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Hotels

- 1 **CALISTOGA RANCH**
580 Lommel Road,
Calistoga; www.calistogaranch.aubergeresorts.com
- 2 **COTTAGES OF NAPA VALLEY**
1012 Dams Lane, Napa; www.napacottages.com
- 3 **SENZA** 4066 Howard Lane, Napa;
www.senzahotel.com
- 4 **SOLAGE** 755 Silverado Trail, Calistoga;
www.solagecalistoga.com

Restaurants

- 5 **AD HOC + ADDENDUM**
6476 Washington St., Yountville;
www.thomaskeller.com/ad-hoc/addendum
- 6 **ATLAS SOCIAL** 1124 First St., Napa; www.atlassocialnapa.com
- 7 **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** 180 Rutherford Hill Road, Rutherford;
www.aubergedusoleil.com
- 8 **CICCIO** 6770 Washington St., Yountville; www.ciccionapavalley.com
- 9 **DEAN & DELUCA** 607 S. St. Helena Highway, St. Helena;
www.deandeluca.com
- 10 **EVANGELINE** 1226 Washington St., Calistoga; www.evangelinenapa.com
- 11 **FOODSHED PIZZA** 3385 Old California Way, Napa; www.foodshedpizza.org
- 12 **LA TOQUE** The Westin Verasa Napa, 1314 McKinstry St., Napa; www.latoque.com
- 13 **OAKVILLE GROCERY** 7856 St. Helena Highway, Oakville; www.oakvillegrocery.com
- 14 **OXBOW PUBLIC MARKET** 610 & 644 First Street, Napa;
www.oxbowpublicmarket.com
- 15 **REDD** 6480 Washington St., Yountville; www.reddnapavalley.com
- 16 **THE RESTAURANT AT MEADOWOOD** 900 Meadowood Lane, St. Helena;
www.therestaurantatmeadowood.com
- 17 **SUNSHINE FOODS MARKET** 1115 Main St., St. Helena; www.sunshinefoodsmarket.com
- 18 **1313 MAIN** 1313 Main St., Napa; www.1313main.com
- 19 **TORC** 1140 Main St., Napa; www.torcnapa.com

Wineries / Tasting Rooms

- 20 **B CELLARS** 703 Oakville Cross Road, Oakville; www.bcellars.com
- 21 **CLIF FAMILY VELO VINO TASTING ROOM** 709 Main St., St. Helena; www.cliffamilywinery.com
- 22 **DARIOUSH** 4240 Silverado Trail, Napa; www.dariouish.com
- 23 **HALL** 401 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena; www.hallwines.com
- 24 **HESTAN** 6548 Washington St., Yountville; www.hestan.com
- 25 **KENZO ESTATE** 3200 Monticello Road, Napa; www.kenzoestate.com
- 26 **MAYACAMAS** 1155 Lokoya Road, Napa; www.mayacamass.com
- 27 **ODETTE ESTATE** 5998 Silverado Trail, Napa; www.odetteestate.com
- 28 **ORIN SWIFT** 1325 Main St., St. Helena; www.orinswift.com
- 29 **PHIFER PAVITT** 4660 Silverado Trail N., Calistoga; www.phiferpavittwine.com
- 30 **QUINTESSA** 1601 Silverado Trail S., St. Helena; www.quintessa.com
- 31 **RAYMOND** 849 Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena; www.raymondvineyards.com
- 32 **ST. SUPÉRY WINERY** 8440 St. Helena Highway, Rutherford;
www.stsupery.com
- 33 **SWANSON** 1271 Manley Lane, Rutherford; www.swansonvineyards.com
- 34 **TAMBER BEY VINEYARDS** 1251 Tubbs Lane, Calistoga;
www.tamberbey.com





Visitors can blend their own personalized cuvées at Raymond.

patio, and take advantage of the adjacent Bruschetteria Food Truck, which serves an assortment of wine-friendly items, like a porchetta bruschetta and polenta accented with black truffles. —M.W.

Mayacamas

1155 Lokoya Road, Napa **Telephone** (707) 224-4030 **Website** www.mayacamas.com **Open** Monday to Saturday, by appointment only **Cost** Tastings \$75

Mayacamas is so far off the beaten path, hidden away at the top of Mount Veeder, that a visit there is transportative—not just to a different place, but to a different time, as well. The historic winery, built in 1889, is one of Napa's oldest, and not much about it has changed. The stone facade and rugged, utilitarian barrel room are largely unaltered, even though the property is under new ownership. Some recent renovations, however, have created comfortable tasting and visiting areas, both indoors and out. Fans of this producer's distinctive, long-lived Cabernet Sauvignons and Chardonnays will enjoy the escorted tour and tasting, which always includes a library wine. There is much to explore at this spot, and the views are breathtaking. —M.W.

Raymond

849 Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena **Telephone** (707) 963-3141 **Website** www.raymondvineyards.com **Open** By appointment only **Cost** Tastings start at \$20

A visit to Raymond is an adventure in itself—the winery is packed with energy and style, offering a handful of experiences under one roof. There's the outdoor Theater of Nature walking tour, private tastings in the velvet-lined Red Room and an elegant decanting demonstration in the Crystal Cellar, which exudes a nightclub vibe. For those wanting something more hands-on, the Winemaker for a Day program allows guests to blend their own wine and personalize a wine label, all while garbed in silver lab jackets and hats (\$100 per person). After experimenting with graduated

cylinders, beakers and pipettes, visitors depart with a bottle of their blend and the option to order a case of their creation. —M.W.

St. Supéry

8440 St. Helena Highway (Highway 29), Rutherford **Telephone** (707) 963-4507 **Website** www.stsupery.com **Open** Daily **Cost** Tours and tastings start at \$20

St. Supéry's two-story hospitality center offers an assortment of interactive and educational experiences for visitors. One tasting pairs a flight of wine with aroma identifiers such as cherry or vanilla. Wine pros may opt to take an ampelography master class, where they can learn to identify individual grape varieties in the vineyard, followed by a food-and-wine pairing. For a less formal and structured visit, guests can choose tasting flights at the main bar and take a self-guided tour of the facility. Stroll through the culinary gardens, admire the rotating selection of art in the upstairs gallery or spend a leisurely afternoon playing pétanque—a game similar to bocce—in the courtyard. —A.R.

Tamber Bay Vineyards

1251 Tubbs Lane, Calistoga **Telephone** (707) 942-2100 **Website** www.tamberbay.com **Open** Daily, by appointment only **Cost** Tours and tastings start at \$25

Wine and horse country unite at Tamber Bay's hospitality center, in the middle of the 22-acre Sundance Ranch. The modern yet rustic tasting room is located in the original barn clubhouse and offers a dozen bar seats for tasting. Guests can also taste in the courtyard, which is surrounded by horse stalls. Visitors receive personal, hosted tastings; and bite-sized savory cookies, such as the Cardamom Crunch, with cocoa nibs, cardamom and cocoa powder, can be added as pairings. Tours of the ranch and winery, during which patrons get an up-close experience with the winemaking process and the resident horses, can also be arranged. —A.R.