



## Architectural Marvels: 8 Temples to Wine in Napa and Sonoma

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Let's face it: Most visitors to wine country come for the wine. Some, however, find themselves intoxicated by a very different aspect of the tasting experience—the architecture of the wineries themselves. A handful of wineries in Napa and Sonoma boast design that rivals the complexity of the very wines they produce. Here are eight worth a visit.

### Sonoma County



Buena Vista Cave. (CSylvain Gentle)

**Buena Vista Winery**, outside the town of Sonoma, is California's oldest premium winery, founded in 1857. The stone buildings on property that now serve as the Champagne cellars and press house were built by the founder Agoston Haraszthy, and renovated to their original grandeur in 2012. This renovation involved an innovative retrofitting process through which stonemasons drilled cores through rock walls and placed reinforced steel through those cores, strengthening the existing walls. The effort was awarded the 2013 California Preservation Design Award for Craftsmanship and Preservation Technology.