



A Lovers' Guide to Napa Valley

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Going beyond the wineries, [HoneyTrek](#) travel experts Mike & Anne Howard share intoxicating experiences across lodging, dining, and excursions in the oenophile's paradise of Napa Valley.

California Wine Country...it's romantic by definition. Though more than sunshine, idyllic countryside, and intoxicating vintages, Napa County raises the bar with five-star style. Driving Highway 29 through the charming towns of Yountville, St. Helena, and Calistoga, you'll pass the who's who of American wineries—Robert Mondavi, Cakebread Cellars, Domaine Chandon, you name it—with over 400 vineyards spilling down the sides of the valley. And where the fine wine flows, the gourmet cuisine follows. Leading chefs, from the Michelin-decorated Thomas Keller to the Food Network's beloved Michael Chiarello, all take residence here. It's easy to be dazzled by the glamour of Napa Valley, though driving its mountain back roads, discovering family-run tasting rooms, and finding a picnic spot overlooking the vines still offers the simple pleasures. Strike that perfect balance of decadence, relaxation, and romance, then raise your glass to love.

Play Winemaker for the Day

Let your creative juices flow in the Blending Room. The winemakers of [Raymond Vineyards](#) share their craft and tricks of the trade, then let you have free reign to make your dream red. Take home a bottle of your blend with your own custom label. Spring for a case to always have your love potion on hand.