
Pine Ridge Vineyards

Founded in 1978 in Napa's Stags Leap District, Pine Ridge is best known for elegant Cabernet-based reds from prized estate vineyards. The winery also has carved out a surprising niche with a tasty Chenin Blanc–Viognier blend, made with grapes from Lodi and the under-the-radar Clarksburg district.

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Raymond Vineyards

Founded in 1970 by one of California's pioneering wine families, this midsize Napa estate has offered solid, reasonably priced wines for years. In 2009, Boisset Family Estates purchased the winery, bringing famous French consultant Philippe Melka and winemaker Stephanie Putnam on board—which means newly invigorated and ambitious wines are no doubt on the way.

Robert Biale Vineyards

Pietro Biale started growing grapes in Napa Valley back in the 1930s, but it was son Aldo and grandson Bob who began bottling wines under the family name 60 years later. The winery specializes in hearty, dense single-vineyard Zinfandels and Petite Sirahs from some of Napa's oldest vineyards.

Robert Craig Winery

Robert Craig built his eponymous winery and one of his estate vineyards at the end of a winding, rugged road nearly 2,300 feet up Napa Valley's Howell Mountain. It's a perch that suits Craig well, given his passion for mountain-grown grapes. Craig makes a quartet of always excellent, firmly structured Cabernets, along with small amounts of Chardonnay, Zinfandel and a Cab blend.

Robert Mondavi Winery

After a series of shake-ups in the mid-2000s, Robert Mondavi's industry-transforming winery found stable footing under current owner Constellation Wines. The winery's talented winemaker, Genevieve Janssens, continues the brand's tradition of greatness with high-end cuvées such as the Reserve Cabernet.

Rombauer Vineyards

Rombauer's decadent Chardonnay became one of the best-known examples of the buttery, oaky style that defined California Chardonnay in the 1990s. Today this family-run estate—founded in St. Helena in 1982 by Koerner and Joan Rombauer—enjoys a loyal following. The wines, including the Napa Valley Merlot and Cabernet, are consistently well made.
