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DeLoach Vineyards Day Trip

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FUN FACT ~ DeLoach Vineyards produces more than 17 Vineyard Designate wines, most available only in the tasting room.

Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Chardonnay

DeLoach Vineyards is a very special place that you don't want to miss! Here's why: The grounds are beautiful, the wines are delicious, the staff is friendly and knowledgeable and the chickens and sheep are really cute. Got your attention there, huh?

No, they haven't added a petting zoo at DeLoach Vineyards, but the winery was recently licensed as biodynamic, hence the chickens and sheep (and also a big vegetable and flower garden). Biodynamic farming is a method of organic farming that looks upon the soil and farm as living organisms, so all things on the farm are inter-connected. For example, the sheep are used for weed control in the vineyards, the chickens provide fertilizer for the vineyards and eggs for the kitchen and the vegetable and flower garden provides produce and flowers for the events at the winery.

This is a great place to consider if you are planning a private party. Behind the tasting room is the "guest house," a large rustic wooden building with lots of glass to let in the Russian River Valley sunshine. There is an elegant great room with comfortable furniture scattered about, a large dining room with a long table at the ready for private tastings and dinners, a commercial kitchen (complete with in-house chef) and three bedrooms for overnight guests. The walls are bedecked with gorgeous original art, created by students of the San Francisco Academy of Art.

Visitors may schedule a tour of the grounds for \$15, which includes a wine tasting. For those who wish to forgo the tour, a regular wine tasting is \$10 to sample a selection of five wines (refundable with purchase). There is also a very special tour happening from September 18 – October 31 on Saturdays and Sundays. For \$25 (\$20 for wine club members), visitors may sip wines as they stroll through the organic gardens, then relax by the fountain and enjoy gourmet

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garden-fresh nibbles, paired with five wines.

The tasting room is spacious and comfortable. My first impression was of bottles, bottles everywhere! The whole wall behind the tasting bar and one other wall are covered with horizontally stacked bottles. There is a tasteful selection of wine-related merchandise artfully displayed around the room.

I was very impressed by the wines I tasted...

2007 Hawk Hill Chardonnay, \$50: Big, intense and loaded with aromas and flavors of buttered toast, spiced baked apple and crisp pear from the first sniff, through to the long, luxurious finish.

2006 Le Roi Pinot Noir, \$60: This Pinot made me weak in the knees. It is a gorgeous wine with a silken texture and balanced aromas and flavors of cherry and rose petals with a hint of earthiness and spice.

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