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Everything You Need to Know About Winetasting in Napa Valley



What to expect, where to go, and how to get around on your next visit to California's wine capital

The Napa Valley is an epicurean fantasy come to life. Spanning towns such as Napa, Rutherford, Yountville, St. Helena, and Calistoga, the 30-mile stretch of fertile soil is home to scores of luxurious accommodations, restaurants with more than two-dozen Michelin stars among them, and acres upon acres of vineyards that line the landscape like corduroy.

There are more than 400 wineries across Napa Valley. Some are over the top, some are understated. Some are cavernous, others are the size of a tiny garage. Vibe, style, and approach at each of these wineries differ completely. Where you choose to spend your visit can dictate your Napa experience. Here's what you need to know.



Best wineries for selfies

At **Alpha Omega Winery**, the winery is separated from State Highway 29 by a giant fountain that has become one of the most photographed icons of the valley. At **Raymond Vineyards**, where walls are red and picture frames abound, guests marvel at owner Jean Charles Boisset's quirky decor. Other popular places to preen for the camera: uber-hipster **Ashes & Diamonds Winery**, with its 1970s motif; brand-new **The Prisoner Wine Company**, which offers food pairings and maker experiences; and **Darioush Estate**, which has Persian-style columns lining the entrance; and Hall.