

One Day in Napa Valley

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A One Day in a City Itinerary: One Day in Napa Valley...Wine Tasting

If you have one day in Napa, there are four main things you should do.

- 1. Taste wine
- 2. Rent a car if you have a designated driver or hire a driver if you don't.
- 3. Don't drink so much wine that you don't remember your one day in Napa.
- 4. Eat.

Let's tackle the first one, shall we? There are hundreds of wineries in Napa which are spread out over a large area. This can make it extremely daunting to choose just a few to visit if you only have one day in Napa. I recommend visiting just three or four in a day to give yourself adequate time at each winery and enough driving time in between.

I like to think of the wineries of Napa in four different categories: Top-notch wine, incredible views, interactive experience, and food pairings.

Here is my favorite winery for each of those categories

Napa Winery for Interactive Experience: Raymond Vineyards



Raymond Vineyards offers a variety of wine experiences, including traditional wine tasting, wine decanting lessons, blending experiences, and a cool corridor of senses which lets you test how different smells affect how a wine tastes. It also puts an educational spin on winemaking with its "Theater of Nature" which shows visitors how Biodynamic farming in Napa Valley works. Plus, it just feels cool and modern inside with red and silver colors, a club-like atmosphere, and mood lighting in some of the tasting rooms — a fun switch from the villaesque ambiance of most wineries in Napa.