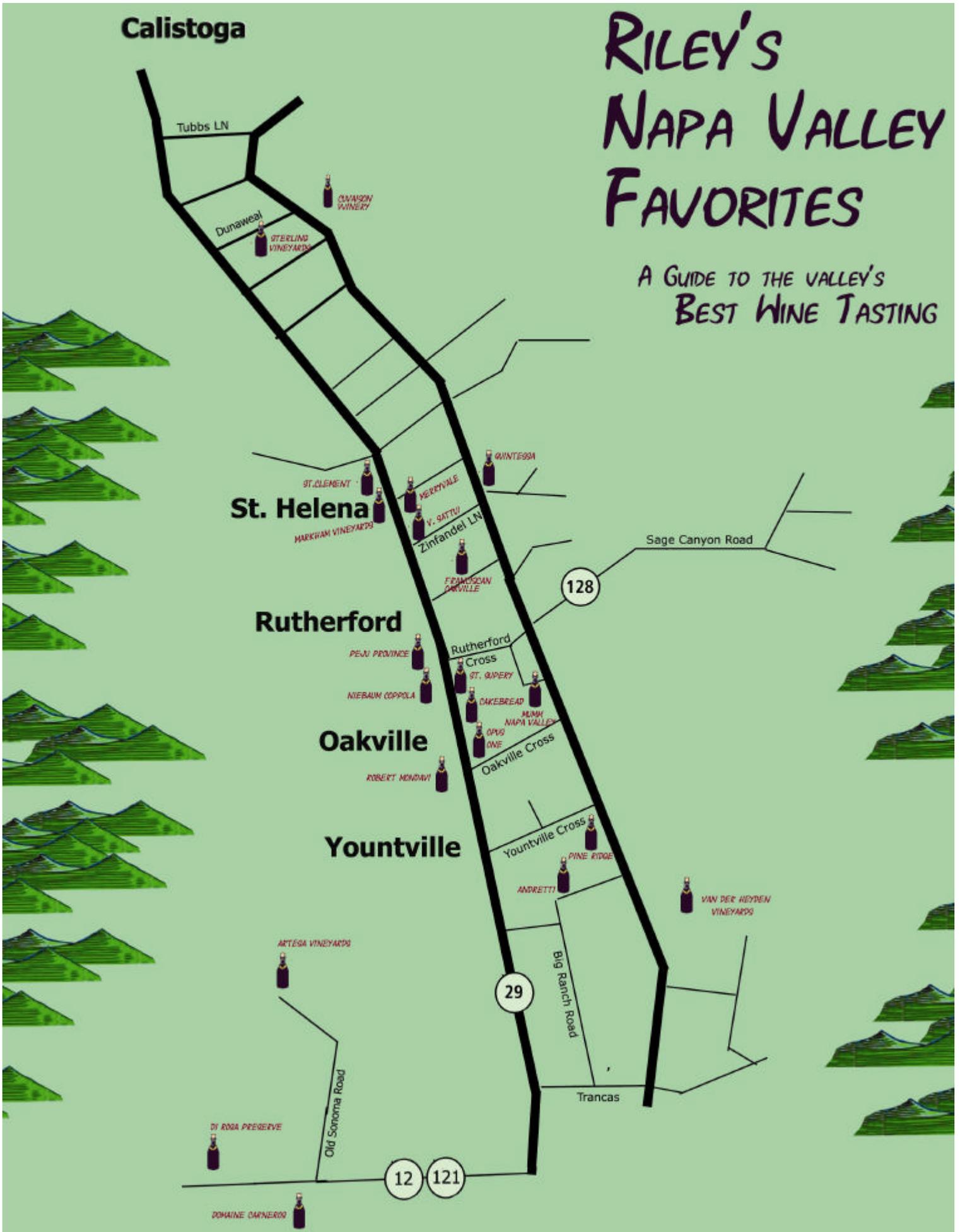


Calistoga

RILEY'S NAPA VALLEY FAVORITES

A GUIDE TO THE VALLEY'S
BEST WINE TASTING



NAPA WINE TASTING NOTES

Cuvaision Winery: This wonderful winery's name "cuvaision" is French for the fermentation of the red wine grape. Its two estates produce Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Zinfandel fruits. Located on the scenic Silverado Trail in northern Napa Valley, Cuvaision's cozy tasting room is a great place to taste their latest releases. The beautiful picnic grounds have magnificent 350-year-old oak trees to picnic beneath. Don't miss the free tour of their 22,000 square foot wine cave!

Directions from San Francisco

Take 101N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Keep to the right and follow to Highway 29, which is approximately 12 miles. Make a left on Highway 29 heading north through Napa, Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, and St. Helena. Make a right at Dunaweal Lane. Follow to the end at Silverado Trail and make a right. Cuvaision is 100 yards up on the left-hand side.

Hours: Open Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (707) 942-2468.

Peju Winery

Peju Province is one of the Napa Valley's top wineries. In fact, Wine & Spirits Magazine named it the "Top Artisan Winery of the Year." Wine Spectator selected the Peju Reserve as one of "the top California Cabernets." Most of the highly sought after wines are sold only from the winery, so if you love great wines or want to bring a very special gift back home, a stop at Peju Province is a must.

Directions from San Francisco: Take 101N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Keep to the right and follow to Highway 29, which is approximately 12 miles. Make a left on Highway 29 heading north through Napa. Peju Province is located on Highway 29 in the town of Rutherford one mile north of Robert Mondavi Winery.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: (800) 446 7358

St. Clement Vineyards

St. Clement produces small lots of ultra premium wines and is one of the loveliest stops in the Wine Country--a beautiful Gothic-Victorian style home on a knoll north of St. Helena. The Rosenbaum House, which was first used as a winery in 1878, has been meticulously restored and now serves as the Hospitality Center; the parlor has become an intimate tasting room, while the porch swing still beckons guests to while away the afternoon overlooking the vineyards of the Napa Valley. Winery tours and picnic tables are by reservation only.

Directions from San Francisco: Take 101N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Keep to the right and follow to Highway 29 for approximately 18 miles to the town of St. Helena. St. Clement Vineyards is on the left on a knoll, 1.5 miles north of St. Helena, on Hwy. 29.

Open: Daily 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: (800) 331-8266

St. Supery Vineyard

St. Supéry produces award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Red and White Meritage wines--and some wonderful limited-edition varietals. St. Supéry's winery estate in Rutherford gives visitors a look at the state of modern winemaking, and it truly one of the Valley's most interesting attractions. The historic landmark 1880 Victorian Atkinson House (now a living museum) gives one a sense of the Valley's past and the engaging St. Supéry Wine Discovery Center is an adventure in wine education.

Directions from San Francisco: Take 101 N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Keep to the right and follow to Highway 29. St. Supéry is located 12 miles north of the town of Napa on Hwy. 29, between Oakville and Rutherford Crossroads. Look right as you head up valley for the tall twin palm trees at St. Supery's entrance

Hours: Summer hours 10:00 am to 5:30 pm (May-Sept)
Winter hours 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Oct-April)
Open 7 days, excluding major holidays

Phone: (800) 942-0809

Andretti Winery:

Andretti Winery was established in 1996, and takes its inspiration from the distinguished career of its namesake and founder, Mario Andretti, the world's foremost auto racing champion. In 1994, when Mario retired after nearly four decades on the racing circuit, a commemorative wine was produced in his honor. Tours are also available, but only by appointment.

Directions from San Francisco: Take 101N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Take Hwy. #29 north and turn right on to Oak Knoll Road. Continue on Oak Knoll to the stop sign at the intersection of Big Ranch Road. Turn right onto Big Ranch Road and proceed for one-half mile to Andretti Winery on your left. 4162 Big Ranch Road.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (707) 261-1717

Artesa Vineyards and Winery

Artesa is Napa's newest, and one of its most exciting wineries. Artesa, pronounced (*ahr TESS uh*), means "craftsman" and connotes "handcrafted" in Catalan, language of Barcelona. The Visitor Center at Artesa is a delight to behold. A sweeping staircase is bordered by cascading waterfalls. The stairs ascend past beautiful fountains, reflecting pools and sculpture. At the top, visitors are struck by the panoramic vistas of Napa Valley, Carneros and the San Francisco Bay. A broad walkway leads past manicured lawns to the winery entrance.

Directions from San Francisco: Go north on US-101. (19.1 miles). Take CA-37 E. ramp towards Vallejo/Napa. (0.6 miles). Merge onto CA-37 E. (7.1 miles). Take CA-121 N. towards Sonoma/Napa. (6.6 miles). Bear right and continue on CA-121 N. (1.1 miles). CA-121 N. becomes CA-12 East. (6.0 miles). Turn left onto Old Sonoma Road. (0.3 miles). Turn left onto Dealy Lane. (1.2 miles). Dealy Lane becomes Henry Road.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (707) 224-1668

Cakebread Cellars

The Cakebread family, owners of Cakebread Cellars in Rutherford, is among the most creative and successful winery families in California's famed Napa Valley. Since its founding in 1973, the winery has developed a reputation for producing world-class wines. Its success is built on quality, consistency and continuity, characteristics which apply equally to the grapes, the wines, the people and the operation of the winery. Tours are complimentary but are by prior reservation only.

Directions from San Francisco: Take 101N to Novato, Highway 37. Follow the signs to Napa, and then make a left on Highway 12/121 (Sonoma). Take Hwy. #29 North. Cakebread is located on Highway 29 between Oakville and Rutherford, on the east side of the road. The winery may be a little hard to find. It has a black mailbox with Cakebread's name on it: watch for it! The address is 8300 St. Helena Highway. As you approach, you will notice a striking wood winery building and the flower-accented stone walls.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 4:30 pm
Except for Major Holidays

Phone: (707) 963-5222

Domaine Carneros by Taittinger

In the heart of the Carneros appellation stands a majestic chateau, which houses Domaine Carneros winery. It is considered the landmark of the region and is one of the most beautiful wineries in North America. Visitors approach the winery via a grand staircase, passing chardonnay and pinot noir vineyards and planters bursting with seasonal flowers. The grand staircase delivers guests to the main entrance of the Visitor Center, where they can enjoy Domaine Carneros wines either in the elegant Louis XV style salon, or on the stunning terrace overlooking the hills and vineyards of Carneros. Domaine Carneros' wines are sold by the glass or bottle, and are served with complimentary hors d'oeuvres

Directions: From San Francisco: Take Highway 101 North across the Golden Gate Bridge. Take The Highway 37 East exit in Novato. At the second stop light turn left onto Highway 121. Highway 121 will become 12\121 as it veers toward Napa. Follow to Duhig Road.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: (707) 257-0101 ext. 108

Franciscan Oakville Estate

Located in the heart of the Oakville appellation. The stellar reputation achieved by wines from this area attests to the fact that Oakville's climate and soil produce grapes of exceptional quality. Franciscan produces truly magnificent wines and (if you like quality) a stop here will be a highlight of your trip!

Directions from San Francisco: Go over Golden Gate Bridge out of San Francisco and follow Highway 101 North towards Novato. Take the Highway 37- Napa/Vallejo exit and follow Highway 37 east toward Vallejo. Make a left at Highway 121- Sonoma/Napa. Follow Highway 121 for approximately 7 miles. Veer right to Highway 121- Sonoma/Napa. Follow Highway 121 to the Highway 29 intersection. Turn left onto Highway 29 North to St. Helena. Heading north you will pass through the towns of Napa, Yountville, Oakville, and Rutherford. After passing through Rutherford, travel one mile north. Franciscan Oakville Estate will be on the right hand side on Galleron Road. Highway 29 at Galleron Road in St. Helena.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (800) 529-WINE ext. 73830

Markham Vineyards

A winery with a story as great as its wines! In 1874 Jean Laurent, an immigrant from Bordeaux, France, started his winery on the current site of Markham Vineyards. Laurent's first winery was an insignificant wooden structure, which he replaced with a 6000 square foot stone winery in 1879 to meet the demands of his growing winery production. Laurent was one of the top-ten wine producers in Napa County. In 1890, Laurent died at the young age of 53 and over the next 87 years the Laurent winery changed ownership many times. Bruce Markham arrived in the Napa Valley almost 100 years after Laurent, also looking to start a winery. Markham bought and consolidated several wineries. With almost 225 planted acres, Bruce Markham founded Markham Vineyards in 1978 and the old Laurent Winery was reborn!

Directions from the San Francisco: Proceed north on Highway 101 towards the town of Napa. In Napa, stay on Hwy. 29 north for approximately 18 miles to the town of St. Helena. Located at 2812 St. Helena Hwy. North

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (707) 963.5292

Merryvale Vineyards

The first winery built following in the Napa Valley following the repeal of Prohibition, Merryvale is located in the heart of America's premier wine region. Graced with a European fountain and formal grounds, the historic winery is ideally located just 1/4 mile south of downtown St. Helena, Napa Valley -- adjacent to renowned Tra Vigne restaurant and within easy walking distance of many other restaurants and shops.

Directions from San Francisco: Take Highway 101 through Marin to Highway 37 east just south of Novato. Continue to Highway 121 / 12 toward Sonoma. Continue on to Highway 29 north through Napa, Yountville, Oakville and Rutherford. Just before the town of St. Helena, Merryvale will be on right just past the restaurant Tra Vigne as you come into St. Helena.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 6:30 pm

Phone: (707) 963-2225

Mumm Napa Valley

Over two decades ago, Guy Devaux came to the US from the Champagne region of France, charged with finding the ideal climates and soils to produce great sparkling wine in the *méthode champenoise* tradition. After four years of intense study, Guy chose the ideal conditions of Napa Valley for the home of these great new wines: Mumm Cuvée Napa. Mumm Cuvée Napa draws from the rich heritage of Champagne Mumm while integrating a unique Napa Valley style. These wines are led by the prestige cuvée DVX, named in honor of Guy Devaux and one of the most honored California sparkling wines each vintage.

Directions from San Francisco: Highway 101 North through Marin County. Take Sonoma/Napa turnoff to Highway 37. Turn left on Highway 121 toward Napa. Highway 12 joins 121 as you continue toward Napa. Approaching Napa, Highway 121/21 then splits into Highway 29 and Highway 121/21. Proceed North on Highway 29. Continue north through Napa, Yountville and at Oakville, turn right on Oakville Cross Road. Oakville Cross Road ends at Silverado Trail. Turn left on Silverado Trail and continue approximately 2 miles. Mumm Napa Valley will be on the west side of the road. 8445 Silverado Trail, one-half mile below Rutherford Cross Road.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: 800-MUM-NAPA

Niebaum-Coppola Estate Winery

Francis Ford Coppola has been making movies for more than 30 years, and wines at his Niebaum-Coppola Estate Winery in the Napa Valley for almost 20. In February 1995, he purchased the remaining part of the original estate--the massive stone Inglenook Chateau and its adjacent vineyards. This purchase reunited Gustave Niebaum's original Napa Valley estate established in 1879 and preserves his legacy for future generations. Distinctively appointed tasting rooms, vaulted stone cellars and a spectacular hand-carved staircase crowned by a jewel-like stained glass window are a few of the dramatic attractions at the winery.

Directions from San Francisco: 101 North to Napa. 121 to 29. Towards Rutherford. Located on Highway 29 in the town of Rutherford. 1991 St. Helena Highway.

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (707) 968-1100

Opus One

Opus One is a partnership between Robert Mondavi, the renowned Napa Valley vintner, and Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, proprietress of Château Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux, France. By combining the great winemaking tradition and innovations of both families, the partners' singular goal was to create an exceptional wine in the heart of Napa Valley. Like any great work, Opus One arose out of passion. Beginning with the first harvest in 1979, Opus One has expressed this vision and passionate spirit.

Directions from San Francisco: Situated about 50 miles north of San Francisco in the heart of Napa Valley, Opus One is located on Highway 29 between Oakville and Rutherford. US 101 to Hwy 37. Left on Hwy 29 towards Napa. Opus Winery is North of Oakville.

Hours: 10:00 am and 3:30 pm

Phone: (707) 944-9442

Daily tour: 10:30 am, by appointment only.

Pine Ridge Winery

A silhouette of pine trees on a steep hillside in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley welcomes you to Pine Ridge Winery, founded in 1978 by the Andrus Family. Pine Ridge Winery has been at the forefront of innovative farming practices devised to intensify flavors of the fruit and exalt the distinctive attributes of the various Napa Valley regions where their estate vineyards are located. Tours are highlighted by a visit to their dramatic caves one hundred feet underground, the result of excavation into one half mile of volcanic rock hillside, where guests sample future releases directly from a selection of the over 4,400 French oak barrels housed within.

Directions from San Francisco: Hwy 101 North to Hwy 37 (Napa/Vallejo). Turn Left on Hwy 37 to Hwy 121 (Napa/Sonoma). Hwy 121 to Hwy 12 (Napa). This highway dead ends at Hwy 29. Turn Left (North to Calistoga). Go past Napa to Oak Knoll Avenue. Turn Right. Continue on Oak Knoll until it ends (Left on Big Ranch Road and Right on Oak Knoll). Oak Knoll dead ends at Silverado Trail. Turn Left (North) on Silverado Trail. Go 3 miles. Pine Ridge is located on the left (west side of the road) in the Stags Leap District.

Hours: 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Phone: (800) 575-9777

Quintessa

This fantastic estate includes a valley, lake, river, five hills, four microclimates, and various soil types. Few vineyards anywhere encompass such diversity. This vineyard is considered to be located on one of the most ideal areas in California for wine production.

Directions from San Francisco: Hwy 101 North to Hwy 37 (Napa/Vallejo). Turn Left on Hwy 37 to Hwy 121 (Napa/Sonoma). Hwy 121 to Hwy 12 (Napa). This highway dead ends at Hwy 29. Turn Left (North to Calistoga). Go past Napa to Oakville Crossing. Turn Left. Continue on past Zinfandel Lane. Located at 1601 Silverado Trail.

Times: Call for times.

Phone: (707) 967-1601

Robert Mondavi

Robert Mondavi Winery is a pioneer in wine education and innovation. They have just completed an extensive \$27 million renovation that incorporates some exciting winemaking changes. Mondavi is an amazing vineyard with superb wine tasting programs. You can't go wrong by stopping here!

Directions from San Francisco: Take Highway 101 North through San Rafael. Take Highway 37 to Vallejo/Napa exit. Continue East on Highway 37 to Vallejo until you reach Highway 29. Turn left (North) onto Highway 29 toward Napa, Sonoma, Calistoga. After approximately 7 miles, Highway 29 becomes 3 lanes. Stay to the left continuing on Highway 29 toward Sonoma/Calistoga. Stay on Highway 29 North through Napa, Yountville and Oakville - approximately 20 miles. Robert Mondavi Winery is on the left.

Hours: Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: (888) 766-6328

Tasting Rooms: Le Marche (Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

The Appellation Room (Daily 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

The To Kalon Room (Daily 10:30 am to 5:00 pm)

Sterling Vineyards

Situated on a hill just south of the town of Calistoga, the striking Sterling Vineyards winery is a familiar landmark to locals in the Napa Valley. Rising serenely from the trees in the style of the white villages on the Greek island of Mykonos, Sterling Vineyards overlooks the green carpet of vineyards covering the northern Valley floor. An aerial tramway runs from the woods at the base of the hill to give visitors a glimpse of the area's peaceful natural beauty. At the summit, a self-guided walking tour shows their winemaking process in detail, and the Tasting Terrace offers a panoramic view of the Valley below.

Directions from San Francisco: Take Highway 101 North across the Golden Gate Bridge. Continue North on Highway 101 through San Rafael. Take Highway 37 to Vallejo/Napa exit. Continue East on Highway 37 to Vallejo until you reach Highway 29. Turn left (North) onto Highway 29 (which is also Sonoma Avenue) toward Napa, Sonoma, Calistoga.. Stay to the left continuing on Highway 29 toward Sonoma/Calistoga. Stay on Highway 29 North Towards Calistoga. The winery is located between Highway 29 and the Silverado Trail. One-half mile South of Calistoga. 111 Dunaweal Lane.

Hours: Daily 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, except holidays

Phone: (707) 942-3344

Swanson Vineyards

All Swanson wines are 100% Estate grown, produced and bottled. Swanson is also known for producing smaller quantities of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Rosato, and Late Harvest Semillon. The Swanson Vineyards' Salon was fashioned after a Parisian salon of the mid 1800's, where a handful of diverse and fascinating callers were graciously entertained with libations and sinful chocolates. Inspired by old-fashioned ways of living—they say they want to teach guests to feel as though they were coming to a little party held in their honor. Delight in an afternoon where the unexpected still makes appearances and humor and whimsy are considered accoutrements of our time.

Directions from San Francisco: Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and proceed 23 miles on Hwy 101 North. Take Hwy 37 East/Vallejo for 7 miles. Take Hwy 121 East/Napa for 17 Miles Turn left on N. Hwy 29. (You will pass Robert Mondavi Winery, Sequoia Grove, Cakebread Cellars & Bella Oaks Lane). The next lane is Manley Lane (directly across the entrance of St. Supery). Turn left (west on to Manley Lane).

Hours: Call for reservations and times.

Phone (707) 967-3500

V. Sattui Winery

V. Sattui is a family owned winery established in 1885 and located in St. Helena, the very heart of California's famous Napa Valley. Their award-winning wines are sold exclusively at the winery, by mail order, and from their website. They have no outside distribution. The winery has large gourmet cheese shop and deli—a great place to pick up treats for a picnic.

Directions: Take Highway 101 North to the Highway 37, Vallejo/Napa exit. Turn left at the second stoplight onto HWY 121 (Sears Point Raceway is on the left). Turn left on HWY 29 North. You'll find them right off of HWY 29. Turn right on White Lane.

Hours: Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call to confirm.

Phone: (707) 963-7774

Van der Heyden Vineyards & Winery

Van Der Heyden Vineyards is a family owned winery nestled in the beautiful, world famous Napa Valley wine growing region. Located on the charming and prestigious Silverado Trail just south of the Stags Leap District, they bottled their first wine in 1984 and a couple years later they opened their tasting room up for the public. Wine enthusiasts will truly appreciate Van der Heyden since they specialize in Estate Bottled Chardonnay Wines, Cabernet Sauvignon and Late Harvest Desert Wines.

Directions from San Francisco: US 101 North to hwy 37, Vallejo/Napa exit. Left at Hwy 121. Left at Hwy 29 North. Right on Oak Knoll, left on Big Ranch Rd. to Silverado Trail. Turn right. Located at 4057 Silverado Trail

Hours: Daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: 800-948-WINE