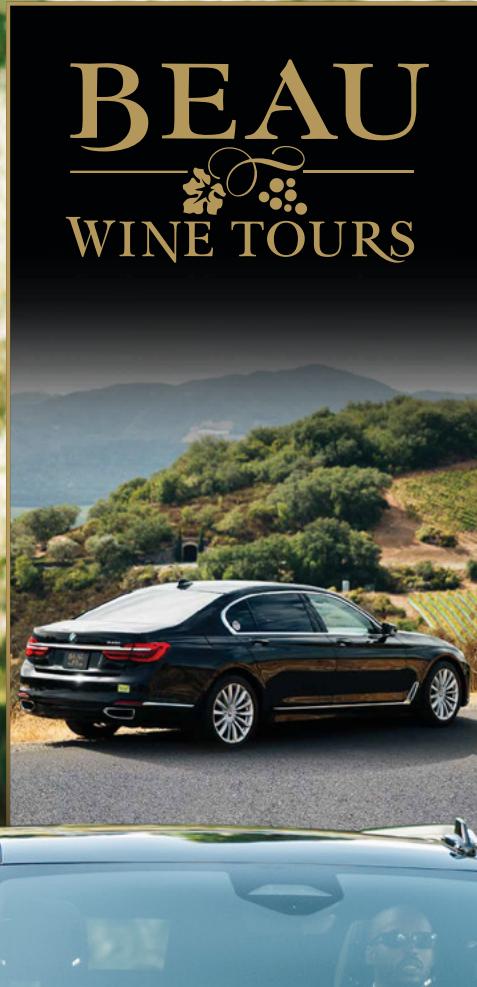
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- 2 Charles Krug Winery
- 3 Beringer Vineyards
- 4 V. Sattui Winery
- 5 Quintessa
- 6 Frog's Leap Winery
- 7 Round Pond Estate

- 8 Far Niente Winery
- 9 Kelleher Family Vineyard
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Recommended Dining in Wine Country

If wine country brings to mind the bounty of California farms and the largess of the Pacific Ocean, you will not be disappointed as you dine at restaurants in Napa and Sonoma counties. It is here you will find the very best in local produce, top quality meats, fresh seafood and of course, a seemingly endless variety of ways to imbibe – from local wine to craft beer to artisan cocktails. Whether living locally or visiting from out of town, those dining in Wine Country have an insatiable appetite for good food and drink, and expect nothing less than the greatness from this impressive list of restaurants.

NAPA

Allegria

Italian, full bar
outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
1026 1ST ST, 707-254-8006

Angéle Restaurant & Bar

French, full bar
on the Napa Riverfront
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
540 MAIN ST, 707-252-8115

Bank Cafe and Bar

Elevated comfort food,
craft cocktails
DINNER, \$\$
1314 MCKINSTRY ST, 707-257-5151

Bistro Don Giovanni

Hand-crafted Italian
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
4110 HOWARD LN, 707-224-3300

Boon Fly Café

American; nightly specials
BRUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
4048 SONOMA HWY, 707-299-4870

Bounty Hunter

Wine bar & smokin' BBQ
400+ wine list
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
975 FIRST STREET, 707-226-3976

Brix

Modern American, full bar,
outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
7377 ST HELENA HWY, 707-944-2749

Carpe Diem

American wine bar;
seasonal, surprising;
family share-plate style
DINNER ONLY FRIDAY-SUNDAY: \$\$
1001 2ND STREET, 707-224-0800

Celadon

Award-winning global comfort
food; courtyard seating, signature
cocktails; riverfront
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
500 MAIN STREET, 707-254-9690

Charlie Palmer Steak

Modern American steakhouse,
full bar
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$\$
1260 1ST STREET, 707-819-2500

Cole's Chop House

Classic American steakhouse,
seafood, intriguing whiskey
selections, classic cocktails
DINNER ONLY: \$\$\$
1122 MAIN STREET, 707-224-6328

Cordeiros Steakhouse

Farm-to-table steakhouse,
full bar
DINNER ONLY: \$\$\$
2025 MONTICELLO RD, 707-224-1960

Eiko's

Modern Japanese, nitrogen
cocktails and lollipops!
OUTDOOR SEATING; FULL BAR, \$\$
LUNCH & DINNER, CLOSED MID-DAY
1882 TOWN CENTER, 707-501-4444

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707-252-1408
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BEST BREAKFAST
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Empress M

Unique dining experience of authentic Chinese food
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$\$
221 SILVERADO TRAIL, 707-927-5485

Farm at Carneros Inn

Contemporary American, elegant food, locally sourced full bar, outdoor seating
DINNER, SUNDAY BRUNCH; \$\$\$
4048 SONOMA HWY, 707-299-4880

Forge

Pizza, craft brews/cocktails outdoor seating with firepit
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
155 GASSER DRIVE, 707-927-3394

Fumé Bistro

Contemporary American, locally sourced, patio
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
4050 BYWAY EAST, 707-257-1999

Gott's Roadside

Burgers, sandwiches, vegan options, beer & wine, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
644 1ST STREET, 707-224-6900

Grace's Table

Local favorite, "Global Kitchen"
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
1400 SECOND ST, 707-226-6200

Grove at the CIA Copia

Garden suppers by CIA chefs
DINNER, \$\$
500 1ST STREET, 707-967-2555

Hog Island Oyster Co.

Seafood, located inside bustling Oxbow Market; beer & wine, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
610 1ST STREET, 707-251-8113

Kitchen Door

A Todd Humphries Restaurant Eclectic fare in a casual space
BRUNCH, LUNCH, DINNER; \$\$
1300 1ST ST SUITE 272, 707-226-1560

La Toque

Michelin-star French cuisine
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
DINNER ONLY; \$\$\$
1314 MCKINSTRY ST, 707-257-5157

The Lincoln

American Gastropub
BRUNCH, LUNCH, DINNER,
OPEN LATE, \$\$
505 LINCOLN AVE, 707-699-2276

Morimoto Asia

Taste and textures of Far East full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH, DINNER, BRUNCH; \$\$\$\$
610 MAIN STREET, 707-252-1600

Morimoto Napa

Contemporary Japanese, full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$\$\$
610 MAIN STREET, 707-252-1600

Mustards Grill

Modern American, full bar, garden
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$\$
7399 ST HELENA HWY, 707-944-2424

Napa Valley Bistro

Modern American wine & beer, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
975 CLINTON STREET, 707-666-2383

Napkins Bar + Grill

A modern American bistro
BRUNCH, LUNCH & DINNER;
HAPPY HOUR & LATE-NIGHT BITES, \$\$
1001 2ND STREET, 707-927-5333

Norman Rose Tavern

American classics, full bar
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
1401 1ST STREET, 707-258-1516

Nosh Napa

Mexican/American
BREAKFAST, LUNCH; \$\$
641 TRANCAS ST, 707-266-1950

Oenotri

Southern Italian, changes daily; house-made salumi
DINNER, WEEKEND LUNCH; \$\$\$
1425 FIRST ST, 707-252-1022

Olive & Hay

Farm-to-table Italian restaurant
BREAKFAST, BRUNCH,
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
875 BORDEAUX WY, 707-251-3090

Pasta Prego

Italian, local favorite, beer & wine
DINNER ONLY, \$\$
1502 MAIN ST, 707-343-0344

**★ PETIT SOLEIL CAFÉ**

Cozy spot for breakfast & lunch
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, BRUNCH, \$\$
1408 CLAY ST, 707-252-1408

Scala Osteria & Bar

Seafood-centered Southern Italian, pizza & pasta
LUNCH, DINNER; \$\$\$
1141 FIRST ST, 707-637-4380

Sky & Vine Rooftop Bar

Craft cocktails, small bites, fire pits, games; late night happy hour, bottomless mimosa brunch
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$, ARCHER HOTEL
1230 1ST STREET, 707-690-9800

Sunshine Cafe

Cozy spot, local favorite
BREAKFAST, LUNCH; \$\$
1540 TRANCAS ST, 707-226-1540

Tarla Mediterranean Grill

Mediterranean, Greek, Turkish, full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH, DINNER &
WEEKEND BRUNCH; \$\$
1480 1ST STREET, 707-255-5599

Torc

Farm-to-table; high-energy unique wine, cocktail & beer offerings
DINNER ONLY; \$\$\$
1140 MAIN STREET, 707-252-3292

Wilfred's Lounge

Island inspired cocktails & cuisine
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
967 1ST ST, 707-690-9957

Zuzu

California Tapas, Spanish & Mediterranean
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
829 MAIN STREET, 707-224-0695

YOUNTVILLE**Addendum**

Gourmet Southern-inspired fare
LUNCH SAT-SUN & DINNER DAILY; \$\$
6476 WASHINGTON ST, 707-944-2487

Bistro Jeanty

French country fare; patio
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$\$
6510 WASHINGTON ST, 707-944-0103

Bottega

Rustic Italian/Californian; outside patio with two fireplaces
LUNCH, DINNER; \$\$\$
6525 WASHINGTON ST, 707-945-1050

Bouchon Bistro

French bistro, raw bar; outdoor seating; cocktails
DINNER; \$\$\$
6534 WASHINGTON ST, 707-944-8037

Brix Restaurant

French inspired wine country farm to-table cuisine; wine shop
16 acres of gardens, vineyards
LUNCH & DINNER,
SUNDAY BRUNCH; \$\$
7377 HIGHWAY 29, 707-944-2749.

The French Laundry

Fine classic French cuisine, highest quality ingredients, prix fixe menu, impeccable service
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6640 WASHINGTON ST, 707-944-2380

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Casual, rooftop & patio seating, to go options
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
6488 WASHINGTON ST, 707-947-4017

Lucy @ Bardessono

Contemporary American, garden-inspired
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$\$
6526 YOUNT STREET, 707-204-6000

North Block Restaurant

Michelin rated; California fresh, local ingredients
BREAKFAST, BRUNCH,
LUNCH, DINNER; \$\$\$
6757 WASHINGTON ST, 707-944-8080

R+D Kitchen

American/Sushi; vineyard views, outdoor seating with firepits
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
6795 WASHINGTON ST, 707-945-0920

RUTHERFORD**The Bistro at Auberge du Soleil**

Contemporary, upscale; full bar, outdoor seating
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$\$\$
180 RUTHERFORD HILL RD, 707-963-1211

Rutherford Grill

Contemporary, traditional American; outdoor dining, full bar
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
1180 RUTHERFORD RD, 707-963-1792

ST. HELENA**Brasswood Bar + Kitchen**

American, farm-to-table comfort food; full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
3111 ST. HELENA HWY, 707-302-5101

The Charter Oak

American, full bar, outdoor seating
DINNER ONLY; \$\$\$
1050 CHARTER OAK AVE, 707-302-6996

DINING

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch

American, farm-to-table;
full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
738 MAIN STREET, 707-963-4555

Gillwoods Cafe

American
BREAKFAST, BRUNCH & LUNCH: \$\$
1313 MAIN STREET, 707-963-1788

Gott's Roadside

Burgers, sandwiches, vegan options
beer & wine, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
933 MAIN STREET, 707-963-3486

Harvest Table

Modern American; full bar,
outdoor seating, gardens
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
1 MAIN STREET, 707-967-4695

Market

Traditional American
LUNCH & DINNER, FULL BAR: \$\$
1347 MAIN STREET, 707-963-3799

Pizzeria Tra Vigne

Italian, vegan options; full bar,
outdoor seating, local favorite
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
1016 MAIN STREET, 707-967-9999

Press

Steakhouse, full bar;
outdoor seating
DINNER ONLY: \$\$\$\$
587 ST. HELENA HWY, 707-967-0550

St. Helena Bistro

Italian/American bistro; beer &
wine, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
1146 MAIN STREET; 707-963-3371

St. Helena Sherpa Kitchen

Himalayan/Nepalese, Indian,
vegetarian; outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER: \$\$
1148 MAIN STREET, 707-963-4439

CALISTOGA

Bricco Osteria

Fine Italian Dining
DINNER, \$\$\$
1350 LINCOLN AVE, 707-341-3442

Calistoga Inn & Brewery

Traditional American
1250 LINCOLN AVE, 707-942-4101

Eight North

Wine-focused, full bar
LUNCH, DINNER, WEEKEND BRUNCH: \$\$\$
1374 LINCOLN AVE, 707-709-6006

Living Room/Truss

Casual dining experience,
full bar, snacks
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER: \$\$
400 SILVERADO TRAIL N, 707-709-2100

Evangeline

Cajun, Creole, French;
full bar, outdoor seating
DINNER, WEEKEND BRUNCH/LUNCH: \$\$
1226 WASHINGTON ST, 707-341-3131

Fleetwood Restaurant

Chef-driven wood-fired menu,
craft cocktails
DINNER, HAPPY HOUR: \$\$
1880 LINCOLN AVENUE, 707-709-4410

Hydro Bar & Grill

Traditional American
1403 LINCOLN AVENUE, 707-942-9777

Johnny's Restaurant & Bar

American sports bar; patio DINNER;
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, BRUNCH ON
WEEKENDS: \$\$
1457 LINCOLN AVE, 707-942-5938

Mangia Mi

Homemade pastas & pizza
DINNER, \$\$
1120 WASHINGTON ST, 707-341-3348

Sam's Social Club

Contemporary American,
outdoor seating, fire pit
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER: \$\$
1712 LINCOLN AVENUE, 707-942-4969

Solbar – @ Solage

Contemporary American
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER: \$\$\$
755 SILVERADO TRAIL, 707-226-0850

SEASTOPOL

Fern Bar

Craft cocktails, spirit-free
cocktails, small plates
DINNER, LIVE MUSIC: \$\$
6780 DEPOT ST, SUITE 120,
SEASTOPOL; 707-861-9603

Handline

Californian food, including
seafood, tacos, and burgers
LUNCH, DINNER: \$\$
935 GRAVENSTEIN AVE. SOUTH,
SEASTOPOL; 707-827-3744

Hopmonk Tavern

Traditional American, full bar,
outdoor seating, live
entertainment
LUNCH & DINNER, HAPPY HOUR: \$\$
230 PETALUMA AVE, 707-829-7300

Oyster Cafe

Raw bar, shellfish, wine pairings
LUNCH AND DINNER, \$\$
6751 MCKINLEY ST; 707-503-6003

SONOMA VALLEY

B & V Whiskey Bar & Grille

Locally sourced food, full bar,
dedicated whiskey bar
LUNCH, HAPPY HOUR, DINNER: \$\$
400 1ST ST E; 707-938-7110

Cafe La Haye

Contemporary American,
wine/beer, reservations
DINNER, \$\$\$
140 E NAPA ST; 707-935-5994

Della Santina's Trattoria

Italian, wine/beer, outdoor
seating, nightly specials
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
133 E NAPA ST; 707-935-0576

El Dorado Kitchen

Contemporary American, full bar
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
405 1ST ST W; 707-996-3220

Enclos

A global experience with
seasonal, local ingredients
PRE FIXE MULTI COURSE DINNER, \$\$\$
139 EAST NAPA STREET; 707-387-1724

Folktale Restaurant

Michelin Bib Gourmand
farm-to-table, seasonal
LUNCH, DINNER: \$\$
23584 ARNOLD DR; 707-356-3567

The Girl & The Fig

French, local goods,
full bar, happy hour
LUNCH, DINNER, WEEKEND BREAKFAST
110 WEST SPAIN ST; 707-938-3634

Glen Ellen Star

Traditional American, wine/beer,
outdoor seating
DINNER, \$\$; 707-343-1384
13648 ARNOLD DR, GLEN ELLEN

Hopmonk Tavern

Traditional American, full bar,
happy hour, outdoor seating,
live entertainment
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
691 BROADWAY; 707-935-9100

La Salette Restaurant

Portuguese/Mediterranean,
wine/beer
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
452 FIRST ST EAST; 707-938-1927

Oso Sonoma

American, tapas, seafood,
full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
9 E NAPA STREET; 707-931-6926

Red Grape

Pizza, pasta & salad; beer & wine;
outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
529 1ST ST W; 707-996-4103

Salt & Stone

American, seafood,
wine bar, full bar
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$, 707-833-6326
9900 SONOMA HWY, KENWOOD

Songbird Parlour

California wine country cuisine
using hyper-local ingredients,
DINNER, \$\$\$, 707-833-6326
14301 ARNOLD DRIVE #3, GLEN ELLEN

Sonoma Grille

Seafood/Steakhouse, full bar,
patio bar, micro-brewery and beer
garden, vegetarian options
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$\$
165 W NAPA ST; 707-938-7542

Stella

Italian, wood-fired, locally sourced,
outdoor seating
DINNER, \$\$\$
9049 SONOMA HWY, KENWOOD
707-801-8043

Valley Bar + Bottle Shop

Seasonal mediterranean,
terrace, wine bar
DINNER, WEEKEND BRUNCH; \$\$\$
487 1ST ST WEST; 707-934-8403

Wit & Wisdom

Regional comfort food
by Chef Michael Mina
DINNER, HAPPY HOUR, FULL BAR; \$\$\$
1325 BROADWAY; 707-931-3405

PETALUMA

Ayawaska Petaluma

Authentic Peruvian with a
modern twist. Full bar.
BRUNCH, LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
101 2ND ST #190; 707-559-3519

Brewsters Beer Garden

Brewpub, BBQ, full bar, happy hour,
outdoor seating, firepit
pet friendly, live music
LUNCH & DINNER,
OPEN LATE FRIDAY & SATURDAY, \$\$
229 WATER STREET N; 707-981-8330

Central Market

Californian-Mediterranean;
house made bread in a wood-fired
oven, carefully curated wine list
DINNER, BEER & WINE, \$\$
42 PETALUMA BLVD N, 707-778-9900

Cucina Paradiso

Italian, full bar, pasta, focaccia
& desserts from scratch
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
114 PETALUMA BLVD. N; 707-782-1130

The Shuckery

Seafood; beer/wine, happy hour
In the restored Petaluma Hotel
DINNER, LUNCH WEEKENDS, \$\$
100 WASHINGTON ST; 707-981-7891

Street Social

Eclectic comfort food highlighting seasonal and local fare, craft cocktails with artisanal spirits
DINNER TUES-FRI, \$\$\$
29 PETALUMA BLVD NO; 707-774-6185

Table Culture Provisions

Hyper-seasonal haute cuisine/ comfort food; multi-course tasting menu available
DINNER, \$\$\$
312 PETALUMA BLVD S; 707-559-5739

Wild Goat Bistro

American, wine/beer, vegetarian/gluten-free
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
6 PETALUMA BLVD N; 707-658-1156

BODEGA BAY**★ BAY VIEW
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**

Creative Wine Country cuisine
OPEN THU-SUN, \$\$
LOUNGE 4PM, DINNER BEGINS 6PM
INN AT THE TIDES; 707-875-2751

**Rocker Oysterfeller's
at Lucas Wharf**

Southern style roadhouse located on the water, fresh seafood, steaks, craft cocktails
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$; 707-772-5670
595 HIGHWAY 1

**★ THE TIDES WHARF**

Located on the water.
Seafood, full bar, gift shop, market
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835 BAY HWY; 707-875-3652

GEYSERVILLE**Catelli's**

Contemporary American and Italian, full bar, outdoor seating
ingredients from local/organic farmers; over 100 local wines
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$; 707-857-3471
21047 GEYSERVILLE AVE

Diavola Pizzeria & Salumeria

Italian, beer/wine, outdoor seating, house-cured salumi & sausages, authentic Italian pizzas
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
21021 GEYSERVILLE AVE; 707-814-0111

Francis Ford Coppola's Rustic

Italian, full bar, outdoor seating international and traditional
DINNER, \$\$
300 VIA ARCHIMEDES; 707-857-1462

HEALDSBURG**Baci Cafe and Wine Bar**

Italian; local and organic products, authentic Italian food
DINNER, BEER/WINE, \$\$\$
336 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-433-8111

Barndiva

American; celebrated farm-to-table restaurant; cocktail lounge and wine bar; outdoor seating
WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY BRUNCH, LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
231 CENTER ST; 707-431-0100

Bravas

Spanish/Tapas, full bar, craft cocktails
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
420 CENTER ST; 707-433-7700

Chalkboard

Tapas/Wine Bar, full bar, outdoor seating, 4.5 acre garden, local wine flights, inventive cocktails
DINNER, LUNCH WEEKENDS, \$\$\$
29 NORTH ST; 473-8030

**Charlie Palmer's
Dry Creek Kitchen**

Contemporary American, full bar, outdoor seating, wine pairings
DINNER, \$\$\$
317 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-431-0330

Folia

Playful Mediterranean flavors in a chic setting; full bar
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$\$
101 DOVETAIL LN; 707-723-2130

Guiso Latin Fusion

Authentic Latin American and Caribbean dishes
DINNER, BEER/WINE, \$\$
117 N STREET; 707-431-1302

Healdsburg Bar & Grill

Grill, full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH, DINNER, WEEKEND BREAKFAST
245 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-433-3333

KIN Smoke

Smoked meats, sandwiches, southern sides
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
304 CENTER STREET; 707-473-8440

Little Saint

Farm-forward gathering place with food, music, art, vegan
DINNER, \$\$
25 N STREET; 707-433-8207

The Matheson (Roof 106)

Modern wine country cuisine; sushi, wine lounge, rooftop bar
DINNER, \$\$\$
106 MATHESON STREET; 707-723-1106

Pizzando

Wood oven pizzas, house made pastas, grilled meats, fish, and seasonal appetizers
DINNER, \$\$
301 HEALDSBURG AVE, 707-922-5233

SingleThread Farms

3 Michelin stars. Exquisite farm-driven tasting menus with Japanese-inspired precision
DINNER, \$\$\$
131 NORTH ST; 707-723-4646

Spoonbar

Mediterranean, full bar, outdoor seating, locally sourced and seasonal ingredients
DINNER, \$\$\$
219 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-433-7222

**Troubadour
Bread & Bistro**

Boulangerie, California/French
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER, \$\$\$
CLOSED MIDDAY; SUN & MON
381 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-756-3972

Valette

Supporting local farms, winemakers, artisans
outdoor seating
DINNER, \$\$\$
344 CENTER ST; 707-473-0946

Willi's Seafood & Raw Bar

Seafood, small plates; rolls, skewers, ceviches & tartares; craft cocktails, large wine list;
outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
403 HEALDSBURG AVE; 707-433-9191

FORESTVILLE**Farmhouse**

Contemporary American, fine dining; fresh, seasonal ever-changing menu; wine/beer
DINNER, \$\$\$
7871 RIVER ROAD; 707-887-3300

Sonoma Pizza Co.

Pizzeria - Garden - Wine Shop
Quality tapas, pizza, salads
'Top 100 Places to Eat
in the Bay Area' - Yelp, 2024
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
6615 FRONT ST; 707-820-1031

SANTA ROSA**Americana**

New American, farm-to-table
BREAKFAST & LUNCH; \$\$
205 5TH STREET; 707-755-1548

Bird & The Bottle

New American, seafood, full bar; flavors from Asia, American South, the East Coast, Jewish
LUNCH, DINNER & SUNDAY BRUNCH; \$\$;
1055 4TH STREET; 707-568-4000

Café Citti

Italian, wine/beer, take-out only, some picnic tables
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
2792 4TH ST; 704-523-2690

John Ash & Co. Restaurant

Californian, full bar, patio; visit The Front Room for cocktails or River Cafe for breakfast, brunch or lunch.
DINNER, \$\$, AT VINTNERS INN
4330 BARNES ROAD; 707-527-7687

La Gare

French, wine/beer; old world classic French cuisine with local ingredients, a local favorite
DINNER, \$\$\$
208 WILSON STREET; 707-528-4355

Lo Coco's

Italian, wine/beer; authentic Italian favorites
LUNCH & DINNER; \$\$
117 FOURTH ST; 707-523-2227

Stark's Steak & Seafood

Steak/seafood, full bar, happy hour; extensive wine list and whiskeys
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$\$
521 ADAMS STREET; 707-546-5100

**Walter Hansel
Wine & Bistro**

California fare with a French touch
DINNER WED-SUN; \$\$\$
3535 GUERNEVILLE RD, 707-546-6462

WINDSOR**KIN Windsor**

Modern twist on home cooking
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
740 MCCLELLAND DRIVE; 707-837-7546

Sweet T's

Southern BBQ, full bar, outdoor seating; quality southern cuisine with the freshest local ingredients
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
9098 BROOKS RD; 707-687-5185

Ume Japanese Bistro

Japanese, full bar, outdoor seating
LUNCH & DINNER, \$\$
8710 OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY,
WINDSOR; 707-838-6700

THINGS TO DO



HOT AIR BALLOONS

If you've never taken a hot air balloon ride, there's no better place than wine country to experience the amazing 360° aerial views from inside the basket. Experienced and knowledgeable hot air balloon pilots act as both guide and entertainer while pointing out local highlights and welcoming questions from you and fellow flyers.

• Balloons Above the Valley

800-464-6824
info@balloonrides.com
balloonrides.com

• Napa Valley Balloons

800-253-2224
info@napavalleyballoons.com
napavalleyballoons.com

• Napa Valley Loft

(855) 944-4408
ballooning@nvaloft.com
nvaloft.com

• Napa Valley Drifters

(707) 492-5701
napavalleydrifters.com

• Sonoma Ballooning

(707) 819-9223
sonomaballooning.com

• Wine Country Balloons

(707) 538-7359
hotline@balloontours.com
winecountryballoons.com

• Napa River Velo

Napa, (707) 258-8729
info@naparivervelo.com
naparivervelo.com

★ NAPA VALLEY BIKE TOURS

(707) 944-2453
info@napavalleybiketours.com
napavalleybiketours.com

• Pushpak Motors

Tours on electric trikes
Sonoma, (707) 343-1192
www.pushpakkmotors.net

• Ride Napa Valley

info@ridenapavalley.com
www.ridenapavalley.com

★ SONOMA VALLEY BIKE TOURS

Sonoma (707) 996-2453
sonomavalleybiketours.com

• St. Helena Cyclery

St. Helena, (707) 963-7736
www.sthelenacyclery.com

• Wine Country Cyclery

Sonoma, (707) 996-6800
www.winecountrycyclery.com

• Wine Country Bikes

(707) 568-304
info@getawayadventures.com
www.winecountrybikes.com

• Wine Country Cycling Tours

800-462-2848
dave@adventureincycling.com
winecountrycyclingtours.com

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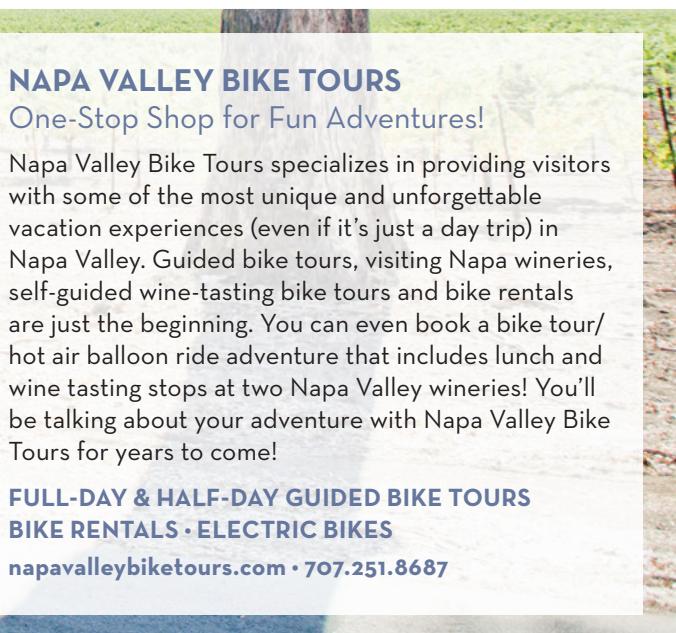
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HORSEBACK RIDING

Vineyard horseback ride coupled with a food and wine tasting, make this a must-do when visiting wine country. Saddle-up and an experienced trail guide will take you for a ride through the vineyards.

• Napa Valley Trail Rides

Napa, (707) 255-5661
info@shadybrookestate.com
www.napavalleytrailrides.com

• Sonoma Valley Trail Rides

Sonoma, (707) 343-5511
sonomavalleytrailrides.com

• Triple Creek Horse Outfit

Glen Ellen, (707) 887-8700
triplecreekhorseoutfit.com

BOCCÉ COURTS

Many wineries have bocce courts for their visitors' enjoyment. Because the game is played between two players or two teams of one, two, or four, it lends itself well to hanging out with friends at the winery as part of your total winery adventure.

Be sure to check ahead. Some courts require reservations and/or fees. If you have your own balls, Veterans' Park in Yountville or Crane Park in St. Helena have bocce courts available when leagues are not in play.

• Anaba

Sonoma, (707) 996-4188

• Auburn James

St Helena, (707) 967-9100

• Bell Wine Cellars

Napa, (707) 944-1673

★ BACCHUS LANDING

Healdsburg, (707) 395-0697

• Beringer Vineyards

St Helena, (707) 257-5771

• Bremer Family Winery

St Helena, (707) 963-5411

• Chateau Montelena

Calistoga, (707) 942-5105

• Chateau St. Jean Winery

Kenwood, (707) 708-8171

• D'Argenzo Winery

Santa Rosa, (707) 546-2466

• De La Montanya Vineyard

Healdsburg, (707) 433-3711

• Dry Creek Vineyard

Healdsburg, (707) 433-1000

• Dutcher Crossing Winery

Geyserville, (707) 431-2700



• Ehlers Estate Winery

St Helena, (707) 963-5972

• Farm at Carneros Inn

Napa, (707) 299-4880

• Francis Ford Copola

Geyserville, (707) 857-1400

• Furthermore Wines

Sebastopol, (707) 823-3040

• HALL St. Helena

St Helena, (707) 967-2626

• Hook & Ladder Vineyards

Santa Rosa, (707) 526-2255

• Imagery Estate Winery

Glen Ellen, (877) 550-4278

• Landmark Vineyard

Kenwood, (707) 833-0053

• Martorana Family Winery

Healdsburg, (707) 433-1909

• Matanzas Creek Winery

Santa Rosa, (707) 521-7019

• Mathew Bruno Rutherford

Rutherford, by appt. (707) 912-9112

• Nichelini Family Winery

St Helena, (707) 963-0717

• Overshine Wine Co.

Healdsburg, (707) 433-2222

• Piña Napa Valley

Napa, (707) 738-9328

• Pope Valley Winery

Pope Valley, (707) 965-1246

• Raymond Vineyards

St Helena, (707) 963-3141

• Seghesio Family Vineyards

Healdsburg, (707) 433-3579

• Silenus Vintners

Napa, (707) 299-3930

• Stags' Leap Winery

Napa, (707) 257-5790

• Sugarloaf Wine Co.

Kenwood, (707) 244-4885

• Thomas George Estates

Healdsburg, (707) 431-8031

• Trione Vineyards

Geyserville, (707) 814-8100

• Trinchero Napa Valley

St Helena, (707) 963-1160

• Turnbull Wine Cellars

Oakville, (707) 963-5839

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball in wine country offers a unique blend of competitive fun and scenic relaxation..

• Anaba

Sonoma, (707) 996-4188

PETANQUE

Similar to bocce, the French version Petanque is growing in popularity. Courts are available at the following locations.

• Clos du Val Winery

Napa, (707) 261-5212

• St. Supéry Estate

Rutherford, (707) 302-3488

ON THE WATER

Kayak or SUP (stand up paddle board) are a perfect way to relax on the water while seeing the wine country sights.

• Burke's Canoe Trips

Forestville, (707) 887-1222

burkescanoetrips.com

• Napa Valley Paddle

Napa, (707) 200-5511

crew@napavalleypaddle.com

www.napavalleypaddle.com

THINGS TO DO

- **Enjoy Napa Valley**
(707) 227-7364
enjoynapavalley@gmail.com
enjoy-napa-valley.com
- **Clavey Paddlesports**
Petaluma, (707) 766-8070
info@clavey.com, www.clavey.com
- **Napa Valley Gondola**
(707) 373-2100
napavalleygondola.com
- **Petaluma Stand Up Paddle**
Petaluma, (707) 486-4314
www.petalamasup.com
- **Rubicon Adventures**
Forestville, (707) 887-2452
Bill@RubiconAdventures.com
rubiconadventures.com



CULINARY CLASSES AND COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Take a hands-on cooking class. Talented chefs will give you the tools and confidence to become a rock star in your own kitchen.

- **Cakebread Cellars**
800-588-0298
cakebread.com/events
- **CIA at Copia**
(707) 967-2500
www.ciafoodies.com

- **Cooking with Comedians**
(888) 965-7090
www.crushersofcomedy.com
- **Epicurean Connection**
Cheesemaking class
(707) 235-9530
theepicureanconnection.com
- **Napa Valley Cooking School**
St Helena, (707) 302-2452
uvc_sthelena@napavalley.edu
napavalleycookingschool.org
- **Planet Cheese**
World Cheese Tour, classes
fletcher@foodwriter.com
www.janefletcher.com
- **Silverado Cooking School**
(707) 927-3591
info@silveradocookingschool.com
silveradocookingschool.com
- **Vista Collina Resort**
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www.meritagecollection.com/vista-collina/dining/food-wine-center

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RECOMMENDED MICRO-DESTINATIONS

• The Barlow

Outdoor market district with food, wine, spirits, hip stores
Sebastopol, thebarlow.net

• Cornerstone Sonoma

Shopping, dining, wine tasting, gardens, event venue; Sonoma
www.cornerstonesonoma.com

• The Estate Yountville Resort

Upscale shopping, art, dining, wine tasting; Yountville
www.theestateyountville.com

• Oxbow Public Market

Local gathering place for great food, wine, shopping;
Downtown Napa
oxbowpublicmarket.com

UNIQUELY WINE COUNTRY

As a prime vacation destination, wine country has its share of unique tours, activities and micro-destinations replete with wine tasting, boutique shops and fine dining. Here are a some we highly recommend.

• California Cheese Trail

Find where to taste cheese,
cheesetrail.org

★ JELLY BELLY VISITOR CENTER

Learn how the famous jelly beans are created
and get free samples!
Fairfield, (707) 428-2838, jellybelly.com

• Napa Valley Wine Train

(707) 253-2111, www.winetrain.com

★ NAPA VALLEY WINE TROLLEY

Vintage, open-air trolley,
like the San Francisco Cable Cars
(707) 252-6100, www.napavalleywinetrolley.com

★ SONOMA VALLEY WINE TROLLEY

Sonoma, (707) 938-2600
sonomavalleywinetrolley.com

LIVE PERFORMANCES

After wining and dining, continue experiencing wine country with a live performance at one of these top-notch venues. Check our Calendar of Events or visit each website for what's coming up.

• Blue Note Napa – Napa

(707) 880-2300, www.bluenotenapa.com

• Green Music Center – Rohnert Park

(707) 664-4246, gmc.sonoma.edu

• Luther Burbank Center for the Arts – Santa Rosa

(707) 546-3600, lutherburbankcenter.org

• Napa Valley Performing Arts Center

at Lincoln Theater, Yountville
(707) 944-9900, lincolnthetater.com

• Oxbow RiverStage – Napa

(707) 880-2300, www.oxbowriverstage.com

• Transcendence Theatre Co – Sonoma

877-424-1414, transcendencetheatre.org

OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

• Jack London State Historic Park

Hiking & horseback trails, museum, ruins
707-938-5216, www.jacklondonpark.com

• Sonoma Canopy Tours

Ziplines, treehouse glamping
888-494-7868, sonomacanopytours.com

• Sonoma County Farm Trails

Visit and tour Sonoma County farms, ranches, artisans, farm stands, www.farmtrails.org

• Safari West Wildlife Preserve

& African Tent Camp
800-616-2695, www.safarwest.com

• Sonoma TrainTown Railroad

Fun for the whole family
(707) 938-3912, www.raintown.com

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Wine Country Calendar

ONGOING SATURDAYS & SOME SUNDAYS

LIVE MUSIC

Passaggio Wines, Glen Ellen

Enjoy live local music and a glass of wine!

Bring your own picnic or order from one of the great restaurants in Jack London Village.

2-4pm, passaggiowines.com



THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

NO DROP GUIDED RIDE

Six Sigma Winery, Lower Lake

Bring your bike and ride the trails! Konocti Bicycles will host a "no drop" ride every 3rd Saturday. Meet at the tasting room and prepare to meet other riders for camaraderie and fun. Expect rolling hills and 2 hours of biking. 9-11am, sixsigmaranch.com

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

GUIDED HIKE

Six Sigma Winery, Lower Lake

Meet at the tasting room at 9am and expect rolling hills as you hike 4 miles in 2 hours. 9-11am, sixsigmaranch.com

ONGOING THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Cheesemaking Classes

The Epicurean Connection, Sonoma

- Hands-on Cheesemaking Class Thursday-Friday 12-2pm

- Hands-on Cheesemaking Class Thursday & Saturday 3:30-5:30pm

- Mozzarella Pulling Class, Friday 3:30-5pm

- Hands-on Cheesemaking & Buttermonger Demonstration, Saturday 12-2pm

\$125, theepicureanconnection.com

ONGOING SUNDAYS

SUNDAY FUNDAY BRUNCH

Greenview Bar & Grill, Hidden Valley Lake

Bloody marys/marias & mimosas, \$5

10am-3pm, greenviewbarandgrill.com

ONGOING MONDAYS/TUESDAYS

EARLY BIRDIES SPECIAL

Greenview Bar & Grill, Hidden Valley Lake

Hot dog & draft beer, \$8, 12-3pm

greenviewbarandgrill.com

ONGOING THURSDAYS

PRIX FIXE THURSDAYS

Greenview Bar & Grill, Hidden Valley Lake

3-course dinner, \$27.95, beginning at 5pm

greenviewbarandgrill.com

ONGOING THURSDAYS

Live Music

Adobe Road Winery, Petaluma

Sip on award-winning, small-lot, handcrafted wines while enjoying talented local musicians. Choose from wines by the glass or bottle and discover new favorites. 4:30-7pm, adoberoadwines.com

ONGOING WEDNESDAYS

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY

Greenview Bar & Grill, Hidden Valley Lake

25% off all wines, greenviewbarandgrill.com

twinpine.com/entertainment



JANUARY-MARCH

NAPA VALLEY MUSTARD

CELEBRATION

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

Various Locations, Napa Valley

During the three-month period, the Napa Valley Mustard Celebration promises to be an amalgamation of sight, sound, touch, scent, and taste. Each of the five towns which comprise the Napa Valley – American Canyon, the City of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, and Calistoga – will feature events or activities to commemorate the mustard season. Residents and visitors alike might expect live art demonstrations, discounts at local merchants, specialty food items, and open gallery exhibits at various locations in Napa Valley. (See pages 33-36.) napavalleymustardcelebration.com

JANUARY 2-3

Bright Nights at Cuaison

Cuaison Estate Wines, Napa

Celebrate the season with a festive wine tasting experience. Enjoy a curated selection of wines paired with artisanal cheeses. The estate will sparkle with thousands of lights, creating a magical setting for your tasting experience. \$85, 5-7pm, cuaison.com

JANUARY 3

Live Music – Jeremy Gorman

Adobe Road Winery, Petaluma

Sip on award-winning wines while enjoying talented local musicians in a warm and inviting atmosphere. 4:30pm, adoberoadwines.com



JANUARY 7

COMEDY – DAN ST. PAUL & MORE

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel, Middletown

Must be 21+, \$10, includes \$10 free play 7:30pm, twinpine.com

JANUARY 11

Handmade Pasta & Italian Classics – Cooking Class with Chef Julia

Quivira Vineyards, Healdsburg

Learn to craft tortellini from scratch, build a flavorful house-made sauce, and prepare chicken piccata alongside the Estate Chef. End the day with a sweet, classic tiramisu and Quivira wine pairings that bring each course to life. \$150-\$185, 11am-2pm, quivirawine.com



JANUARY 16, 30

CRAB FEED

The Tides Wharf Restaurant, Bodega Bay

Chilled dungeness crab, clam chowder, pasta, green salad, french bread with cocktail sauce, Tides' Mustard sauce, drawn butter.

\$99.95pp + tax & gratuity. Call 707-875-2751 to make your reservation. innatthetides.com

JANUARY 16

Friday Night Wine, Dine & Dance with Highway 12 Band & SoCo Paella

Longboard Vineyards, Healdsburg

Highway 12 Band brings a lively mix of crowd-pleasing favorites and danceable classics, creating the perfect backdrop for a relaxed yet vibrant evening in the vineyard. Pair the music with Longboard's award-winning wines while enjoying SoCo Paella's signature paella, freshly cooked on site with bold flavors and local ingredients.

Free admission, 5-7pm

JANUARY 16-19

NAPA TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

Various Locations, Napa Valley

Experience the magic of truffles while savoring some of the finest truffle cuisine in the world paired with magnificent wines amidst the splendor of world-class Napa wineries. Learn firsthand how to work and cook with truffles from the best Michelin star/master chefs. Explore a working truffle orchard, see where and how truffles are harvested, and meet the trained truffle dogs. www.napatrufflefestival.com



JANUARY 17

NAPA VALLEY MUSTARD CELEBRATION KICK-OFF EVENT

Silverado Resort, Napa

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

Enjoy a variety of local wines alongside meticulously prepared pairings, all with the spirit of mustard season in mind. Browse a wide variety of local vendors with unique, exclusive goods, perfect for commemorating your mustard season visit. \$40, napavalleymustardcelebration.com

JANUARY 16

Live Music – Dan Durkin

Adobe Road Winery, Petaluma

Sip on award-winning wines while enjoying talented local musicians in a warm and inviting atmosphere. 4:30pm, adoberoadwines.com

JANUARY 17

Winter Wellness Hike & Lunch

Bartholomew Estate Winery, Sonoma

This is a moderate, uphill, two-mile hike with some stunning views, so be sure to wear your hiking boots for this. Picnic lunch with a selection of estate wine to choose from to follow. \$70, 11am-1pm, bartholomewestate.com

JANUARY 18

Balanced & Whole Foods Cooking

– Cooking Class with Chef Julia

Quivira Vineyards, Healdsburg

Celebrate the beauty of simple, whole ingredients in this nourishing, garden-inspired class. Prepare a hearty lentil and tomato soup and gruyeres toasts, exploring flavor, texture, and balance in every bite – all complemented by a tasting of estate wines. \$150-\$185, 11am-2pm quivirawine.com

JANUARY 22

PHOTO FINALE, YOUNTVILLE ART & MUSTARD CELEBRATION

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

Steve Rogers Gallery and Community Hall, Yountville

This curated exhibit that captures the breathtaking beauty of Napa Valley's Wild Winter Mustard Season through the lens of talented photographers will continue through March 26. Browse works of incredible art that this colorful season inspires along with splashes of unique wines and bites. \$25, napavalleymustardcelebration.com



JANUARY 31

BARREL TASTING & NEW RELEASE PARTY

V. Sattui Winery Underground Cellars & Caves, Courtyard, Vittorio Room & Tasting Room, St. Helena

Taste over 60 different wines including the 50th Anniversary 2025 vintage straight from the barrel! Enjoy hearty food stations and passed appetizers to complement the wines, plus live music by Noah Frank Quartet – an award-winning Oakland based soul-jazz band.

- Over 25 barrel samples from the 2025 vintage
- New Releases
- Big award winners & top-scoring wines from 2025
- Allocated Cabernets
- Sample the 2023 single-vineyard Zinfandels
- Secure your allocated Wine Futures at pre-release discounted pricing

\$195, 6-9:30pm, vsattui.com



JANUARY 17-18

WINTER WINELAND

Participating Wineries, Northern Sonoma County

Join 60+ wineries for two glorious days along the Wine Road sipping wine, connecting with friends and relaxing after the holiday rush. Taste current vintages of multiple varietals grown there. Travel from winery to winery, visiting the ones you are interested in exploring and experience the beauty of winter in Sonoma County. www.wineroad.com

CALENDAR



JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 15 NAPA LIGHTED ART FESTIVAL

Downtown Napa

This walkable outdoor experience is a celebration of creative arts, technology and lights, and supports innovative techniques using light and light technologies as a growing art medium. See 15 lighted art sculptures for 5 weeks. Projection artwork will be displayed on 3 iconic downtown buildings for the first nine nights.

donapa.com/lighted-art-festival



JANUARY 23

WINEMAKER DINNER SERIES with J GREGORY CELLARS

Bay View Restaurant & Lounge,
Inn at the Tides, Bodega Bay

The intimate and relaxed setting of The Bay View Restaurant & Lounge is the ideal backdrop for this monthly "Dinner with the Winemaker" series. It's the perfect opportunity to talk one-on-one with winemakers and winery executives all while enjoying a variety of award-winning wines and locally grown foods. 6:30pm, Special room rates available for winemaker dinner guests.

For Winemaker Dinner and/or room reservations call 707-875-2751 or email: reservations@innatthetides.com



JANUARY 24

DREAM LIKE TAYLOR – STARING CASSIE B

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel, Middletown

Grab your best singing buddies and get ready for the ultimate Swiftie night.

\$35pp, \$60/couple, includes \$10 free play
Must be 21+, 8pm, twinpine.com

JANUARY 30 CRAB FEED

The Tides Wharf Restaurant, Bodega Bay

Chilled dungeness crab, clam chowder, pasta, green salad, french bread with cocktail sauce, Tides' Mustard sauce, drawn butter.
\$99.95pp + tax & gratuity. Call 707-875-2751 to make your reservation. innatthetides.com

JANUARY 30 Friday Night Wine, Dine & Dance with The Harvest Band & Tri Tip Trolley

Longboard Vineyards, Healdsburg

Enjoy live music, great wine, and classic comfort food featuring the soulful, high-energy sounds of The Harvest Band and hearty fare from Tri Tip Trolley. Gather friends, sip great wine, and unwind with a true Sonoma County night of live music, exceptional food, and welcoming vineyard vibes.

Free admission, 5-7pm

JANUARY 31 CALISTOGA WINE EXPERIENCE

Press Club, San Francisco

Indulge in a variety of tastings from 19+ world-class Calistoga wineries, meet the talented winemakers, and immerse yourself in the world of Calistoga wines. Don't miss this unique opportunity to savor some of the finest wines in a vibrant and social atmosphere.

calistogawinegrowers.com/events

JANUARY 31

Wine Blending and Trivia

Bartholomew Estate Winery, Sonoma

Become a Winemaker for a day as you taste and learn to blend wines with renowned Bartholomew Winemaker, Kevin Holt.

\$85, 3:30-5pm, bartholomewestate.com

FEBRUARY 1

Eastern European Comforts – Cooking Class with Chef Julia

Quivira Vineyards, Healdsburg

Cook traditional pierogi, sauerkraut soup with kielbasa, and a sweet pavlova or rolled cake for dessert. A comforting culinary journey paired with Quivira wines. \$150-\$185, 11am-2pm

quivirawine.com

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FEBRUARY 4

COMEDY – MARC YAFFEE & MORE

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel, Middletown

Must be 21+, \$10, includes \$10 free play
7:30pm, twinpine.com



FEBRUARY 6 & 27

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FEBRUARY 7-8

NVMV CELEBRATION

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

Jessel Gallery, Napa

View art by a wide variety of talented Napa Valley artists and this year's featured artist, Paul Youngman, will be there as well.

napavalleymustardcelebration.com



JANUARY 29-31 ZINEX CLASSIC WEEKEND

Various Locations, Napa Valley

Raise a glass to 35 extraordinary years of Zinfandel advocacy at an unforgettable weekend in Napa Valley. Join the vibrant community of Zinfandel lovers, vintners, and culinary artisans for an immersive celebration of heritage, flavor, and fellowship. Savor limited-production wines, indulge in perfectly paired dishes, and share in the stories that connect us all – set against the breathtaking backdrop of Wine Country.

zinfandelexperience.com



FEBRUARY 13-14 VALENTINE'S PAIRINGS AFTER DARK

St. Francis Winery, Santa Rosa

Discover an unforgettable Valentine's evening of culinary excellence and award-winning wines in the heart of Sonoma Wine Country. Come for a special After Dark edition of the acclaimed five-course fine-dining wine experience – elevated with romantic ambiance and Sonoma's most captivating flavors under the night sky. This intimate event invites you to savor masterfully crafted pairings curated by Executive Chef Peter Janiak. Each seasonally inspired dish is designed to celebrate connection – perfectly complementing the exceptional wines in a way that proves love truly is the best pairing. Secure your seat at this exclusive Valentine's event, where fine wine, exquisite cuisine, and unforgettable memories await.

\$150, 5:30-7:30pm, stfranciswinery.com



FEBRUARY 7 YEAR OF THE HORSE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Beringer Winery, St. Helena

Come for the annual Lunar New Year celebration to ring in the Year of the Horse – a symbol of strength, freedom and vitality – and mark an extraordinary milestone: 150 years of winemaking heritage in 2026. beringer.com

FEBRUARY 8-9 CUVEE ANNETTE RELEASE & CLUB PICK UP

Six Sigma Winery, Lower Lake
sixsigmaranch.com

FEBRUARY 14 CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AND MUSTARD SEASON

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

Collings & Légère Art Gallery, Calistoga
Complimentary hot chocolate, exquisite paintings of local impressionist artists Marta Collings and Thérèse Légère. 10am-5pm, napavalleymustardcelebration.com

FEBRUARY 14 Valentines Day - Wine & Chocolate Making Class

Bartholomew Estate Winery, Sonoma
Sheana Davis of Epicurean Connection will teach and lead you through the process of making your own unique chocolate truffles
\$90, 3-5pm, bartholomewestate.com



FEBRUARY 14 TRAVELLER – CHRIS STAPLETON TRIBUTE SHOW

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel, Middletown

Perfect for Valentine's Day date night – or gather the girls and celebrate Galentine's Day in style. \$35pp, \$60/couple, includes \$10 free play
Must be 21+, 8pm, twinpine.com

FEBRUARY 18 Global Dumplings – Cooking Class with Chef Julia

Quivira Vineyards, Healdsburg

Learn to fold, fill, and cook a variety of savory and sweet dumplings while exploring global flavors through the lens of seasonal estate ingredients. Enjoy your creations alongside thoughtfully paired wines. \$150-\$185, 11am-2pm, quivirawine.com

FEBRUARY 20 WINEMAKER DINNER SERIES with DRNK WINES

Bay View Restaurant & Lounge,
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FEBRUARY 27 MUSTARD CELEBRATION DAY

Napa Valley Mustard Celebration

St. Helena Welcome Center, St. Helena

Savor seasonally inspired food and wine as you browse local photographer Rob Watermeyer's works and soak in the lively atmosphere. napavalleymustardcelebration.com

FEBRUARY 27 CRAB FEED

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\$99.95pp + tax & gratuity. Call 707-875-2751 to make your reservation. innatthetides.com

FEBRUARY 20 THE KITCHEN SYNC – FEATURING ANDREW COLE

Priest Ranch Tasting Room, Yountville

The Kitchen Sync: Sips + Songs + Prix Fixe is an elevated dinner and music showcase. This month features Andrew Cole who has opened for major artists including Elton John, John Fogerty, and Tom Jones. Each event features Priest Ranch's estate-grown wines, a seasonal prix fixe dinner menu crafted by Executive Chef Dan Solomon, and live performances by recording artists in partnership with A&R Worldwide. Guests can expect the unexpected at this intimate and eclectic series that syncs all the senses through wine, food, and the arts. \$178, 6:30-9pm, priestranchwines.com



CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 28 LAKE COUNTY BARRELS & VERTICALS

Participating Lake County Wineries
Discover the art of barrel tasting as you sample exquisite wines straight from the source. Experience the unique flavors that develop as wines age with vertical tastings. This in-person event is an incredible opportunity to mingle with fellow wine enthusiasts, meet talented winemakers, and expand your wine knowledge.
lakecountywineries.org/upcoming-events



MARCH 7 & 8 BARREL TASTING WEEKEND

Wine Road, Northern Sonoma County
Celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a "signature event" by throwing the price back to \$50 per person for the weekend. This ticket is good for both Saturday and Sunday, there will not be a 1-day ticket option. Meet winemakers, learn a bit about the winemaking process and mostly buy "futures" of the wines you'll sample directly from the barrel.
wineroad.com

MARCH 14 “GOLDEN ERA” SILENT DISCO

Beringer Winery, St. Helena
Celebrate Beringer's 150 years of winemaking excellence with a night inspired by the opulence and glamour of the Golden Era. The Golden Era Silent Disco Party brings together vintage glamour and modern beats for an experience like no other. Slip on your headphones, choose your vibe, and dance beneath the stone arches that have witnessed a century and a half of winemaking craftsmanship. This is your chance to revel in the elegance of the past while embracing the energy of the present—surrounded by world-class wines and the timeless beauty of Napa Valley's most historic estate. beringer.com



MARCH 14

UPTOWN FUNK – TRIBUTE TO BRUNO MARS

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel, Middletown
Bring your dancing shoes; this one is guaranteed to get the crowd moving.
\$35pp, \$60/couple, includes \$10 free play
Must be 21+, 8pm, twinpine.com



MARCH 12 THE KITCHEN SYNC – FEATURING MARLOW ROSADO

Priest Ranch Tasting Room, Yountville
The Kitchen Sync: Sips + Songs + Prix Fixe is an elevated dinner and music showcase. This month features Marlow Rodado – a high-energy, eclectic, two-time Grammy-winning Latin artist, producer, and multi-instrumentalist known as a leading force in salsa. Each event features Priest Ranch's estate-grown wines, a seasonal prix fixe dinner menu crafted by Executive Chef Dan Solomon, and live performances by recording artists in partnership with A&R Worldwide. Guests can expect the unexpected at this intimate and eclectic series that syncs all the senses through wine, food, and the arts. \$178, 6:30-9pm, priestranchwines.com



MARCH 20-29

CALIFORNIA ARTISAN CHEESE FESTIVAL

Various Locations, Sonoma County
A cheese-filled celebration that brings together a warm and knowledgeable community of cheese experts, makers, and enthusiasts to celebrate the craft of artisan cheesemaking. Enjoy tastings, tours, a cheese crawl, and the signature Artisan Cheese Tasting & Marketplace. The festival highlights the people, stories, and flavors that make this industry so special, while inspiring greater appreciation and enjoyment of artisan cheese. Come snack, sip, and celebrate all things cheese!
artisancheesefestival.com



MARCH 4

COMEDY – CODY WOODS & MORE

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7:30pm, twinpine.com

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TEST YOUR WINE BOTTLE KNOWLEDGE





A Toast to ZinEX Weekend

Where Zinfandel Shines and Community Thrives



There are wine events – and then there is ZinEX, the annual celebration that seems to bottle the very spirit of California Zinfandel – January 29–31, CIA at Copia, Napa

This year's festivities are poised to be especially memorable as Zinfandel Advocates & Producers (ZAP) marks its 35th anniversary with a full weekend of events culminating in the beloved Saturday Tasting. It's a three-day tribute to heritage, craftsmanship, and the people who have shaped Zinfandel into a defining California varietal.

The weekend begins with the Welcome Reception, an intimate gathering that sets a warm and convivial tone. Guests mingle with winemakers, taste small-production bottlings, and reconnect with fellow Zin enthusiasts who return year after year. The energy continues to build at Friday's hallmark event, the Winemakers Auction & Dinner, where rare lots, exclusive experiences, and library wines light up the room. It's a night of spirited bids, generous pours, and the shared goal of supporting ZAP's ongoing preservation and education efforts.

But the heart of the weekend – the moment Zin lovers eagerly await – is the ZinEX Saturday Tasting. For longtime fans, the invitation alone sparks anticipation: an entire afternoon devoted to exploring an extraordinary lineup of Zinfandels from producers spanning every corner of California. From the rugged, old-vine vineyards of Amador and Lodi to the coastal elegance of Sonoma and the bold expressions of Paso Robles, the tasting showcases the grape's astonishing range.

Wineries will be pouring some of your favorite bottlings – wines that reflect the vineyards you know best – alongside special selections reserved just for this event. Newcomers are invited to discover what sets your style apart. It's a chance to savor what's familiar, explore something new, and talk directly with the people who guide each wine from vine to bottle.

ZinEX is more than a tasting; it's a reunion of a passionate community. Throughout the weekend, you'll meet the artisans behind the wines, hear the stories that shape each vintage, and soak in the lively camaraderie that only Zinfandel seems to inspire.

So here's your invitation to the full weekend of Zinfandel discovery. Join us – raise a glass, stop by our table, and toast to 35 years of heritage, community, and the craft that continues to inspire us all. Cheers to an unforgettable ZinEX.

Purchase tickets at zinfandelexperience.com.



“Winter is one of the best-kept secrets in Calistoga. It’s a time when visitors can truly slow down – soak in our hot springs, enjoy world-class wine, and take advantage of incredible value on lodging and spa experiences.”

ERIC REICHERT
President and CEO of Visit Calistoga and the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce

Winter in the Wineries Passport Program in Calistoga

Visit Calistoga invites travelers to experience the quiet magic of Napa Valley's winter season with the return of its popular Winter in the Wineries Passport. This year the Passport features exclusive offers from Calistoga's boutique hotels, resorts, and spas in addition to the complimentary wine tastings that are the foundation of the Winter in the Wineries program.

Now on sale, the \$80 Passport provides guests with access to complimentary one-time tastings at 21 participating Calistoga-area wineries through March 1, 2026, and special deals and upgrades on local lodging, dining, and spa experiences – a savings of over \$1,000. Additionally, many Calistoga restaurants are waiving corkage fees for wines purchased from the participating wineries. The program encourages visitors to unwind in charming Calistoga at the top of the Napa Valley during the serene off-season – when the mineral pools are warm, the tasting rooms are relaxed, and the scenery shines in soft winter light.

Featured Lodging Offers Include:

Calistoga Spa Hot Springs: 20% off room rates, spa treatments, and products when you mention the Passport.

Doctor Wilkinson's Backyard Resort & Mineral Spa: Breakfast for two each morning, bottle of wine upon arrival, and two tastings with a wine partner. 25% off mud and mineral bath experience.

Roman Spa Hot Springs: 25% off the best available rate for a two-night stay, plus a complimentary mud bath for two and early pool access.

Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection: 25% off 60- or 90-minute spa treatments with complimentary bathhouse access Monday through Wednesday.

The Bungalows at Calistoga: Book two nights and receive the third night free, plus a complimentary bottle of wine.

Check the Hotel and Resort Offers page for restrictions, more details as well a complete list lodging offers from all 15 participating properties.

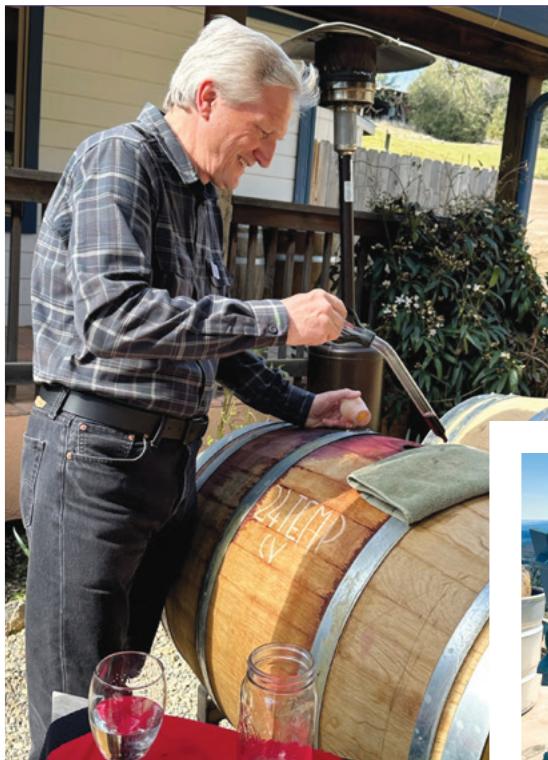
The Winter in the Wineries Passport is available at visitcalistoga.com.

Passports can be shipped, picked up at the Calistoga Welcome Center, or accessed digitally through a mobile pass.

Participating Wineries:

Benessere Vineyards
Bennett Lane Winery
Charles Krug Winery
Chateau Montelena
Clif Family Winery
Elusa Winery
Fults Family Winery
Girard Winery
Hans Fahden
Laura Michael Winery
Markham Vineyards
Museion Winery
Picayune Cellars
Pope Valley Winery
Six Sigma Winery
Sterling Vineyards
Tamber Bey
Tank Garage Winery
Tedeschi Family Winery
Vault Wine
Wild Diamond Vineyards

Advance reservations are required with most participating wineries. Passport holders are urged to plan ahead and reserve their spots by calling wineries directly to secure reservations.



DESTINATION: LAKE COUNTY

Barrels & Verticals Returns February 28

Held at the height of winter wine country, Lake County Barrels & Verticals returns on February 28, inviting wine lovers to experience the region in a way that goes far beyond a typical tasting. Organized by the Lake County Winery Association, this much-anticipated annual event offers an inside look at how Lake County wines are made, how they evolve over time, and what makes this high-elevation region so distinctive.

Rather than taking place at a single venue, Barrels & Verticals unfolds across participating wineries throughout Lake County, encouraging guests to explore the area's scenic backroads, vineyard views, and welcoming tasting rooms. Each stop delivers something a little different, but all share a common focus on education, access, and meaningful interaction with the people behind the wines.

Barrel tastings allow guests to sample wines still in the aging

process, drawn straight from the barrel before bottling. These unfinished wines offer a fascinating glimpse into how oak, time, and winemaking choices shape the final product. It's a rare opportunity to taste what's ahead and to better understand the craftsmanship that happens long before a label is applied.

In addition to barrel tastings, wineries will also be pouring multiple vintages of the same wine side by side. Sampling wines across different years highlights how vintage conditions, aging, and cellar decisions influence flavor, texture, and structure. For both casual drinkers and seasoned enthusiasts, verticals provide an eye-opening lesson in how wines mature and develop character over time.

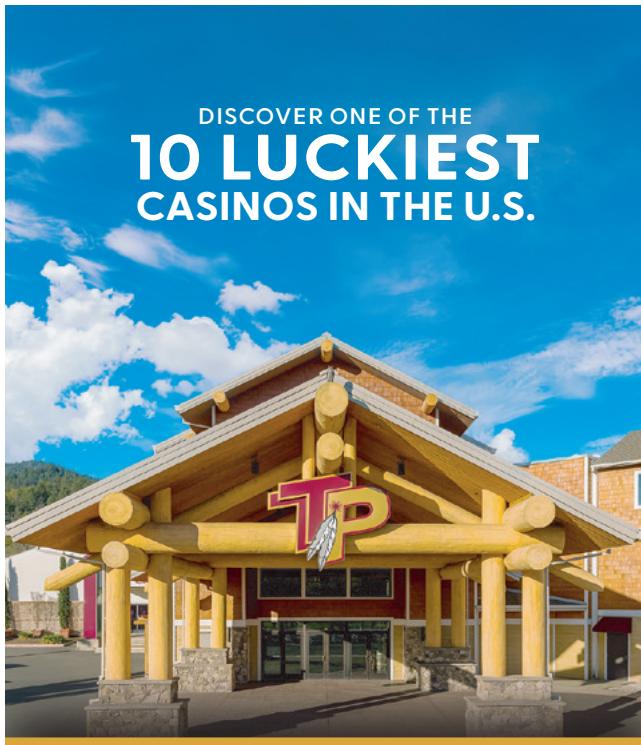
Because Barrels & Verticals takes place in late February, it also showcases Lake County during a quieter, more relaxed season. With

fewer crowds and a slower pace, guests can linger, ask questions, and enjoy more personal conversations with winemakers and tasting room staff. The atmosphere is friendly and informal, making the event as approachable as it is informative.

Each participating winery brings its own style, varietals, and perspective, collectively highlighting the diversity of Lake County's terroir. From bold reds to elegant whites, the event underscores why the region continues to gain attention among California wine lovers.

Tickets for Lake County Barrels & Verticals on February 28, 2026 are limited and typically sell in advance, making early planning worthwhile. For anyone curious about how wine evolves from barrel to bottle – and from vintage to vintage – this winter celebration offers a memorable and rewarding way to experience Lake County wine country.

lakecountywineries.org



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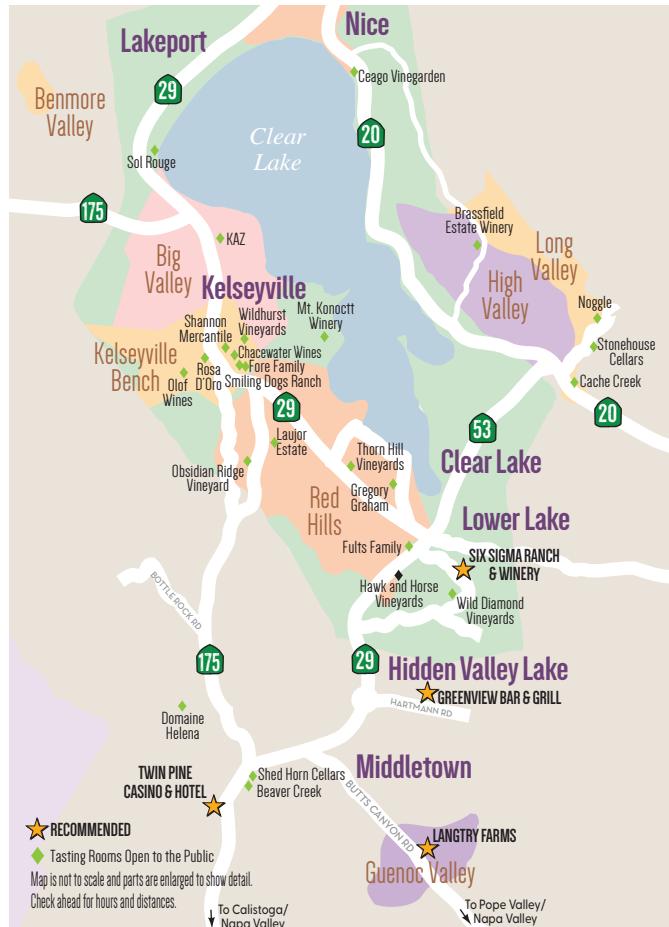


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DESTINATION: SONOMA VALLEY

Winter Magic: Wine Tasting in the Off Season

When most visitors think of Sonoma Valley, they picture sun-soaked vineyards in the heart of harvest season. But winter offers its own unique allure – quieter tasting rooms, sweeping vineyard vistas dusted with frost, and a slower pace that invites true indulgence. This is the season to savor every sip, linger over conversation, and connect with winemakers in a way that's nearly impossible during the summer crowds. From the communal tasting experiences at Passaggio Wines to the castle-like grandeur of Ledson Winery & Vineyards, Sonoma's wineries take on a cozy, intimate charm in winter.

Passaggio Wines, nestled in Glen Ellen's historic Jack London Village, is the perfect first stop. This shared tasting space highlights a rotating selection of local Sonoma producers, allowing visitors to sample wines by the glass or bottle in a relaxed, inviting setting. Whether enjoying crisp whites or bold reds, guests can take their time, savoring both the wine and the conversation around them.

For a more personalized experience, **Dane Cellars** offers handcrafted small-lot wines with the added benefit of one-on-one interaction with the winemakers. Winter's slower pace means you can dive deeper into the story behind each varietal while enjoying the intimate charm of this boutique winery.

Wellington Cellars, also in Glen Ellen, captures the essence of winter in Sonoma with small-lot wines and a welcoming tasting room. The boutique experience here exemplifies what makes off-season wine tasting so

special: relaxed, engaging, and rich with flavor.

VJB Cellars in Kenwood combines wine with culinary delights. Its on-site Italian kitchen lets guests pair hearty seasonal dishes or rustic pizzas with approachable, fruit-forward wines – a comforting combination on a crisp winter day.

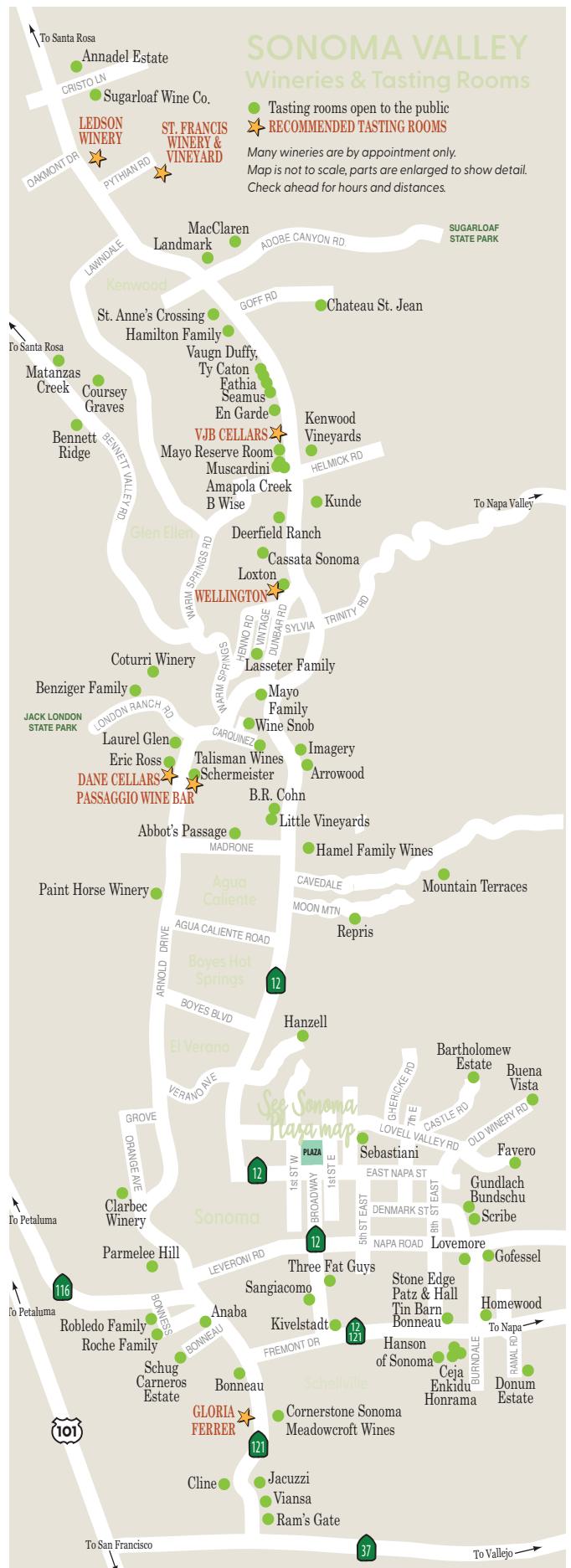
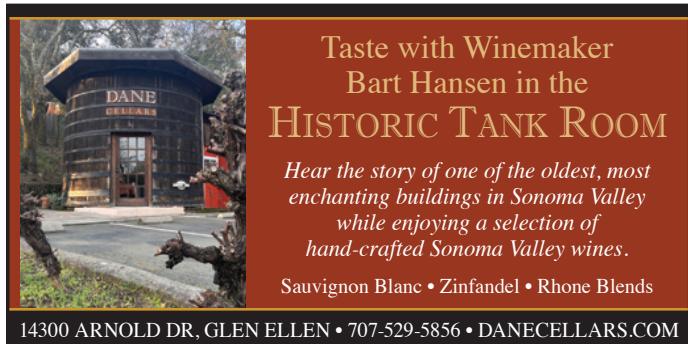
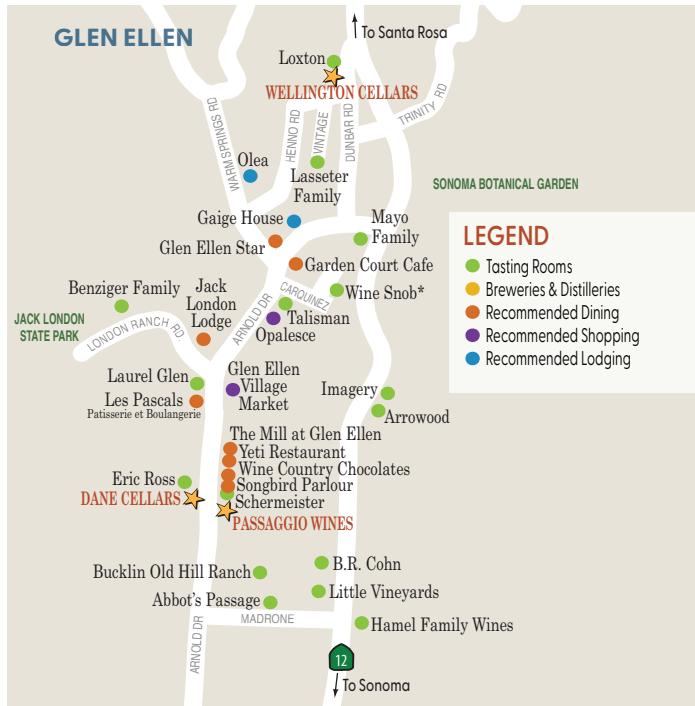
Ledson Winery & Vineyards, affectionately known as the "Wine Castle," is especially enchanting in the colder months. Its dramatic stone architecture and warm tasting rooms create the perfect backdrop for sampling robust Cabernet Sauvignons or elegantly balanced Chardonnays. Pairing your tasting with a cheese or charcuterie plate while taking in vineyard views turns a simple visit into a memorable experience.

Up in Santa Rosa, **St. Francis Winery & Vineyards** provides a serene and luxurious winter experience. Guests can enjoy thoughtfully curated wine and food pairings against peaceful vineyard scenery, with attentive staff ensuring a personal, immersive tasting. Zinfandels, Sauvignon Blancs, and other Sonoma classics shine in this intimate setting.

Winter wine tasting in Sonoma Valley is all about tranquility, personalized experiences, and discovering new favorites without the summer crowds. With cozy tasting rooms, spectacular scenery, and world-class wines, this season invites visitors to slow down, savor every sip, and experience the region in a whole new light.

Visit Glen Ellen

The small and charming town of Glen Ellen offers visitors a perfect blend of history, wine, and natural beauty. While sometimes overshadowed by its more famous neighbors, this laid-back destination provides an authentic wine country experience without the crowds. A day in Glen Ellen is best spent exploring its scenic landscapes, discovering its vibrant local businesses, and, of course, sampling world-class wines.





DESTINATION: SONOMA PLAZA

Platt Vineyard Opens Tasting Salon

Platt Vineyard, celebrated for its elegant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grown along the West Sonoma Coast, has opened a brand-new tasting salon on the Plaza in Sonoma. This new location represents a major step for the newly launched brand. The vineyard has been farmed for 20+ years supplying grapes to top producers and supplying them to top producers before stepping into the spotlight with its own estate wines.

The tasting salon, which opened its doors in November, occupies a charming, recently renovated space. The design strikes a balance between sophistication and comfort, creating a welcoming environment where visitors can enjoy intimate tastings while learning about the wines and the coastal terroir that shapes them. Its location makes it easy for locals and tourists alike to experience the brand's offerings without needing to venture out to the coast.

Platt Vineyard's estate lies just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, where cool coastal breezes, morning fog, and the region's distinctive Goldridge soils create ideal

conditions for crafting nuanced, expressive wines. The downtown tasting salon brings these coastal flavors to the Sonoma Plaza, giving visitors a chance to savor the unique characteristics of West Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir and Chardonnay alongside other local wine offerings in a vibrant, walkable setting.

Guests at Platt's tasting salon can enjoy guided flights designed to highlight the winery's signature style, often featuring the latest estate vintages and limited releases. Tastings are structured to be both educational and relaxed, offering insights into the vineyard's climate, soil, and winemaking philosophy. While reservations are required to guarantee a tasting experience, the team is happy to accommodate walk-ins when possible. They welcome the opportunity to host people strolling around the Plaza and discovering along the way.

The Tasting Salon is located at 383 1st Street West. For reservations, or more information, call 707-732-4860 or email info@plattvineyard.com

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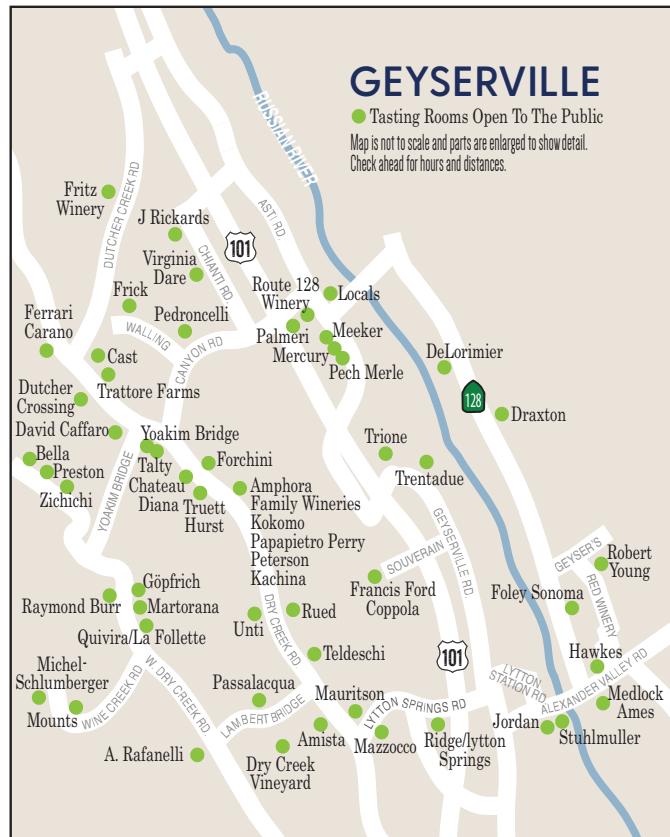
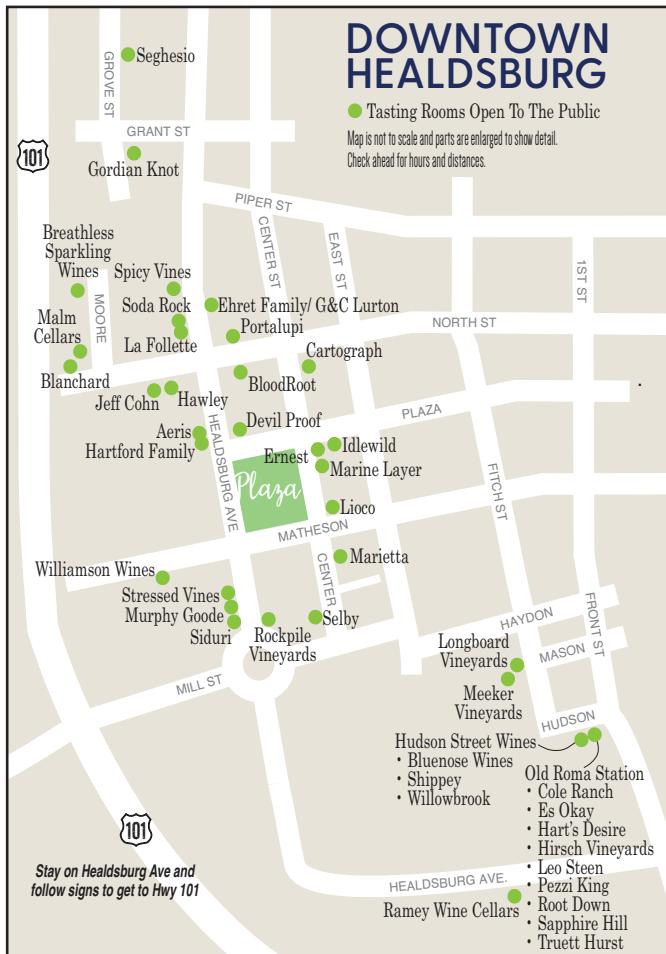
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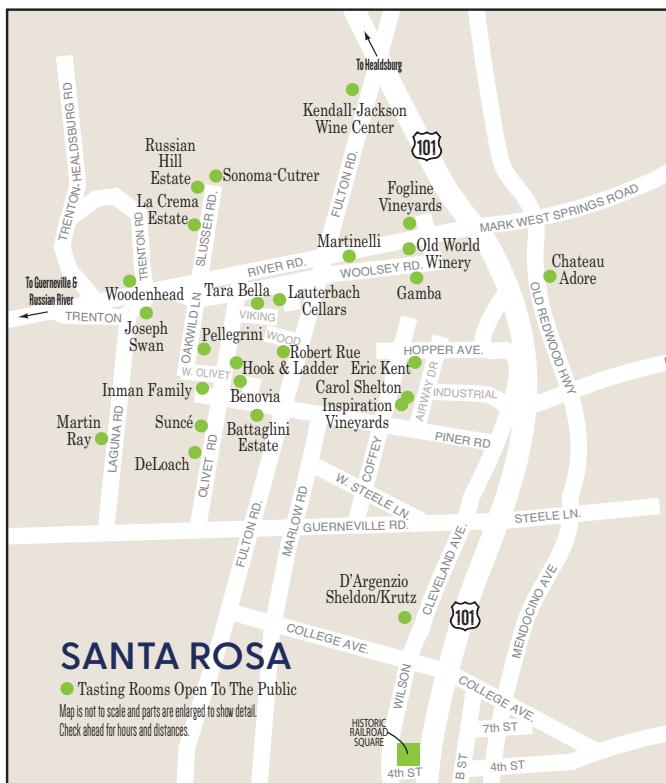
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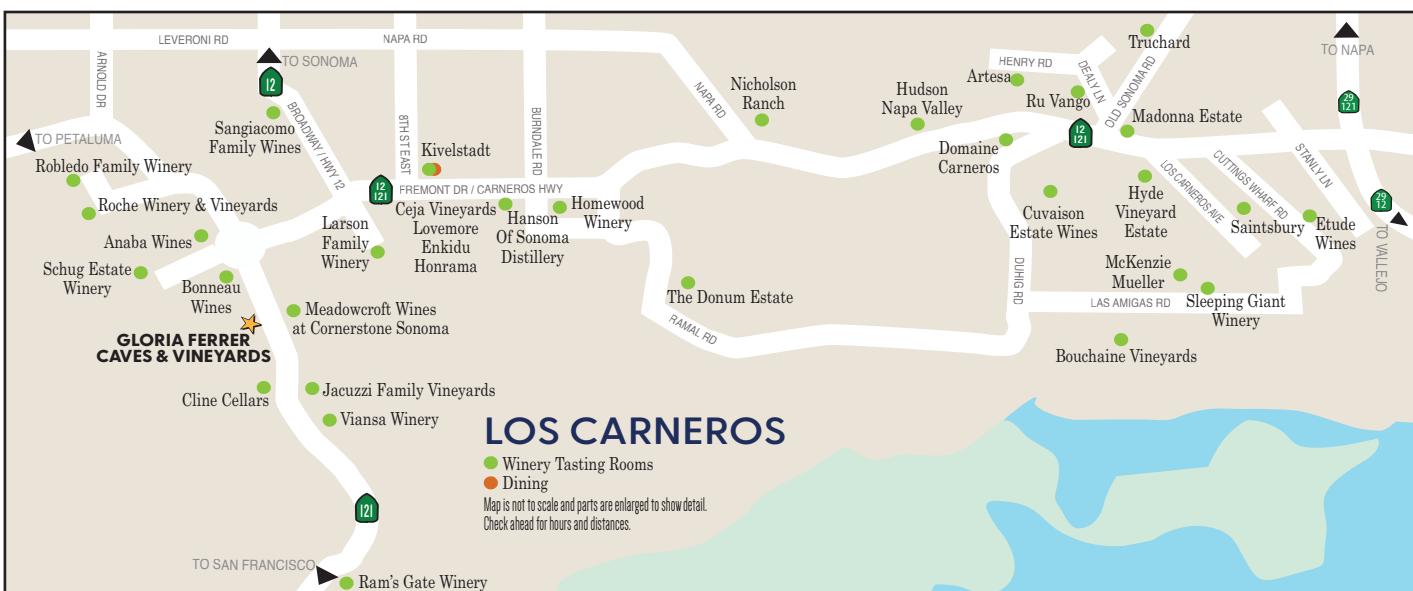
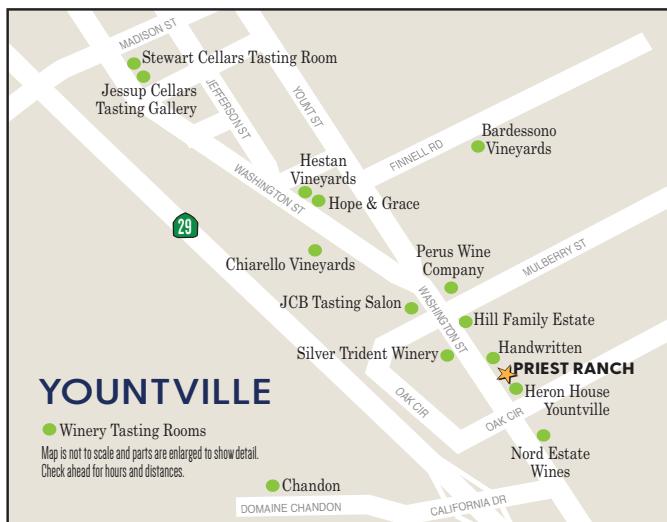
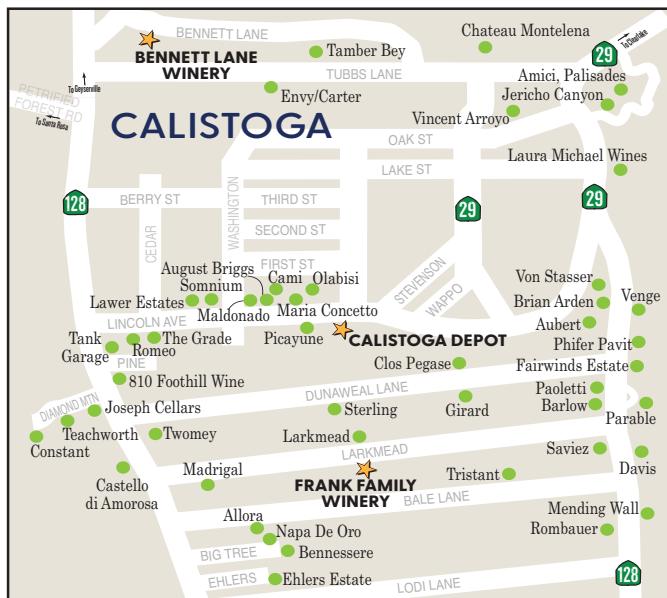
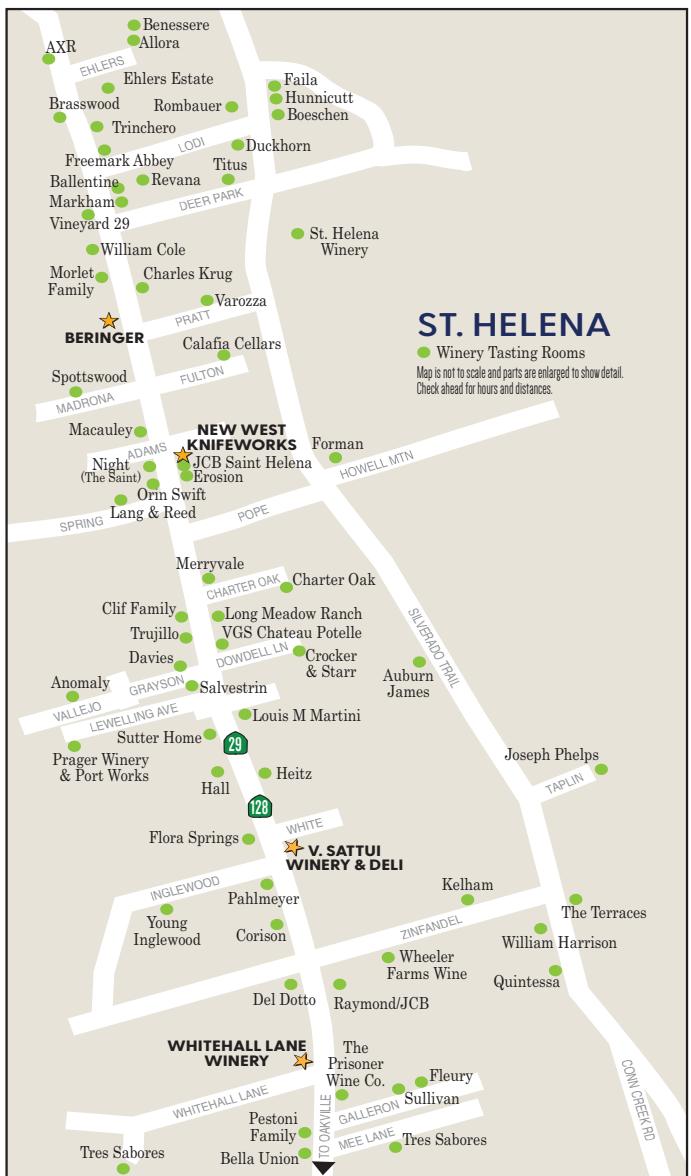
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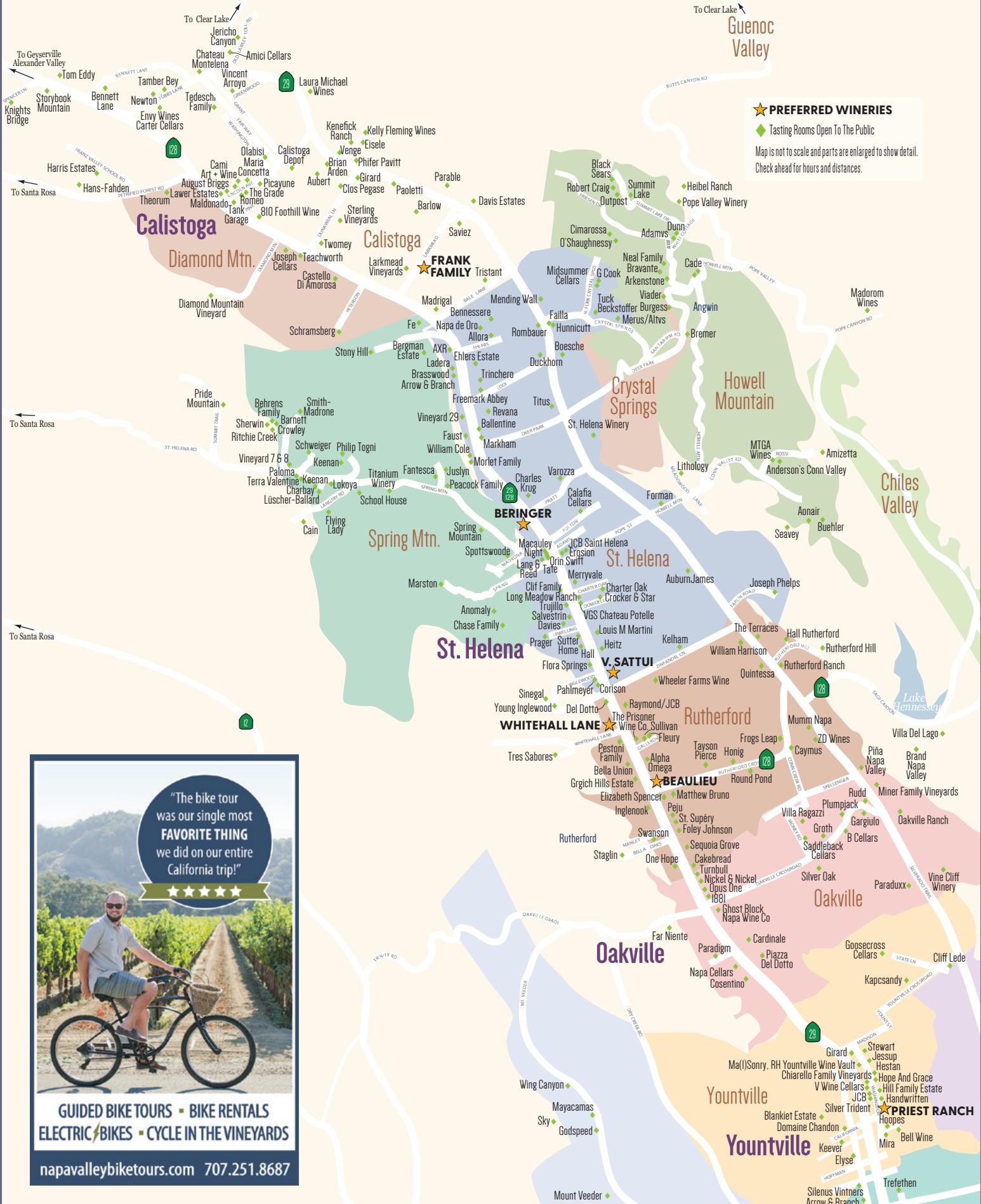


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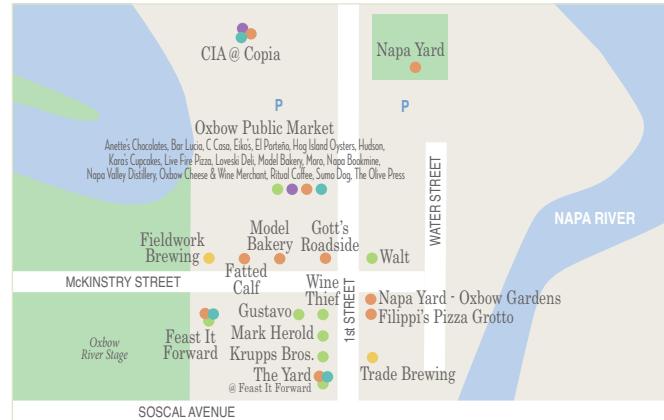
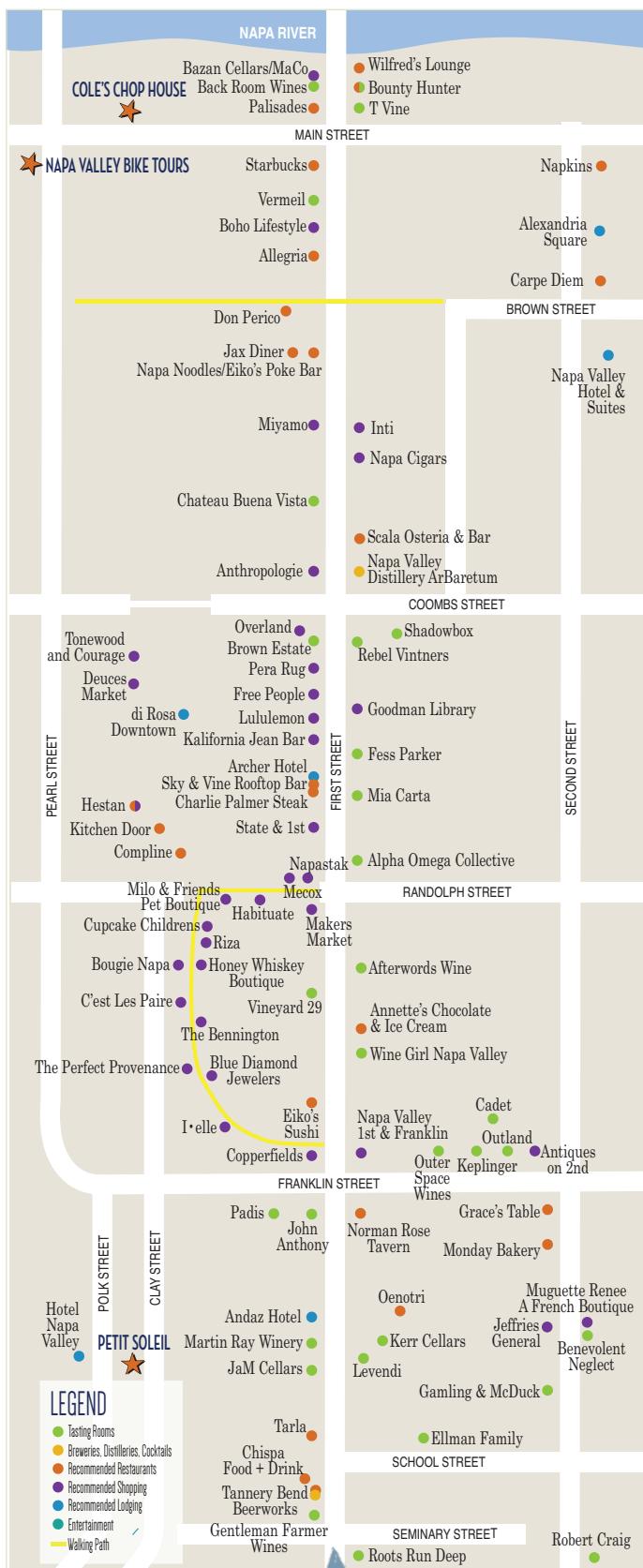


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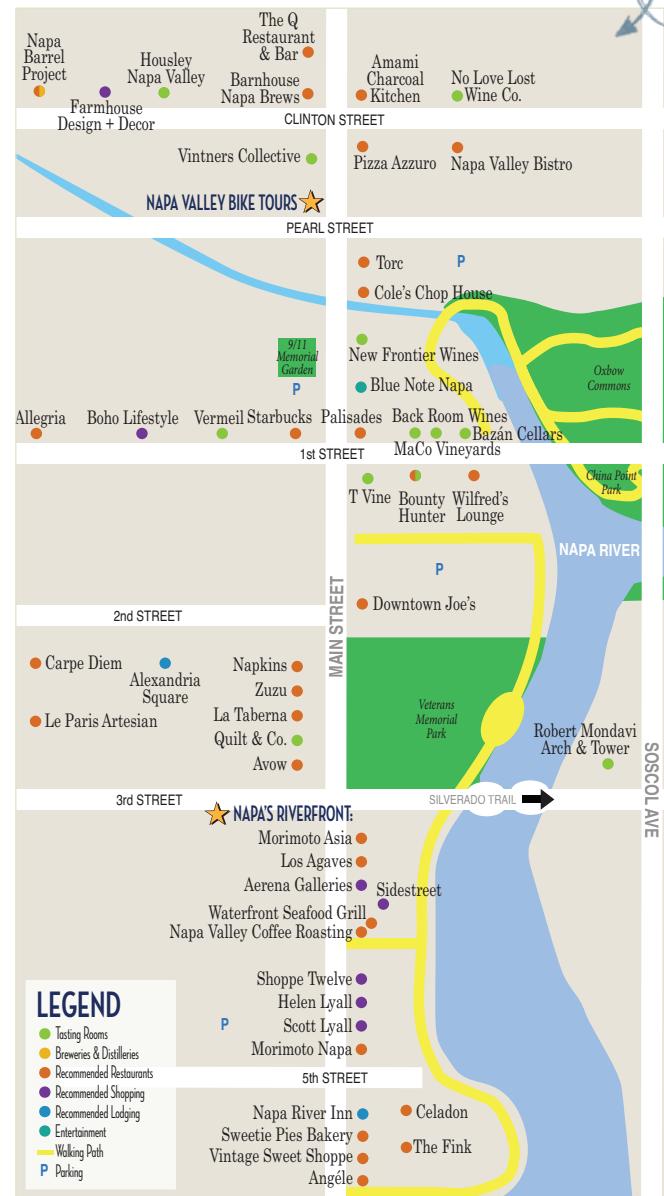


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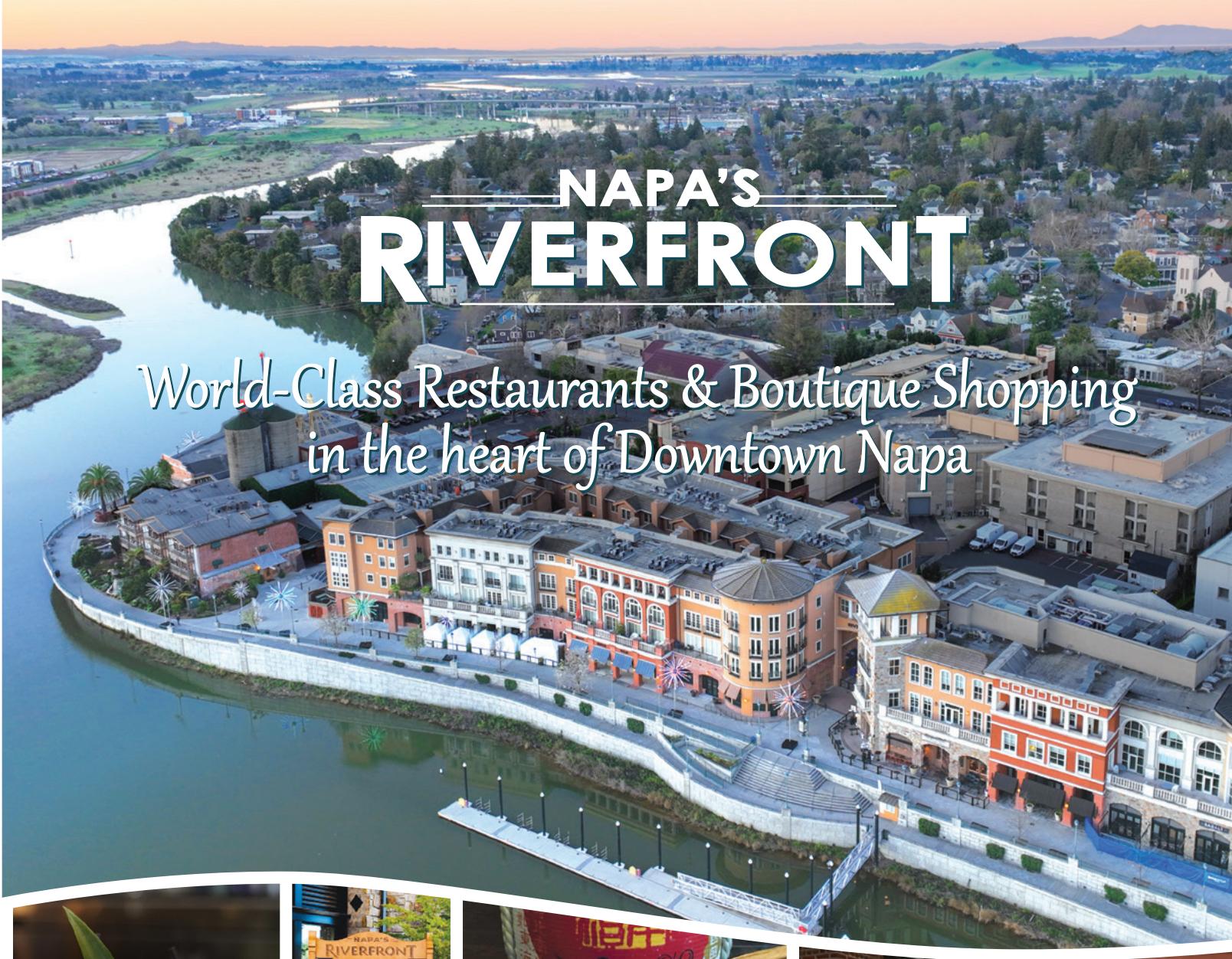


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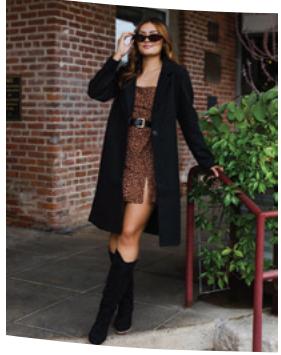


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