

Wine & Design // Serena & Lily in Napa Valley

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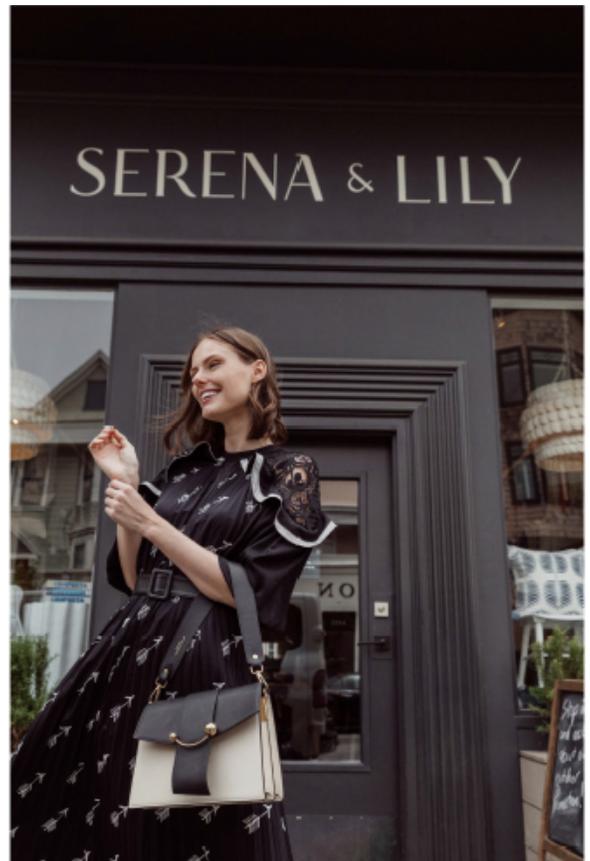
With summer now in full swing, I couldn't have been more excited to have my first trip of the season to be at one of my favorite escapes – Napa Valley. What made this trip even more special was that this was a collaboration between **Visit Napa Valley** and one of my favorite home interior brands **Serena & Lily**. Together with a few other influencers (**Jennifer Lake**, **Weylie**, and **Ana Linares**), we all trekked up to San Francisco to begin the perfect hosted visit to one of the most famous wine regions in the world. Below I am recapping our 3-day, 3-night trip that not only introduced us all to new friends, but new wine and the best in

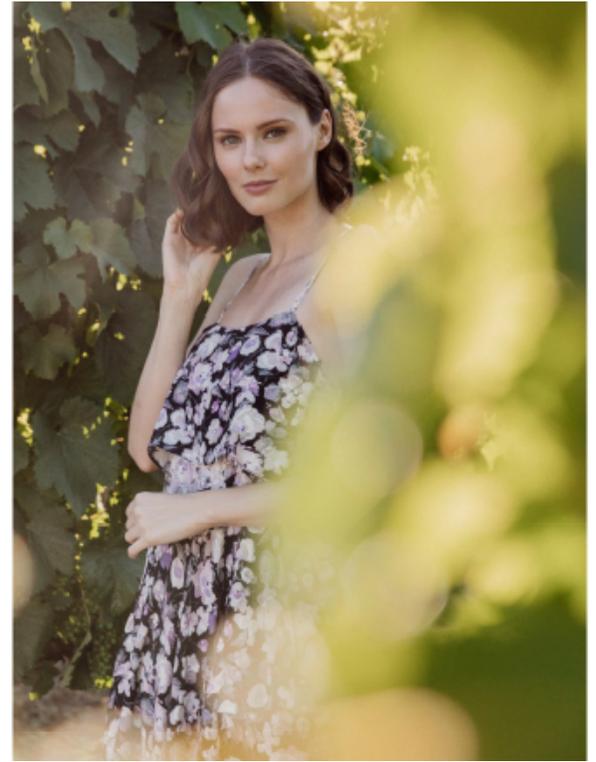
home design just in time for summer.

I have been a fan of **Serena & Lily** for years, as their bright, coastal inspired designs match my home's peaceful California aesthetic. From the coziest blankets to the most unique interior and outdoor decor, Serena & Lily has always been a dream brand of mine to decorate and fill my home with. With this collaboration to Napa Valley, I was able to get more of a peek at their perfect outdoor summer collections from the most Pinterest and Instagram-worthy outdoor settings they carefully curated and set up for us.

DAY ONE – SERENA & LILY HOME DESIGN STUDIO & HOTEL VILLAGIO

Our first stop after flying in on a quick flight from Los Angeles was to visit Serena & Lily's home design studio in the heart of downtown San Francisco. From the minute I walked in, I felt like I was walking into the coziest beach home. I may not necessarily live close to the beach, but from the pillows to the wicker baskets that were abundant in their home design studio, I felt inspired to add more of a peaceful Pacific coastal touch to my own home.

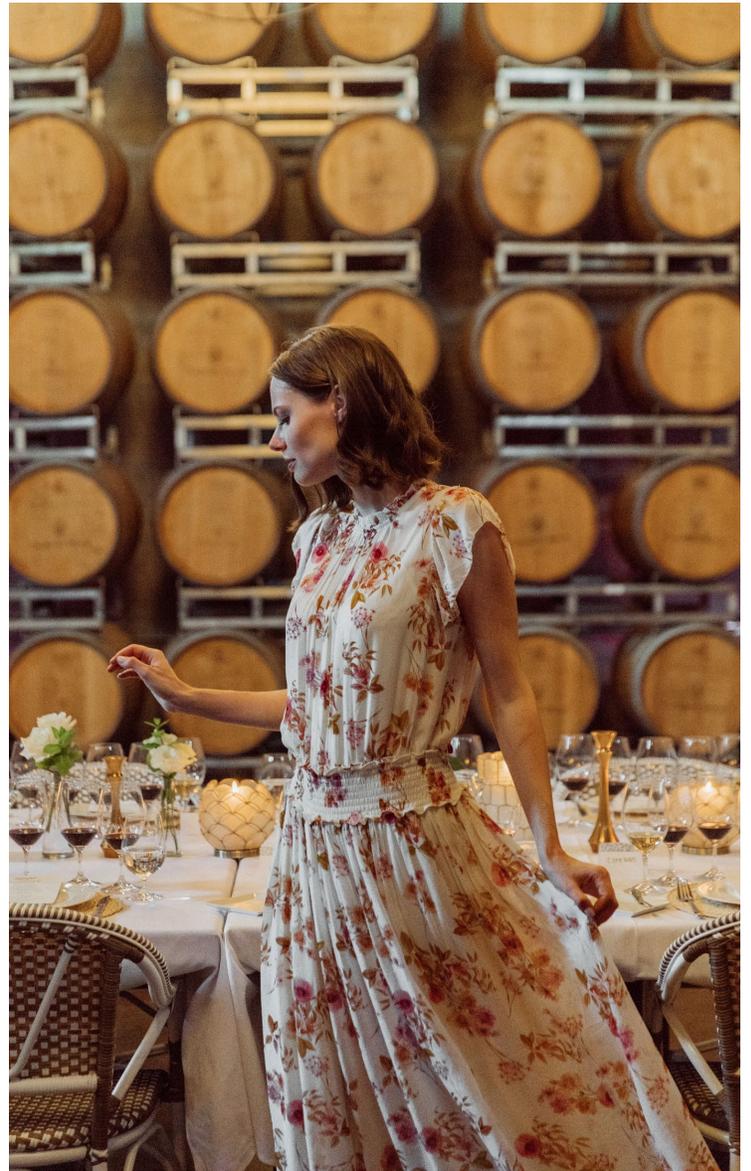




DAY TWO – CHIMNEY ROCK, ALPHA OMEGA, & VISTA COLLINA

For our first full day in Napa Valley, we started our day of delicious wine tasting at **Chimney Rock winery** located within the Stags Leap district. This former golf course is now home to a gorgeous winery; a crisp white building set near the easternmost mountains that border Napa Valley and grape vines that are nearly 3 decades old. One of their oldest vineyards (aged 25 years) produces a wine they named Ganyemede, after Zeus' cupbearer. After our first splash of rosé (what better way to start the day?), we were given a little tour of their winemaking process and vineyards before being seated in a gorgeous venue for a sit-down, family style lunch set amongst aromatic oak barrels and **Serena & Lily decor**.

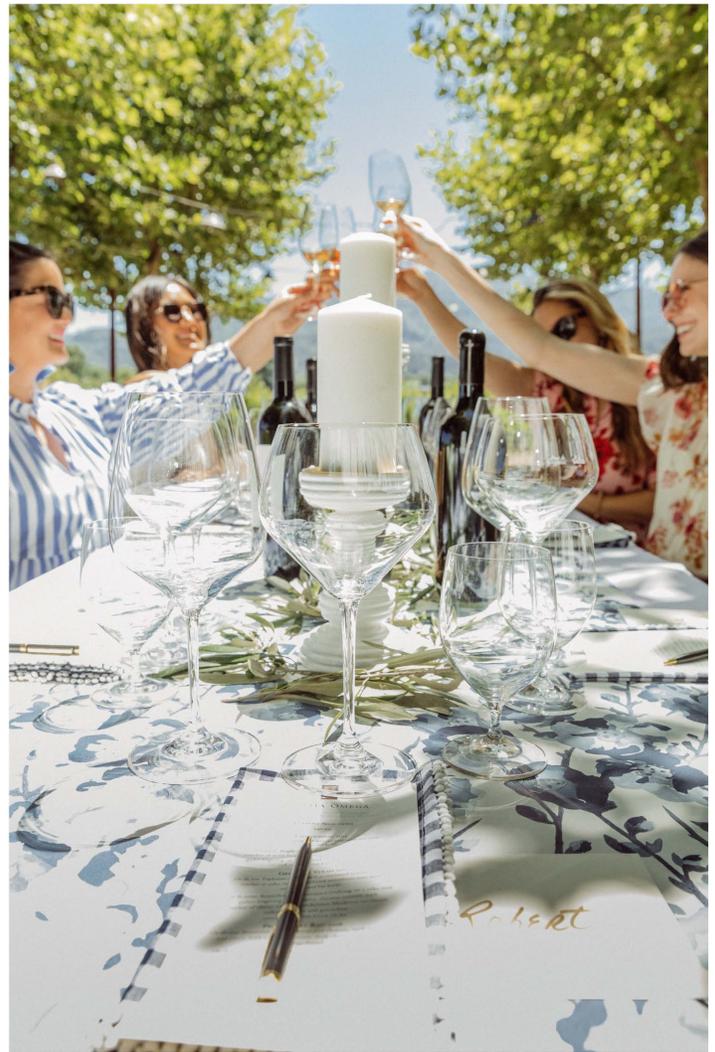




After lunch, we headed to **Alpha Omega winery** along Route 29 for a gorgeous private tasting underneath the trees with a gorgeous view of the vineyard and fountain. As I write this blog post, I am currently enjoying a bottle of their cabernet sauvignon, one of my favorites from the private tasting we had set amongst **Serena & Lily decor and furniture**.







For dinner, we were treated to a cooking class at Vista Collina's Food and Wine Center. As a former culinary school student, I couldn't have been more excited. Of course, being a former student meant I was tasked with the more advanced parts of the dinner menu, but I did not mind. I learned how to make a tasty ancient grains salad with goat cheese and salmon with a homemade cherry tomato vinaigrette. We had the pleasure of tasting Jayson wines for each course during the cooking class, with us each receiving a bottle of their rosé to take home.