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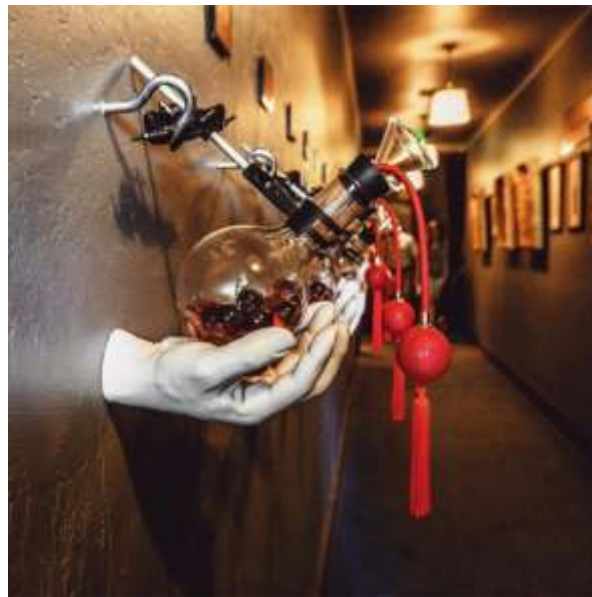
The Best Napa Valley Wineries for Your Bachelorette Party

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There's never a bad time to plan a visit to the best [Napa Valley](#) wineries—especially when it comes time for a fun-loving [bachelorette party](#) or an easy girls' getaway. The heart of California winemaking can be visited on a day trip from San Francisco (a popular choice for local bachelorette parties, since it's just 90 minutes by car from the city) or on a weekend trip from anywhere in the U.S.

A trip to Napa Valley wineries isn't just about tasting fine vintages, though a visit to any of the below vineyards will ensure just that. Plan a trip with your girls and you'll soon realize there's more than what meets the eye here—sure, Napa has beautiful rolling hills covered in vines, but it also has super friendly locals—who are passionate about all things food and wine—and a slower pace of life that will get you in a relaxed state of mind pre-wedding.

But first, a few quick tips: Limit yourself to three or four wineries per day (otherwise you'll be forced to rush through tastings), make sure to eat and drink plenty of water throughout the day (hydration is key to keeping your squad alive), and always use Uber or a driver to get around (and so everyone can participate safely in the fun)!



A vineyard for bridesmaids who think they're winemakers: [Raymond Vineyards](#)

If you've ever dreamed of making your own wine, don a sparkly silver lab coat and head to the "laboratory" at Raymond Vineyards for their signature wine-blending experience. Participants get to use eyelet droppers and glass beakers to blend four different varietals into for their own perfect wine, which is then bottled with a custom label. Talk about the perfect bachelorette souvenir.