

Sonoma County Wine and Restaurant Review – The Perfect Romantic Long Weekend Getaway



I last visited Sonoma in October of 2014 during harvest season, which is a great time to go. Here we are November four years later as I headed up for a long wonderful weekend of superb wine tasting and some of the best restaurants in America. Last year in October of 2017 Sonoma got hit with a devastating fire that destroyed many houses but not the wineries, restaurants and hotels. Yet the tourist business suffered greatly for more than half a year. I am happy to say Sonoma is as stunning and charming as I remember it. Napa gets so much attention but for my money Sonoma is the place to go. I love the quaint **Sonoma historic town square** with over **20 wine tasting rooms**, **many charming stores** and some of my favorite restaurants, which specialize in farm to table cuisine. Within a 15 minute drive from the square are many spectacular wineries to explore their scenic grounds and enjoy their tasting rooms. A few are within biking distance from the town square if you are looking for some exercise.



Buena Vista Winery Caves

From there is was a short ride to **Buena Vista Winery**, which translates to beautiful view. **Founded in 1857 this is California's first premium winery.** The founder **Agoston Haraszthy** came from Hungary and brought vines with him from his family vineyard in Europe. He was a visionary and started planting here in Sonoma, and wrote extensively about his land and new winery for newspapers around the world and thus attracted others to follow him here to Sonoma to join in the wine business, Each of these wineries is worth your time to taste and ship some bottles home. many are a popular setting to host weddings here as well as family and corporate parties.