

Russian River

Martinelli Winery

This winery has been in the family for generations dating back to the 1800's. The family produces the highest quality fruit selling most of it to high end wineries. Their 10,000 cases appear in the wine lists of great restaurants like the French Laundry. They produce great chardonnay, pinot noir and zinfandel.

Harvest Moon Estate Winery

This is a small family winery with a small tasting room and beautiful tasting garden. Winemaker/owner Randy is almost always on hand for tastings. Focus on food friendly wines ranging from gewurtstreminer to cabernet blends.

Battaglini Estate Winery

This is a very small production winery specializing in zinfandel while also producing several other white and red wines. Small quaint tasting room among 100+ year old wine and always hosted by owner/winemaker Joe Battaglini

Balletto Vineyards

This winery is a small production all estate winery for years making great pinot noir. There are indeed other wines but it was the many pinots that stole the show in 2015. The tasting room sits in the middle of vineyards at the end of a small lane.

Inman Family Wines

Kathleen Inman makes her wines using only what nature has provided. Her chardonnay and pinot noir reflect the different soils in the Russian River. Paying close attention to nature, even the winery was built using recycled materials.

De Loach Vineyards

There are beautiful grounds, a picturesque tasting and wonderful estate wines. What more is there to enjoy? Founded by Cecil De Loach, a retired tillerman on the San Francisco Fire Department, the winery has developed a reputation for great wines from the Russian River.

Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards

They produce a large number of cases of wine annually. Their flagship wine is their chardonnay. It is of the highest quality and widely distributed. The tasting room is in a beautifully converted residence nestled in a vineyard.

Gary Farrell Wines

They produce award winning pinot, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and zinfandel. Different tasting choices allow you to select all or focus on one type of wine from regions in the area. The tasting room is a quiet place on a hilltop overlooking the whole region.

Porter Creek Vineyards

Rolling hills surround a tasting room that was once the shed for the tractor, since converted. True to its roots, the property still has a garden and chicken coops. Winemaker, Alex, has been recognized as one of a new breed of up and coming winemakers. Many unique and hand crafted wines available.

Williams Selyem Winery

In any discussion about pinot noir the name Williams Selyem is sure to come up. Their vineyards are throughout Sonoma taking advantage of the many types of soils. The result is a list of estate pinots that showcase the uniqueness of the grapes from those areas. The tasting room has stunning views of the Russian River Valley.

Rochioli Vineyards & Winery

The Rochioli family has for generations been recognized for their quality fruit and their contribution to winemaking. So why not make wine? They make a wonderful number of varietals with several chardonnays and pinot noir from vineyards around the Russian River plus syrah as well as a few more. The tasting room overlooks the valley.

Benovia Winery

This is a small up and coming winery that grows many of its own grapes and then adds high quality fruit from great growers like the Martinelli Family. The result is some of the best wines in the region. The tasting is conducted at large, private tables in what once was a family residence. It is a great tasting experience.

Acorn Winery

Seriously off the beaten path, this small, unique winery sits down a one lane road in the middle of what once was a vineyard with mixed varietals. That is the way the Italians did it. Plant mixed vines and make red wine that changed every year. No surprise, it was a "field blend." The winery now produces a number of great boutique wines.

Hanna Winery

This winery has two tasting rooms. One is in the hotter Alexander Valley and the second in cooler Russian River. These two locations give the winemaker to take advantage of different climates. Hotter with more altitude adds richness to big reds and the cooler areas allows the more delicate pinot and chardonnay to develop. The result is a wide range of delicious wines.

Iron Horse Vineyards

The tasting room sits high on a bluff overlooking the vineyards. The view is spectacular and the wines do not disappoint. The whole experience is quite memorable. Start with several sparkling wines and finish with cool climate chardonnay and pinot noir. Lots of education provided especially when it comes to the sparkling wine.