

# Where To Taste And Stay In Wine Country This Summer

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Planning a trip to Northern California's wine country is daunting, especially for first-time visitors. There are more than 800 wineries in [Napa](#) and [Sonoma](#) valleys — with so many options, it can be hard to narrow it down to a few key spots for tasting. However, one no-fail way to decide is to look near your hotel. If you know where you plan to stay, visit the wineries that are a short drive, bike ride or walk away.

Below we share five of our favorite hotels and the best wineries nearby.



Check out this new tasting room. *Credit: Dylan Elliott*

A quick one-minute walk from the hotel is Chateau Buena Vista, a new tasting room from Jean-Charles Boisset. You can sample varietals from Buena Vista, a Sonoma winery founded in 1857, as well as other offerings from Boisset's extensive collection of wineries. Special tastings might include champagne and caviar or cabernet and chocolate, and on the third Thursday of each month, enjoy happy hour from 6 to 8 p.m. with select wines discounted by 25 percent.