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8 Best Sonoma Wineries and Wine Bars for Young Wine-Lovers

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When living in Sonoma County, you're pretty much expected to be thirsty for (knowledge of) all things wine – even if you're just in your twenties. But college parties aren't exactly filled with local Pinots. Sure, you might pick up a bottle of wine for a Netflix night with friends but, being on a budget, you'll go for cheap rather than refined. As soon as you graduate, however, something seems to change. While you're (unfortunately) still on a budget, you now want to venture out into the unexplored wine country world – gone are the days of keg stands and beer pong! But fancy wines and tasting rooms can be intimidating. To help you get a taste of the best of Sonoma wine country and develop a more sophisticated palate, we've found some of the best wineries and wine bars for young wine lovers with virgin taste buds. **Click through the gallery above for all the details, and a few tips from the pros.**



Buena Vista Winery, Sonoma: If you'd like to pair your wine with some history, head to Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma. Founded in 1857 by Agoston Haraszthy, Buena Vista is California's first commercial winery. Tour the property, including the Historic Wine Museum, and then head to the JCB Bubble Lounge for sparkling wine made by Buena Vista Winery owner Jean-Charles Boisset, or current release wines by the bar - you can even splurge and try your hand at blending your own wine. 18000 Old Winery Rd, Sonoma, 800-926-1266, buenavistawinery.com (Photo by Crista Jeremiason)