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The 14 Best Wineries in Napa, According to Wine Experts

The top wineries in Napa to swirl and sip.

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Oenophiles have been making the pilgrimage to <u>Napa Valley</u> since the 1970s. Encompassing the city of Napa, as well as quaint towns like Rutherford, Yountville, St. Helena, and Calistoga, this epicurean hot spot has gained even more notoriety in recent years as accomplished winemakers and <u>luxury hotels continue to move in</u>.

Despite the influx of buzzy things to see and do — including dining at Michelin-starred restaurants and riding a scenic train by Napa's verdant vineyards — the biggest draw continues to be the wine. And it's not just about going to the store and picking up a bottle. The whole reason people visit Napa Valley is to savor red, white, and rosé at spectacular wineries, many set on massive vineyards, where the grapes go from vine to glass on the premises (or nearby). But with more than 400 wineries in Napa Valley, the options are almost dizzying. That's why we've consulted with experts, including tastemakers in wine country, to narrow it down

to the 14 best wineries in Napa for <u>a tasting</u>. (Just be sure to book in advance as most of our picks require reservations.)

Alpha Omega, St. Helena



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Since opening in 2006, <u>Alpha Omega</u> has forged on with a sustainable and quality-over-quantity mindset. Its annual production of 15,000 cases is far less than that churned out by big-name wineries each year. The result? Super-expressive Bordeaux-style wines that taste like the true essence of the land and are best enjoyed on the sunny St. Helena tasting room terrace while gazing at the burbling fountains and Mayacamas Mountains in the distance.

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