

Dry Creek

Pedroncelli Winery

The family started the winery in 1927 growing fruit and selling it to home winemakers during prohibition. They have some of the oldest zinfandel vines in the county. There are several whites and many reds to taste in addition to a great old vine zinfandel. A must is the port. Made the old fashioned way from Portuguese varietals and fortified with brandy. Please pass the stilton cheese.

Frick Winery

Bill Frick fell in love with Rhone wines. So much so that he sold his vintage 1957 Chevy Impala convertible so he could start a winery featuring those wines originally from the Rhone region of France. The tasting room is at the end of a long road that winds through rolling vineyards and Bill is right there to serve you. The wines are great and the experience memorable.

Dutcher Crossing Winery

The winery produces a dozen different wines ranging from refreshing rose and sauvignon blanc to pinot noir and more reds like cabernet, syrah and merlot. The hospitality here perfect and the tasting experience perfect. The back of the room has an exceptional view of the vine covered hillside.

Truitt-Hurst

The wines here are very good here and, as is the case of most wineries in Dry Creek, the focus is on zinfandel. There are other wines like chardonnay, pinot noir and petite syrah available as well as a delightful rose. After tasting, take a bottle of wine and stroll through the extensive vegetable garden down to the creek. Take a seat and enjoy the quiet. In the spring you can actually see spawning salmon in the creek

Talty Winery

This is one of the smallest wineries in Dry Creek. Owner/winemaker Michael Talty is very hands on when it comes to vineyard management and winemaking. He makes zinfandel and petite sirah. These are small lot wines. He is also in the tasting room every day as it is a short walk to the house.

Yokum Bridge Vineyards

Virginia and Michael had successful careers at The Culinary Academy of San Francisco. They then moved north and pursued their dream of becoming wine makers. Their winery is on the property with the tasting room next to the house. The hot climate allows them to use sustainable methods to produce outstanding red wine. Several zinfandels, petite sirah, cabernet and merlot are all there for you.

Ferrari Carano Vineyards & Winery

This is the most beautifully landscaped winery in the whole area. Winding sidewalks lead you through beautiful greenery. The tasting room is airy and bright. You can taste current releases at the mail bar and estate wines in a separate, private room. There is a broad selection of both whites and reds.

Ridge/Lytton Springs Winery

The history of Ridge Winery begins with the purchase of 160 acres in 1885 producing the first vintage in 1892 and then the first zinfandel in 1962. Now there are 8 zinfandel wines accompanied by several syrah blends and a chardonnay. The tasting room deck has stunning vistas to complete the experience.

Wilson Winery

This is the first winery as you enter the beautiful Dry Creek Valley. The tasting room and large tasting deck rests on a hill overlooking vineyards. Here, too, it is all about 21 zinfandels and 4 petite sirahs which are the primary grapes grown in the valley. All are gold or double gold medal wines.

Mazzocco Vineyards

The story here is zinfandel and petite sirah and gold medal wines. Over 20 gold or double gold medals from the famous San Francisco Wine Competition. The tasting room is bright and there is plenty of comfortable tasting areas between the room itself and the patio/lawn outside.

Alexander Valley

J Rickards Winery

This family run business has been producing wine for 40 years. The 20 year old barn now houses the tasting room as well as the winery. High on a hill it has a perfect view of the Alexander Valley. In addition to tasting the fine wines, a tour of the cave conducted by the owner is a real treat. The wines are excellent and reasonably priced.

Robert Young Estate Winery

Six generations of the Young family have occupied the 206 acre property. In 1963 they finally converted a prune orchard to a vineyard. They produce the highest quality all estate chardonnay, cabernet and red blends. They do sell grapes to other high end wineries as their grapes are in high demand. It is an honor to share a label with them.

Stuhlmuller Vineyards

Just as you think you got lost traveling down Soda Rock Lane you find the winery. The estate tastings are all personal and a cheese pairing plate is an option. There are three chardonnays, two zinfandels and one cabernet to enjoy right on the patio. A most relaxed and enjoyable experience

White Oak Vineyards

Founded in 1971 this winery is in the heart of the Alexander Valley and only a short distance from the famous Jimtown General Store. Elegant whites and rich and complex reds are the result of their dedication to make the best wines they can.

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.

Rosso & Bianco (Coppola)

This is a fantastic property owned by the renowned director Francis Ford Coppola. The winery is beautiful and the large pool with cabanas is a real extra if you have time for a swim. The inside is a bit of a museum housing Emmys and Oscars as well as things from his movies like a Tucker car and the desk from The Godfather. There are several tasting areas to sample his fine wines and a top rated restaurant for lunch.

Napa North

Vincent Arroyo Winery

In 1973 Vincent Arroyo purchased 23 acres of farmland in Calistoga, Ca. The winery has since grown to 85 acres and produces only 8,000 cases of 7 varietals. His home is adjacent to the winery and family members now help him. He is a farmer and sells most of his tonnage. From the rest he makes outstanding petite sirah, zinfandel, cab, merlot and red blends.

Chateau Montelena Winery

The winery was built around 1882, designed by a French architect and made from imported French stone. It made a significant contribution to the growth and prominence of California wines. The grounds are also quite exceptional. Seven red wines and three red wines make up their wine list. In 1976 their chardonnay was selected by French judges in a blind tasting as the best white wine defeating several French wines moving California onto the world stage.

Sterling Vineyards

Your journey to the tasting room at this landmark winery begins with a tram to the top of the hill. Once there the views are spectacular. They produce a wide variety of wines many sure to please your pallet. Take your time and enjoy the whole experience.

Rombauer Vineyards

What better way to enjoy wine than with food. And who could have more experience with food than the great, great grandson of the author of the Joy Of Cooking author Irma Rombauer. He went on to make extraordinary wines. The grapes come from a variety of locations where the climate and soils vary. For instance, this makes each of the chardonnays quite unique. And don't stop there. There are 16 more wines.

Barnett Vineyards

As you walk out of their wine cellar at the very top of Spring Mountain you are greeted with a spectacular view of the entire northern Napa valley. This is your private tasting room. Beyond the chardonnay and the pinot noir are the great cabernets whose grapes thrive at the high altitude. This is truly a breathtaking experience.

Frank Family Vineyards

This winery has been named the Best Napa Winery by Bay Area A-List seven years in a row. It is easy to see why with its historic winery and craftsman style tasting room. After clearing your pallet with some sparkling, move to the estate red wines. They are balanced, full bodied and flavorful. Then take a moment to enjoy a picnic lunch in the grove.

Duckhorn Vineyards

This winery is a pioneer being one of the original 40 wineries in Napa Valley. The number now approaches 450. While the main focus is on vineyard specific cabernet, merlot and red blends they also make excellent chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. The dining room creates a relaxed atmosphere encouraging you to linger a while.

Heitz Cellars

This family winery was founded in 1961 making it one of the originals in the Napa Valley. The back of the tasting room looks all the way across the valley. In the tasting room there are many wines to sample all from Napa Valley.

Pride Mountain Vineyards

The winery sits atop of the mountain between Napa and Sonoma Counties. This high elevation is the perfect location for growing red grapes. The winery tour is an exceptional experience as so much of the winemaking process is explained. The two chardonnays and the viognier are bright and flavorful and the reds are bold and well balanced.

Sullivan Vineyards

It all started when Jim Sullivan and his wife were given a grape arbor as a wedding present. Years later they leave Los Angeles in the 1970's moving to a farm in Napa Valley and began growing cabernet sauvignon. Today they produce eight current release wines and three reserve wines. There are two whites and the rest are either vineyard specific wines or blends.

Joseph Phelps Vineyards

The winery began in 1973 on a 600 acre plot of land in Napa County. Of all the wine produced by them Insignia stands alone having garnered a 97+ by Robert Parker's Advocate. The new winery has been recently completed and is spectacular in every way. It is up on a hill replacing the last one which stood much lower on the property. Schedule an appointment for a private tasting and enjoy some of the best wine Napa has to offer.

Frog's Leap Winery

Founded on a frog farm in the late 1970's the winery has developed into a producer of great dry farmed wines all produced organically since 1988. Take the tour of the historic buildings and gardens and you will appreciate their approach to making world class wines.

Robert Mondavi Winery

Robert Mondavi was a true pioneer and icon. The winery building is widely recognized as a landmark in the Napa Valley. The tasting building itself has several tasting areas to easily accommodate the large number of people that visit them. Most of the wines are readily available so go to the "Winery exclusives" for a real experience.

Grgich Hills Estate

In 1976 Miljenko "Mike" Grgich made history as winemaker at Chateau Montelena where, as winemaker, he crafted the chardonnay that beat all the French burgundies in a Paris blind tasting. He moved on and has run his own winery for 40 years. He produces seven or eight different varietals all worthy of a ride back home.