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## Take a Peek Into the Private World of Sonoma Winemaking

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Past the public tasting rooms of Sonoma's popular wineries is a fascinating world where winemakers work tirelessly to perfect the ultimate vintage by masterfully caring for their grapes, finding the ideal timing for harvesting, and watching carefully as their liquid ferments to perfection. It is a secret society of craftsmen who rarely ascend from their cellars.

Well, the [Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance](#) was able to coax a few preeminent winemakers out from their grape-filled existences to showcase their wines. Some exclusive wineries open up their cellars for a rarefied glimpse into the private world of winemaking and prestige. The [Inaugural Signature Sonoma Valley](#) weekend event gave the public an opportunity to meet Sonoma winemakers as well as visit wineries that are usually not open to the public.

Signature Sonoma Valley brought the historic Sonoma Valley wine region to life with exclusive access to rare and highly sought after wines, vineyard tours, private winemaker-hosted tastings, exquisite dinners paired with Sonoma Valley wines curated by a panel of expert sommeliers, and intimate conversations with wine luminaries.

Participating vintners and growers included Amapola Creek Winery by Richard Arrowood, Anaba Wines, AUTEUR Wines, Belden Barns, Beltane Ranch, **Buena Vista Winery**, B Wise Vineyards, Canihan Family Winery, Chateau St. Jean, Dane Cellars, DUNSTAN Wines, Durell Vineyard, Enterprise Vineyards, GlenLyon Vineyards & Winery, Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards, Idell Family Vineyard, Kamen Estate Wines, Kistler Vineyards, Korbin Kameron, Landmark Vineyards, La Rochelle Winery, Pangloss Cellars, Petroni Vineyards, Price Family Vineyards & Estates, Ram's Gate Winery, Sangiacomo Family Vineyards, Schug Carneros Estate, Sojourn Cellars, Stone Edge Farm Estate Vineyards & Winery, The Donum Estate, and Three Sticks Wines.



Celebrated wine czar Jean-Charles Boisset hosted the elegant PRELUDE dinner on Friday night at his historic winery Buena Vista. Guests enjoyed an incomparable range of wines hand-selected by a panel of sommeliers to accompany an exquisite dinner prepared by Buena Vista Winery Chef Victor Scargle.

Because of the overwhelming success of this event, the organizers plan on making [Signature Sonoma Valley](#) an annual event.