

Top Wine Caves to Beat the Summer Heat

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From Napa to Santa Maria, here are the best spots to hide from the sun and sip the day away.



Though fall is knocking, some of the hottest days in wine country are still ahead of us. The best way to evade that end-of-summer sun? Hole up in a wine cave. This roster of wineries will please your palate—and your dermatologist. - See more at: <http://www.modernluxury.com/san-francisco/story/wine-tasting-napa-sonoma-wine-caves#sthash.GSDSvMsf.dpuf>

SONOMA

[Buena Vista Winery](#) was founded in 1857 and recently reborn under the ownership of global wine playboy Jean-Charles Boisset. Just outside the town of Sonoma, the original winery is a California historic landmark, and its caves were the first dug in California. *Top summer wine pick: 2014 Buena Vista Winery Count's Selection Pinot Gris*

The 12,000-square-foot caves at [Hamel Family Wines](#) are primarily devoted to storing barrels, along with concrete egg fermenters that are used for the winery's Sauvignon Blanc. But those in the know can also find the winery's reserve room deep within the caves. *Top summer wine pick: 2014 Hamel Family Wines Estate Rosé*

If you're making a day or weekend out of caves in Sonoma, add [Schug](#), [Gundlach Bundschu](#), and [Kunde](#) to your list.

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