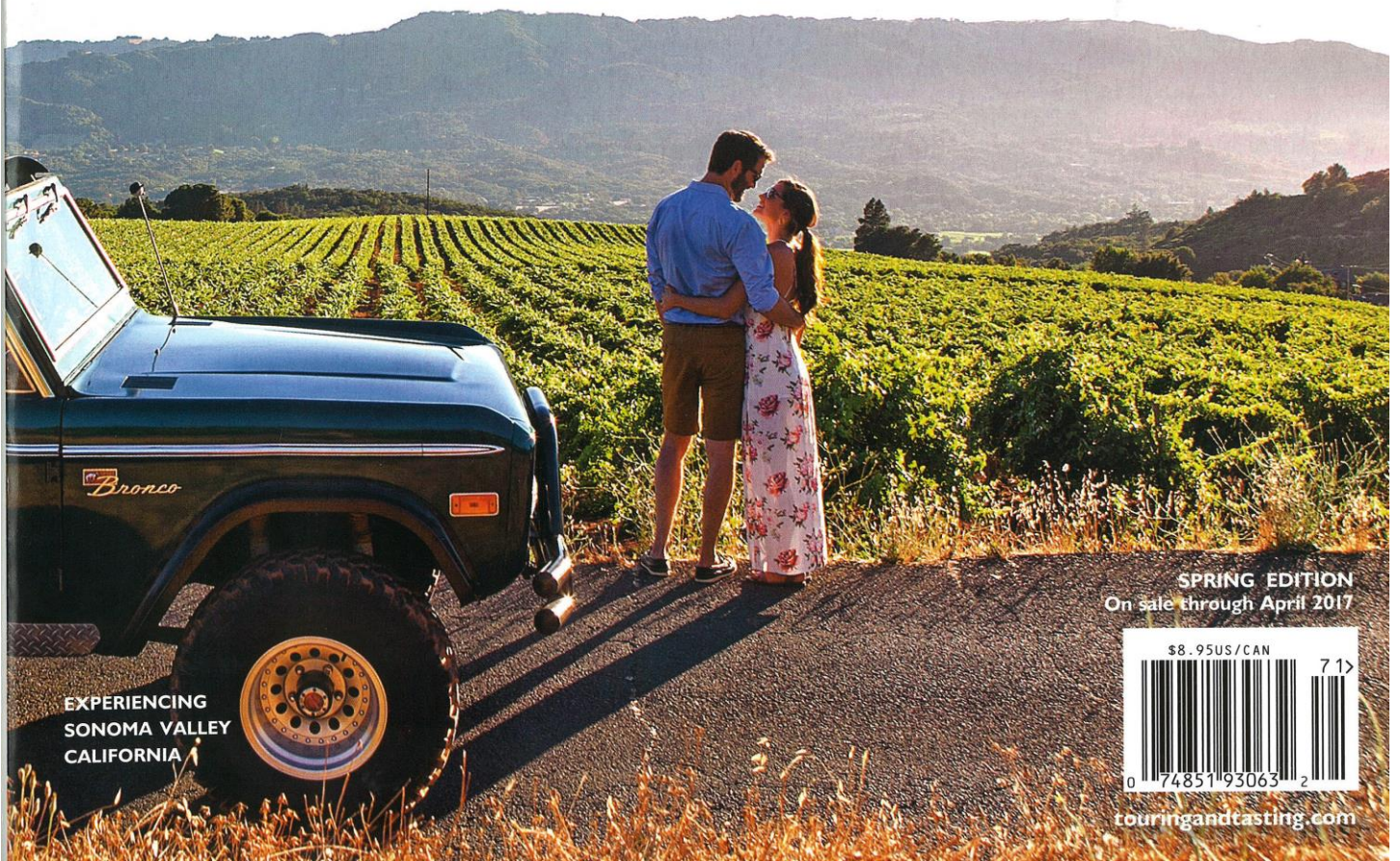


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SONOMA COUNTY

*Located less than an hour north of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge,
between the Pacific Coast in the west and the Mayacamas Mountains in the east*



Bodega Bay Lodge

exceptional hospitality

LEDSON WINERY & VINEYARDS

This winery treats guests like royalty in its stunning Castle. Service is impeccable, yet there's a casual ambience that makes us want to stay all day.

PATZ & HALL

The Sonoma House at Patz & Hall is dedicated to making guests feel at home. Seated tastings are offered as well as the Salon experience, complete with exquisite food bites.

GLORIA FERRER CAVES & VINEYARDS

Gracious hospitality

abounds at this beguiling Carneros winery. Guests enjoy table service on the Vineyard Terrace, guided tours, and elevated experiences, too.

DELOACH VINEYARDS

We always feel welcome and certain we'll learn something when we visit DeLoach. The list of fun appointment-in-advance guest experiences keeps getting better.

RAVENSWOOD

This inviting winery should be as famous for its gracious hospitality as its lengthy portfolio of Zinfandel wines. A wel-

coming staff, a laid-back atmosphere, and a pretty outside seating area put it on our list.

LARSON FAMILY WINERY

This family-owned winery treats guests like they're part of the brood. They are invited to picnic, play bocce, and visit the goats.

LAKE SONOMA WINERY

Located on First Street West, right off the historic Sonoma Plaza, the charming tasting room greets human and canine guests alike. The outdoor

seating area is private and cozy.

HEART OF SONOMA VALLEY WINERIES

More than two dozen wineries located within

minutes of Sonoma Plaza have joined together to provide visitors the best possible experience in Sonoma County. Their Wine Trail Pass is a very generous deal.



Patz & Hall

SONOMA COUNTY

top palate pleasers

2015 Dry Creek Vineyard Fumé Blanc

"The 2015 Fumé Blanc is a beautiful wine that emanates the classic Dry Creek Vineyard 'house' style of Sauvignon Blanc. This wine is mouthwatering and delicious with lovely intensity and a clean, pure finish."

PAIRING Fresh oysters

2014 Moshin Pinot Noir, North Coast

This is a BIG Pinot, surprise! Treat this beautiful Martini Clone Pinot Noir like a 'bigger' wine and enjoy the nuances it can offer in its deeper range."

PAIRING Barbecued spareribs

2013 Highway 12 Cabernet Sauvignon

"This is undeniably the classic bold Sonoma Cab you've been searching for...Intense hit of black fruit right up front and the stabilizing tannins...you don't want this to end." **PAIRING** Ribeye steak

2015 Schug Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

"We showcase the elegant side of Pinot Noir by aging in large neutral oak casks and older French oak barrels to keep new oak flavors to a minimum." **PAIRING** Grilled fish

2014 Sbragia Gamble Ranch Chardonnay

"Aromas of poached pear, vanilla, and ripe apples practically jump out of the glass. Meyer lemon curd and butterscotch appear underneath the primary scents with an interesting rocky minerality."

PAIRING Fresh seafood

2013 Tara Bella Winery Russian River Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

"The 2013 vintage is a fragrant, complex wine. The nose is full with the aromas of rich caramel and ripe berries. This wine pairs perfectly with your favorite cheeses and charcuterie!" **PAIRING** Roast Prime rib

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5-star tasting experiences

Anaba Wines This charming tasting room hosts a series of enlightening wine education experiences on a wide range of topics. There's a different lesson each week, offered Friday through Monday.

Corner 103 Chic and innovative, the tasting room emphasizes learning more about region's wines in a non-intimidating setting. Each distinctive wine comes from a different Sonoma County AVA.

Gary Farrell Winery Besides its signature seated tasting on the terrace, the winery now offers the unique Woodland Tasting in three glamping cottages in a beautiful natural setting.

Leone Wine Tours Jill Leone knows the backroads of Sonoma County like the back of her hand, and she'll take us there in her fully loaded luxury vehicle.

Cornerstone Sonoma This unique wine country marketplace features a collection of world-class shopping, boutique wineries, tasting rooms, artisanal foods, art-inspired gardens, and often there's live music.

CAPTIVATING GROUNDS

MADRONE ESTATE WINERY

This historic property in Sonoma Valley features lovely grounds complete with an olive grove ideal for picnics. There's also an inviting sunny outdoor patio and bocce court.

SIMI WINERY

Set in a grove of towering redwood trees, this winery has pristine gardens and century-old buildings including the historic stone cellar where wine has been produced for 127 years.

MATANZAS CREEK ESTATE

Set in a strikingly landscaped garden of ancient oaks, greenery, and lavender fields, this winery is a sight to behold, especially in June when the lavender blooms.

BENZIGER FAMILY WINERY

This magnificent property features a biodynamic estate vineyard and wine caves. The winery's 45-minute tram tour provides a behind-the-scenes look.

QUARRYHILL BOTANICAL GARDENS

These picturesque grounds include one of the largest collections of documented, wild-collected Asian plants in the world. And that's only the beginning.

PETALUMA KOA

Seriously. This attractive family camping resort is rated at the top of most California RV campground lists with plenty of space and a rural atmosphere.

BUENA VISTA WINERY

Located just five minutes from Sonoma Plaza, Buena Vista's Historic Press House is a designated Historic Landmark. It has lovely shaded picnic grounds, too.

LA CREMA ESTATE

In the heart of the Russian River Valley, the new La Crema Estate is nestled within the famed Saralee's Vineyard. The historic barn is a center for tasting and education.

MARTIN RAY VINEYARDS & WINERY

The winery's lush gardens provide a perfect backdrop for the Garden Tasting. Guests can also arrange in advance for a guided tour and even a delicious picnic lunch and education.



A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a light-colored blazer and dark pants, sits on a metal stool at a bar. A man in a blue shirt is partially visible behind her. They are both looking out at a vast, lush green vineyard under a clear sky. The bar has a dark wooden countertop with a bottle of wine and two glasses. The scene is framed by a window with light-colored curtains.

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Liana Estates

FAMILY-OWNED FAVORITES

CALISTOGA

BENNETT LANE WINERY Owned by Lisa and Randy Lynch, this boutique winery is known for exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon and other high-scoring wines.

FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS This winery, owned by former Disney Executive Rich and Connie Frank, consistently produces superb wines in small lots.

ST. HELENA

HEITZ CELLAR The Heitz family's vision of winemaking spans three generations of dedication to excellence. They continue to polish their legacy.

KEENAN WINERY This sustainably farmed winery is dedicated to producing ultra-premium wines from its historic Spring Mountain estate.

NAPA

MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Founded by Jay Corley 47 years ago, the winery is now run by Jay's sons who believe that great wines are made in the vineyard.

CARNEROS

LIANA ESTATES Founded by industrious sisters Lisa and Ariana Peju, this new winery offers a fresh aesthetic and enlightened approach to the guest experience with fun and immersive tasting options.

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winemakers to watch

Mario Monticelli

Trinchero Napa Valley

Mario is asked to create the best wine possible at Trinchero. He has the freedom to select the finest lots from the winery's estate vineyards and does just that.

Janet Myers

Franciscan Estate

Having worked all over the world with several different varieties, Janet has a refined and elegant touch. At Franciscan, her focus is on Cabernet Sauvignon.

Trevor Durling

Provenance Vineyards

Named senior winemaker in 2015, Trevor says it's the job of the winemaking team to ensure each wine is balanced, complex, exciting, and representative of its terroir.

Kristin Belair

Honig Vineyard & Winery

From bud break to harvest, Kristin spends a lot of time in the vineyards and works closely with Honig's winegrowers to craft exquisite Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Stephanie Putnam

Raymond Vineyards

Stephanie has a knack for making superior-quality Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. Her wines win high acclaim and a spot on the top 100 lists of leading wine publications.

Joe Shirley

Napa Cellars

This California native feels fortunate to work with Napa Valley fruit. He believes that the vineyards add character and sensibilities to the wines themselves and his job is simply to let the true nature of the grapes shine through.