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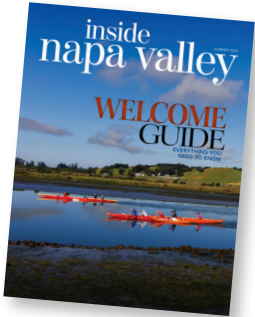
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The Ohana Wa'a Outrigger Canoe
Club paddles on the Napa River.
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7 EVENTS TO CHECK OUT IN NAPA VALLEY THIS SUMMER

There is never a lack of things to do in Napa Valley, but summer brings the region to life with a mix of free community events and long-standing ticketed traditions that appeal to locals and tourists alike. Here is a taste of the seasonal offerings you'll want to put on your calendars.

YOUNTVILLE MOVIES IN THE PARK

June 27, July 25 and Aug. 15: The Town of Yountville's Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual Movies in the Park series at Yountville Community Park, 2900 Lincoln Ave. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m.; films begin at dusk. This year's film slate includes "Ratatouille" (June 27); "Inside Out 2" (July 25); and "Despicable Me 4" (Aug. 15). The July 25 showing coincides with Yountville's annual community camp out where guests are invited to set up tents for a full evening of festivities. Info: townofyountville.com.

FIRST THURSDAYS

July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4: Napa debuts First Thursdays community festivals this summer, but the concept is a familiar one to long-time residents. The events, held 5-9 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, are reminiscent of the Chefs Market that used to be held in downtown Napa. First Thursdays, now held at Oxbow Commons on McKinstry Street, offers a small farmers market, food trucks, artisanal and makers vendors' booths and live music. Farm vendors include Rodriguez Farms Strawberries, Gerard's Honey Bees and Living Green Micros. Food trucks scheduled for this season include Asian Burger, Cooked by Gio and Imagination on Fire. For a schedule of bands and full vendors list, visit donapa.com/first-thursdays.

CALISTOGA CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Thursdays through Aug. 14: Pioneer Park in Calistoga hosts live music every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June through August. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, and food and wine vendors are available each week to keep the party

going through the evening. This summer's lineup includes Michelle Lambert (July 3); Sacred Fire (July 10); Traveling Wilburys Revue (July 17); Pacific Standard (July 24); Johnny and June Forever (July 31); Boys of Summer (Aug. 7); and MAYA (Aug. 14). Pioneer Park is located at 1320 Cedar St. Info: visitcalistoga.com/concerts-in-the-park.

FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY SUMMER SESSION

July 5-20: Festival Napa Valley's mission is to enrich lives through the power of music, and the Summer Session gives music lovers a variety of ways to engage with the arts across Napa Valley. In addition to live music, Summer Session includes Taste of Napa on July 12 at Meritage Resort in Napa — highlighting the best of food and wine in our region. Ticket prices range per event, but there are also free concerts, so this event has something for everyone at every price point. Multi-day passes and VIP Patron experiences available. Info: festivalnapavalley.org

SOFI BATTLE OF THE BANDS

July 27: Local bands perform throughout downtown Napa as part of the second annual Battle of the Bands, hosted by the SOFI (South of First) District. This year's event is scheduled from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and will feature multiple stages with up to 20 performers. Last year's inaugural winner Weekend Youth was invited to play at BottleRock Napa Valley this year.

Free admission. For the latest details, visit [instagram.com/napasofidistrict](https://www.instagram.com/napasofidistrict).

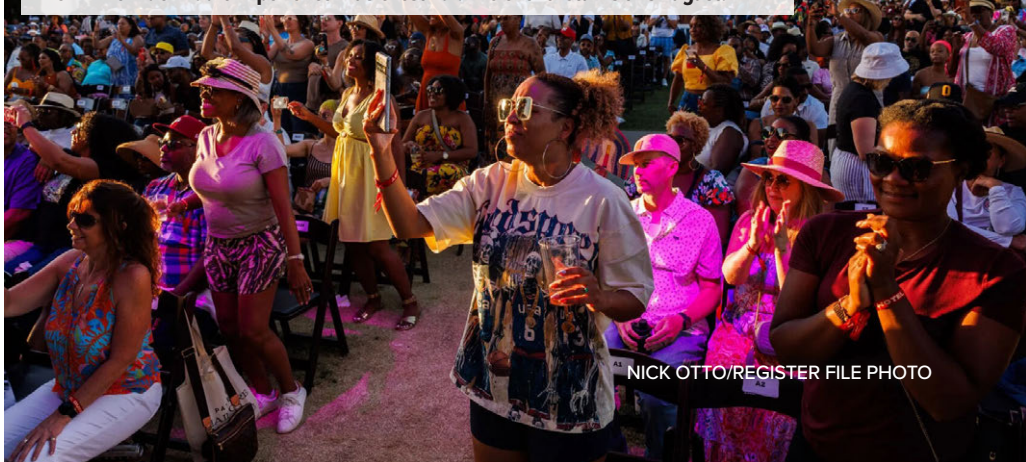
MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS

Aug. 1-24: Music in the Vineyards is Napa Valley's signature chamber music festival, which showcases distinguished musicians and emerging young talent during its four-week season. With complimentary wine tastings at each intermission, this unique combination of wine country ambiance and musicianship allows audiences to experience chamber music in the small intimate settings. The event includes more than 20 events held throughout the Napa Valley, including open rehearsals that are free to the public. Info: musicinthevineyards.org.

BLACK RADIO EXPERIENCE

Aug. 29-31: The Blue Note Jazz Festival's Black Radio Experience returns to The Meritage Resort in Napa for the second consecutive year. This year's lineup features The Roots, Questlove, Jazmine Sullivan, Hiatus Kaiyote, Esperanza Spalding as well as Artist in Residence and curator Robert Glasper. From jazz, hip-hop and R&B to soul, spoken word and live DJ sets, the festival celebrates the sound, legacy and future of music in all its forms. General admission single-day tickets, three-day passes and VIP experiences are available. Meritage Resort is located at 875 Bordeaux Way in Napa. Info: bluenotejazz.com/black-radio-experience. ■

Festivalgoers dance and cheer in the Meritage Resort courtyard in Napa during the 2024 The Black Radio Experience music festival. The event returns this August.



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A view of the Chardonnay Lodge on Jefferson Street in Napa.

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HOTELS & ACCOMMODATIONS

A visit to the Napa Valley is an experience. Perhaps a charming stay in downtown Napa is in your future? Or, perhaps an estate nestled in the valley's iconic vineyards is more apt? Regardless, Napa County has a myriad of options for those visiting. Whether on a budget or a more luxurious excursion, the following is a comprehensive list of what the valley has to offer, starting with where to stay.

CHARDONNAY LODGE (\$)

Address: 2640 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558
Website: chardonnaylodge.net

This budget-friendly hotel offers

clean, comfortable rooms with easy access to downtown Napa and local wineries. Guests can enjoy a peaceful garden setting and complimentary parking.

NAPA RIVER INN (\$)

Address: 500 Main St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: napariverinn.com

Set within the historic Napa Mill, this boutique hotel offers charming rooms with modern amenities. Guests enjoy complimentary breakfast delivered to their room and easy access to downtown attractions.

NAPA WINERY INN (\$\$)

Address: 1998 Trower Ave., Napa, CA 94558

Website: napawineryinn.com

A comfortable inn with complimentary breakfast and wine tastings, conveniently located near Highway 29. Guests enjoy spacious rooms and a welcoming atmosphere.

UPVALLEY INN & HOT SPRINGS (\$\$)

Address: 1865 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515
Website: upvalleyinn.com

Features geothermal hot springs, a sauna, and proximity to Calistoga's charming downtown. Guests can relax in the natural hot springs after a day of wine tasting.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NAPA VALLEY (\$\$)

Address: 1075 California Blvd., Napa,
CA 94559
Website: hilton.com

This all-suite hotel offers spacious accommodations, complimentary breakfast, and evening receptions. It's set amidst beautifully landscaped grounds with a koi pond and water features.

NAPA VALLEY MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA (\$\$)

Address: 3425 Solano Ave.,
Napa, CA 94558
Website: marriott.com

A full-service hotel featuring a luxurious spa, outdoor pool, and on-site dining. Guests appreciate its central location and comfortable rooms.



THE INN ON FIRST (\$\$)

Address: 1938 1st St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: theinnonfirst.com

A charming bed and breakfast offering gourmet breakfasts and personalized service. Each room is uniquely decorated, providing a cozy retreat in downtown Napa.

ANDAZ NAPA (\$\$\$)

Address: 1450 First St.,
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Website: hyatt.com

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RIVER TERRACE INN (\$\$\$)

Address: 1600 Soscol Ave., Napa, CA 94559
Website: riverterraceinn.com

Overlooking the Napa River, this boutique hotel offers serene views and close proximity to Oxbow Public Market. Guests can dine at the on-site restaurant and enjoy live music on the terrace.

WYDOWN HOTEL (\$\$\$)

Address: 1424 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574
Website: wydownhotel.com

A stylish boutique hotel located in downtown St. Helena, offering modern rooms and personalized service. Guests appreciate its proximity to

shops, restaurants and wineries.

HOTEL YOUNTVILLE (\$\$\$)

Address: 6462 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599
Website: hotelyountville.com

A luxurious hotel featuring spacious rooms with fireplaces and soaking tubs, set amidst beautifully landscaped grounds. Guests can relax by the pool or indulge in spa treatments.

AUBERGE DU SOLEIL (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 180 Rutherford Hill Rd., Rutherford, CA 94573
Website: aubegeresorts.com/aubergedusoleil

A secluded adults-only resort offering sweeping valley views, Mediterranean-inspired decor, and a Michelin-starred restaurant. Guests enjoy an award-winning spa, curated art collection, and elevated Napa Valley luxury.



Napa's River Terrace Inn.

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CARNEROS RESORT AND SPA (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 4048 Sonoma Hwy., Napa, CA 94559
Website: carnerosresort.com

This picturesque resort features private cottages, upscale dining, and vineyard views in a serene countryside setting. With two pools, a full-service spa, and on-site farm-to-table cuisine, it's

a destination unto itself.

MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 900 Meadowood Ln., St. Helena, CA 94574
Website: meadowood.com

One of Napa's most iconic estates, Meadowood offers luxury lodges, tennis courts, and nature trails nestled in a forested can-



A view from Napa Valley's Auberge du Soleil resort.

AUBERGE DU SOLEIL PHOTO

yon. Known for its spa and exclusive feel, it's ideal for travelers seeking tranquil refinement.

STANLY RANCH, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 200 Stanly Crossroad, Napa, CA 94559
Website: aubergeresorts.com/stanlyranch

This sprawling 700-acre resort near Carneros blends contemporary architecture with holistic wellness offerings. Guests enjoy vineyard views, culinary classes,

and high-touch service at one of Napa's newest luxury stays.

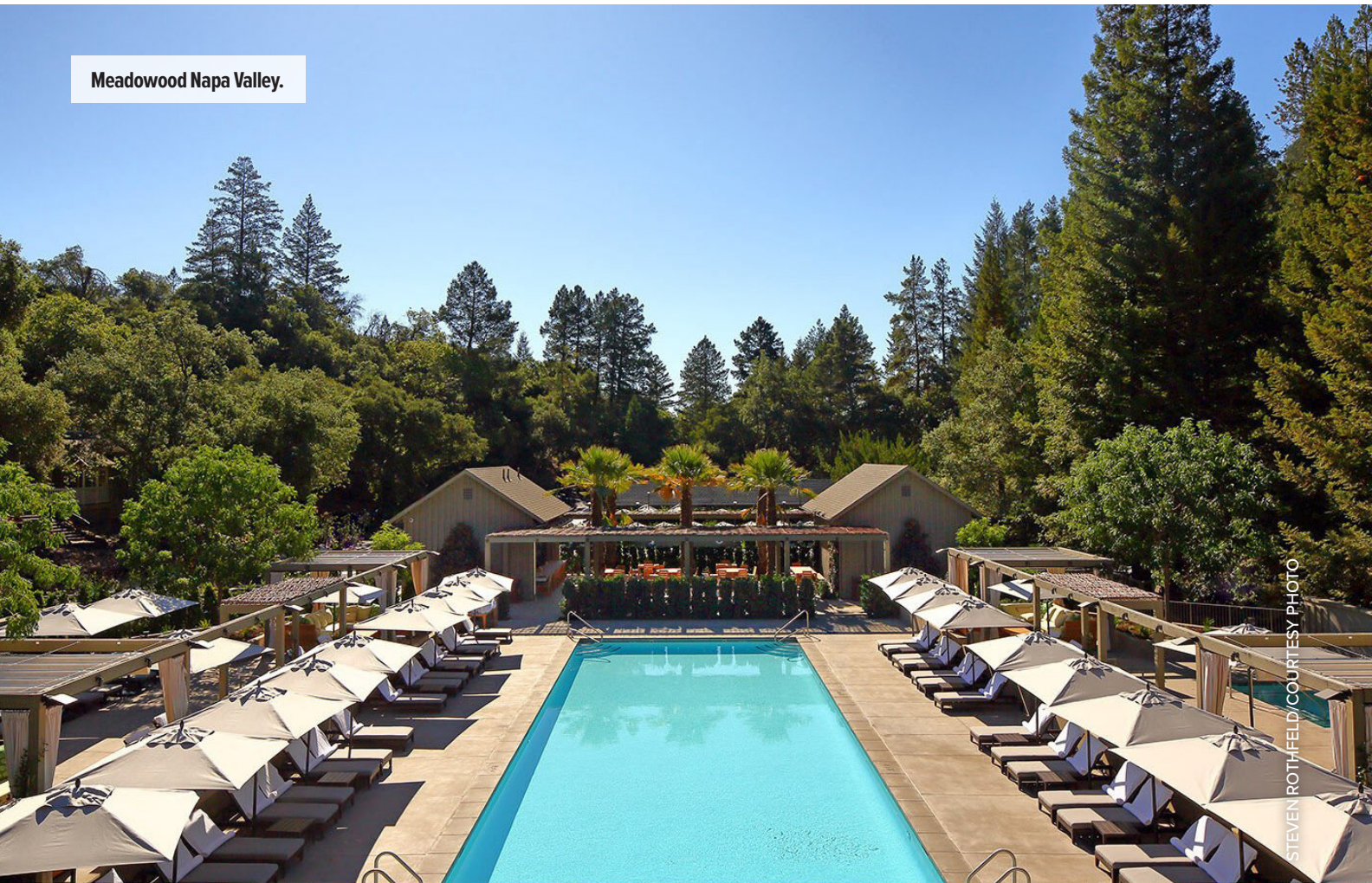
FOUR SEASONS RESORT NAPA VALLEY (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 400 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: fourseasons.com/napavalley

An ultra-premium experience with vineyard views, two pools, a world-class spa, and a working winery on-site. This new resort in Calistoga offers top-tier service in a tranquil and sophisticated setting. ■

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A Balloons above the Valley balloon is seen flying over Napa.

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VIEW THE VALLEY

There is nothing quite like viewing the Napa Valley from 3,000 feet above in a hot air balloon. But perhaps for those a bit afraid of heights, the comfort of experiencing a leisurely bike ride through downtown Napa seems more “grounded.” Regardless, the valley has so much to offer when it comes to recreation.

HOT AIR BALLOON COMPANIES

Napa Valley Balloons, Inc.

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Address: 944 Main St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: napavalleyballoons.com

As Napa Valley’s oldest and most experienced hot air balloon company, Napa Valley Balloons offers breathtaking sun-

rise flights over the vineyards. Guests enjoy pre-flight pastries from Bouchon Bakery, a celebratory post-flight sparkling wine toast, and optional add-ons like bike rentals.

Napa Valley Aloft Balloon Rides

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ;
Sat. - Sun., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Address: 6525 Washington St., Suite 4,
Yountville, CA 94599
Website: nvaloft.com

Founded in 1978, Napa Valley Aloft is one of the original balloon companies in the region. They offer smaller baskets and multiple launch sites for a personalized experience. Packages include pre-flight coffee and pastries, post-flight champagne toasts and optional gourmet brunches.

Balloons Above the Valley

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Address: 2390 Pine St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: balloonrides.com

Offering hot air balloon rides since 1976, Balloons Above the Valley provides 45-minute to 1-hour flights over the valley’s picturesque landscape. Guests enjoy pre-flight coffee and pastries before soaring above the vineyards.

BIKE TOURS & RENTALS

Napa Valley Bike Tours

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Addresses:
6500 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599
2800 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574
950 Pearl St, Napa, CA 94559

Website: napavalleybiketours.com

Napa Valley Bike Tours offers a range of guided and self-guided rides, including full-day and half-day e-bike tours. With locations in Yountville, St. Helena, and Napa, they also rent cruisers, e-bikes, road bikes, and kids' bikes — making it easy to explore the scenic Napa Valley Vine Trail.

Napa Valley eBikes

Hours of Operation: Daily, times vary

Address: 1562 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94559

Website: napavalleyebikes.com

Located near downtown Napa, Napa Valley eBikes rents electric bikes by the hour, day, or week. Their high-quality fleet includes features like phone mounts, drink holders, helmets, locks, lights, and trail maps — ideal for visiting wineries, eateries, and scenic spots.

Getaway Adventures

Hours of Operation: Daily, times vary

Website: getawayadventures.com

Getaway Adventures offers guided tours like the “Calistoga Sip 'n Cycle,” combining biking with wine tasting. They also provide full-day rentals of e-bikes and road bikes, catering to casual riders and cycling enthusiasts looking to explore Wine Country.

HIKING LOCATIONS

Skyline Wilderness Park

Hours of Operation: Daily, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
(Summer Hours)

Address: 2201 Imola Ave., Napa, CA 94559

Website: skylinepark.org

Skyline Wilderness Park features more than 25 miles of trails through oak woodlands and grassy meadows. Popular hikes include the Lake Marie Trail, which offers panoramic views of Napa Valley. The park is also popular with mountain bikers and equestrians.

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8 a.m. to sunset

Address: 3801 St. Helena Hwy.,
Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: parks.ca.gov

This scenic state park offers nearly 10 miles of trails through redwood groves and along Ritchey Creek. The Redwood Trail provides a shaded, peaceful hike, while the Coyote Peak Trail rewards hikers with sweeping valley views.

Moore Creek Park

Hours of Operation: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Address: 2602 Chiles Pope Valley Road,
St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: napaoutdoors.org/parks/moore-creek-park

Moore Creek Park is home to the 4.3-mile Valentine Vista Trail, which ascends 700 feet for dramatic views of Lake Hennessy. The loop trail combines sunny meadows and shaded creekside paths, ideal for moderate hikers.

Oat Hill Mine Trail

Hours of Operation: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Address: 2082 Oat Hill Mine Trail,
Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: napaoutdoors.org/parks/oat-hill-mine-trail

This historic 8.3-mile trail starts at the edge of Calistoga and climbs through rugged volcanic terrain. The hike is moderately challenging and offers sweeping views of the Palisades and Napa Valley.

Alston Park

Hours of Operation: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Address: 2037 Dry Creek Road, Napa, CA 94558

Website: cityofnapa.org

Alston Park's 157 acres include a 2.7-mile loop trail through open grasslands and rolling hills. It's a favorite for leisurely hikes, dog walks, and springtime wildflower views.

Robert Louis Stevenson State Park

Hours of Operation: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Address: 4824 Lake County Hwy. #4774,
Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: napaoutdoors.org/parks/robert-louis-stevenson-state-park

This challenging 5-mile trail leads to the summit of Mount Saint Helena. On clear days, hikers can see as far as the Bay Area and Mount Shasta. It's best suited for experienced hikers seeking elevation and reward.

Napa Valley Vine Trail

Hours of Operation: Daily, sunrise to sunset

Address: 3299 Claremont Way #5, Napa, CA 94558

Website: vinetrail.org

The Napa Valley Vine Trail is a developing 47-mile paved path linking Vallejo to Calistoga. Ideal for walking, running, and biking, the trail passes through wine country with numerous scenic and rest stops along the way.

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Napa Valley Wine Train

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Address: 1275 McKinstry St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: winetrain.com

The Napa Valley Wine Train offers a 36-mile round-trip journey through the valley aboard restored vintage Pullman cars. With gourmet dining, winery tours, and themed events, it's a nostalgic and luxurious way to explore Wine Country.

Napa Pedal Crusher

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Address: 1004 Clinton St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: napapedalcrusher.com

This 15-passenger, pedal-powered par-

Ryan Ayers with the Open Space District walks along a path under hanging Spanish Moss in Moore Creek Park.



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ty bike offers a lively tour of downtown Napa's breweries, tasting rooms, and restaurants. Perfect for group outings, it combines fun and fitness with a dose of local flavor.

Napa Valley Rydables

Hours of Operation: Guided tours vary by experience

Address: 820 A Third St.,
Napa, CA 94558

Website: napavalleyrydables.com

Explore downtown Napa aboard whimsical electric scooters shaped like animals — from unicorns to dinosaurs. These family-friendly rides offer a fun and quirky way to see the sights.

Napa Valley Wine Trolley

Hours of Operation: Guided tours vary by experience

Address: 1754 Second St., Suite B1, Napa, CA 94559

Website: napavalleywinetrolley.com

Climb aboard a replica San Francisco cable car for a scenic tour of Napa Valley. Wine Trolley excursions include tastings, a catered lunch, and narrated insights into local history and winemaking.



Napa Valley Gondola

Hours of Operation: Guided tours vary by experience

Address: 700 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: napavalleygondola.com

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LOCAL FLAVOR

Guests sipping wine during an event at Covert Estate in Napa.



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The Napa Valley's reputation and accolades for its wines are known throughout the world. While the Cabernet Sauvignon reigns in so many headlines, the region's Mediterranean climate is perfect for a wide variety of grapes and their distinctive flavors. There is no shortage of tasting rooms in the valley to experience those flavors. Oh! And don't forget the region has so much to offer foodies of all kinds and beer aficionados.

BREWERIES

NAPA

Armistice Brewing Company

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Thur., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Address: 1040 Clinton St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: armisticebrewing.com

Armistice Brewing Company is a sibling-owned and operated brewery that takes a decidedly experimental approach to brewing. Located in downtown Napa, one will quickly notice the location has a lot more in common with the old idea of the public house than with modern brewery taprooms.

Fieldwork Brewing Company

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Thur., 12 - 9 p.m.;
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Address: 1046 McKinstry St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: fieldworkbrewing.com/napa

Located within the Oxbow Public Market, Fieldwork Brewing offers an ever-changing tap list of fresh craft beers. Guests can enjoy sampler flights, pints, and growler fills in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

Downtown Joe's Brewery & Restaurant

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Address: 902 Main St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: downtownjoes.com

A staple in Napa since the 1990s, Downtown Joe's offers house-brewed beers and a full menu in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. The brewery features live music and sports viewing, making it a popular local hangout.

CALISTOGA

Napa Valley Brewing Company at the Calistoga Inn

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Thur., 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Address: 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515
Website: calistogainn.com

Founded in 1987, Napa Valley Brew-

ing Company was the first commercial brewery in Napa County since Prohibition. Located at the historic Calistoga Inn, it offers a selection of house-brewed beers enjoyed on a scenic patio.

Lincoln Avenue Brewery

Hours of Operation: Sun. and Mon., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
Tue. and Wed., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.;
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Address: 1473 B Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: localq707atthelab.godaddysites.com

A newcomer to Calistoga's craft beer scene, Lincoln Avenue Brewery offers a variety of beers brewed on-site. The brewery features a welcoming taproom and outdoor seating area.

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Mad Fritz Napa Valley

Hours of Operation: Sun., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.;
Mon., 2 - 5 p.m.; Tue. - Thur., 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Address: 393 La Fata St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: madfritz.com

Mad Fritz specializes in small-batch, barrel-aged beers brewed with a focus on terroir and ingredient origin. The brewery offers tastings by appointment, providing



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an intimate experience for beer enthusiasts.

Erosion Tap House

Hours of Operation: Mon. and Wed., 3 - 8 p.m.;
Tue., Closed; Thur. - Sun., noon - 8 p.m.

Address: 1234 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: erosion.buzz

Erosion Tap House offers a selection of wines and beers from around the world, along with house-made ice cream and food. The taproom provides a family-friendly environment with indoor and outdoor seating.

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YOUNTVILLE

Mad Fritz Tap House

Hours of Operation: Thur. – Sun., 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Address: 6720 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: madfritz.com

Mad Fritz's Yountville taproom offers a rotating selection of their unique, terroir-driven beers. Guests can enjoy small pours, flights, and bottles in a cozy setting next to Jessup Cellars.

WINERIES & TASTING ROOMS

MOUNT VEEDER

Mount Veeder Winery

Hours of Operation: Tastings available off-site by appointment only

Address: 930 3rd St., Napa, 94559

Website: mtveeder.com

Known for bold, mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon with aging potential, Mount Veeder Winery does not operate a public estate but offers curated tastings via partner venues. Wines highlight elevation, intensity, and structure.

Mayacamas Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. available by appointment

Address: 1155 Lokoya Road, Napa, CA 94558

Website: mayacamas.com

A legend of Napa Valley dating back to 1889, Mayacamas is revered for restrained, Old World-style Cabernet and Chardonnay. Tastings include a private tour of the historic stone winery and mountaintop vineyards.

Hess Persson Estates

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., available by appointment

Address: 4411 Redwood Road, Napa, CA 94558

Website: hessperssonestates.com

Home to both acclaimed mountain wines and a world-class contemporary art museum, Hess offers immersive tastings and food pairings. Located on Mount Veeder's lower slopes, the estate combines natural beauty with cultural depth.

SPRING MOUNTAIN

Smith-Madrone Vineyards & Winery

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: 4022 Spring Mountain Road, St. Helena, CA 94574

Armistice Brewing Company's Juice Queen Hazy IPA.

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Website: smithmadrone.com

Family-owned since the 1970s, Smith-Madrone produces old-school, dry-farmed Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, and Chardonnay. Tastings are hosted by the winemaking brothers in a rustic barn setting with panoramic views.

Paloma Vineyard

Hours of Operation: Mon. – Sat., available by appointment

Address: 4013 Spring Mountain Road, St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: palomavineyard.com

A cult favorite for mountain Merlot, Paloma is a quiet, unassuming estate tucked into the forest. Tastings are intimate, often hosted by the winemakers themselves.

Spring Mountain Vineyard

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Address: 2805 Spring Mountain Road, St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: springmountainvineyard.com

Once one of the valley's grandest estates (and filming site for Falcon Crest), Spring Mountain Vineyard is known for complex, age-worthy Bordeaux varietals. Tastings may resume as the property recovers from recent wildfires.

ATLAS PEAK & SODA CANYON**Stagecoach Vineyard**

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: Napa, exact location by arrangement

Website: stagecoachvineyard.com

One of Napa's most famous high-elevation vineyards, Stagecoach supplies fruit to dozens of elite labels. Very limited tastings and ATV vineyard tours may be available through partner wineries or with special reservation.

Judd's Hill

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: Silverado Trail, Napa, exact location by arrangement

Website: juddshill.com

While not open as a public tasting room, Judd's Hill and other labels sometimes host exclusive tastings or blending experiences using fruit from this historic property. Expect hillside Cabernet and personalized, small-group tastings.

Baldacci Family Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: 6236 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94558

Website: baldaccivineyards.com

While not open as a public tasting room, Judd's Hill and other labels sometimes host exclusive tastings or blending experiences using fruit from this historic property. Expect hillside Cabernet and personalized, small-group tastings.

COOMBSVILLE & SOUTHERN NAPA

Covert Estate

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment
Address: 15 Chateau Lane, Napa, CA 94558
Website: covertestate.com

A hidden gem nestled into the Coombsville hillside, Covert offers luxurious, cave-based tastings focused on Bordeaux varietals. Visitors are greeted with sweeping views and deep hospitality in a stylish, modern setting.

Sciandri Family Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment
Address: Kreuse Canyon Road, Napa, exact location by arrangement
Website: sciandrivineyards.com

This small, family-run Coombsville estate is known for warm Italian hospitality and structured estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Tastings are casual and heartfelt, often accompanied by house-made olive oil or family stories.

Shadybrook Estate

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: 100 Rapp Lane, Napa, CA 94558

Website: shadybrookestate.com

Just outside Coombsville, Shadybrook offers luxury tastings with vineyard and horse ranch views. Guests can add horseback trail rides, cheese pairings, or private cave tours to their visit.

CARNEROS

Domaine Carneros

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Address: 1240 Duhig Road, Napa, CA 94559
Website: domaine-carneros.com

This stately, French-style château is one of Napa's most iconic destinations for sparkling wine. Guests can enjoy table-side flights overlooking the vineyards, with optional cheese or caviar pairings.

Truchard Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri., available by appointment
Address: 3234 Old Sonoma Road, Napa, CA 94559
Website: truchardvineyards.com

A hidden gem in the Carneros hills, Truchard is a family-run estate known for their terroir-driven wines and warm

hospitality. Tastings often include a vineyard stroll and stories from the owners themselves.

Bouchaine Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Address: 1075 Buchli Station Road, Napa, CA 94559
Website: bouchaine.com

This beautifully updated winery boasts stunning decks, glass walls, and some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines in Carneros. Their hospitality team offers immersive tastings and tech-forward experiences, including sensory flights and vineyard drone views.

OAKVILLE & RUTHERFORD

Opus One Winery

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Address: 7900 St. Helena Hwy., Oakville, CA 94562
Website: opusonewinery.com

A prestigious joint venture between Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi, Opus One produces one acclaimed Bordeaux-style blend each vintage. Tastings are serene, exclusive,

A photo of Smith-Madrone's vineyards.



Calistoga's Castello di Amorosa.



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and architectural in both setting and delivery.

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery

Hours of Operation: Daily, available by appointment

Address: 8440 St. Helena Hwy.,
Rutherford, CA 94573

Website: stsupery.com

A 100% estate-grown, certified Napa Green winery producing vibrant Sauvignon Blanc and structured red blends. Tasting options range from educational pairings to curated art and wine experiences.

Inglenook

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: 1991 St. Helena Hwy.,
Rutherford, CA 94573

Website: inglenook.com

Owned by director Francis Ford Coppola, this historic estate combines Old

World charm with exceptional winemaking. Tastings take place in a dramatic chateau with access to private lounges and curated flights.

CALISTOGA

Chateau Montelena Winery

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
available by appointment

Address: 1429 Tubbs Lane, Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: montelena.com

Famous for its historic 1976 Judgment of Paris win, Chateau Montelena is housed in a stunning stone chateau overlooking a peaceful Chinese garden and lake. Tastings include acclaimed Chardonnay and Cabernet in an iconic Napa Valley setting.

Castello di Amorosa

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

available by appointment

Address: 4045 St. Helena Hwy., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: castellodiamorosa.com

This authentically styled 13th-century Tuscan castle offers immersive wine tastings with guided or self-guided tours through grand halls, dungeons, and towers. Known for bold reds and sweet wines, it's one of Napa's most unique and photogenic tasting destinations.

Clos Pegase Winery

Hours of Operation: Tasting room is temporarily closed

Address: 1060 Dunawear Lane, Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: clospegase.com

Designed by architect Michael Graves, this estate features postmodern design, art collections, and estate-grown wines. Guests can enjoy seated tastings indoors, in the garden, or inside the estate's wine cave.

ST. HELENA

Beringer Vineyards

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Address: 2000 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: beringer.com

Napa Valley's oldest continuously operating winery, Beringer features elegant tastings in the historic Rhine House. Guests choose from legacy flights, library wines, and tours of the stunning grounds.

Clif Family Winery

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., available by appointment

Address: 709 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: cliffamily.com

This certified B Corp winery pairs small-lot wines with farm-to-table fare from its on-site food truck. Known for its organic farming and sustainability, it offers a fun and casual vibe.

Charles Krug Winery

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment

Address: 2800 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: charleskrug.com

Established in 1861, Charles Krug is Napa's first commercial winery and still

family-owned by the Mondavis. Visitors enjoy tastings in a grand, newly renovated hospitality center surrounded by redwood trees.

YOUNTVILLE

Hill Family Estate

Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Address: 6512 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: hillfamilyestate.com

This family-run tasting room in the heart of Yountville offers small-lot wines made from sustainably farmed vineyards. Guests enjoy guided tastings in a cozy, art-filled space just steps from some of Napa's best restaurants.

Jessup Cellars

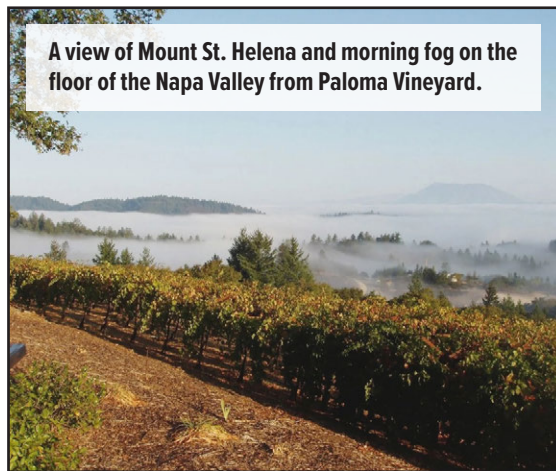
Hours of Operation: Daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Address: 6740 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: jessupcellars.com

Known for its approachable wines and art gallery ambiance, Jessup Cellars offers seated tastings with artisan cheese pairings. Guests can enjoy wines indoors or on the shaded garden patio.

A view of Mount St. Helena and morning fog on the floor of the Napa Valley from Paloma Vineyard.



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JCB Tasting Salon

Hours of Operation: Thur. - Mon., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., available by appointment

Address: 6505 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: jcbcollection.com

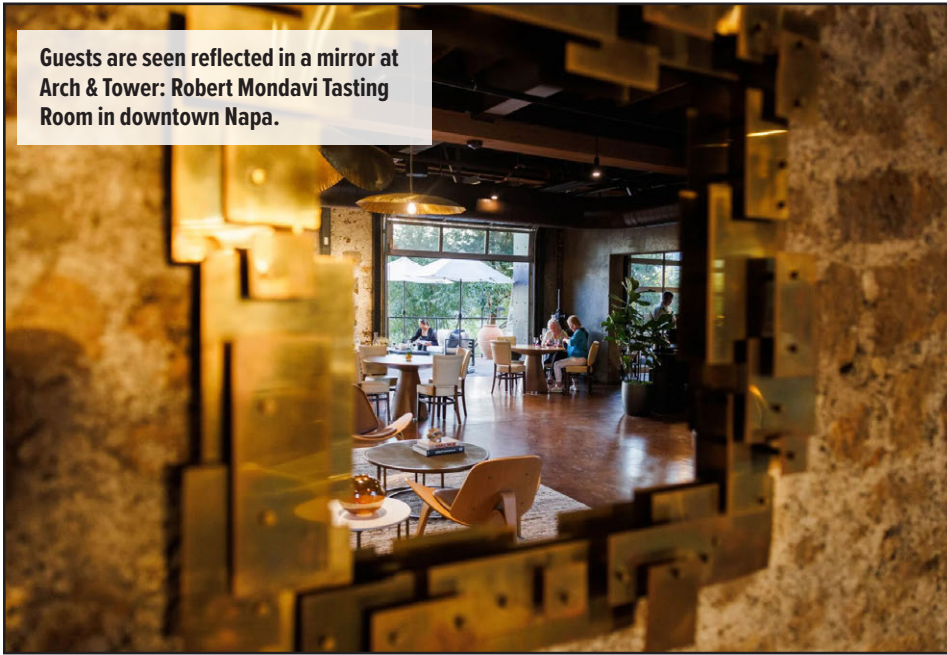
This opulent tasting lounge fuses wine, fashion, and luxury lifestyle in a bold, sensual atmosphere. Try sparkling, still, and reserve wines from Jean-Charles Boisset's Napa and French estates.

One of the gathering spaces at Shadybrook Estate Winery in Napa.



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Guests are seen reflected in a mirror at Arch & Tower: Robert Mondavi Tasting Room in downtown Napa.



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DOWNTOWN NAPA

Robert Mondavi Winery's Arch & Tower

Hours of Operation: Available by appointment
Address: 930 3rd St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: robertmondaviwinery.com

Located in beautiful downtown Napa. This elegant and inviting space offers a warm setting to enjoy thoughtfully curated wine and culinary experiences every day, along with a variety of special events.

JaM Cellars

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Thur. - Sat., 10 a.m. - midnight
Address: 1460 1st St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: jamcellars.com

A vibrant tasting room offering a relaxed atmosphere with music-themed décor. Known for their approachable

wines like Butter Chardonnay and JaM Cabernet.

Vintner's Collective

Hours of Operation: Daily, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Address: 1245 Main St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: vintnerscollective.com

A multi-winery tasting room showcasing boutique Napa Valley producers. Offers personalized tastings in a historic 1875 building.

Alpha Omega Winery - Downtown Napa Wine Lounge

Hours of Operation: Daily, noon - 7 p.m., available by appointment
Address: 1245 1st St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: aowinery.com

Showcases wines from Alpha Omega (Napa Valley), Tolosa (San Luis Obispo), and Perinet (Spain). Offers a diverse tasting experience in a stylish setting.

RESTAURANTS

AMERICAN

Mustards Grill (\$\$)

Address: 7399 St. Helena Hwy., Napa, CA 94558
Website: mustardsgrill.com

A Napa Valley institution since 1983, Mustards Grill offers upscale comfort food with a wine country twist. Known for its legendary Mongolian pork chop and extensive wine list, it's a favorite among locals and visitors alike.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch (\$\$\$)

Address: 738 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574
Website: longmeadowranch.com

Set on a working farm and winery, Farmstead serves farm-to-table American cuisine in a rustic-chic setting. Guests enjoy dishes made from estate-grown ingredients, reflecting the true essence of Napa Valley's agricultural heritage.

Gott's Roadside (\$)

Addresses: 933 Main St., St. Helena, CA 9457; 644 First St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: gotts.com

A modern take on the classic American roadside diner, Gott's is famous for its juicy burgers, hand-spun shakes, and crispy fries. With a casual atmosphere and quality ingredients, it's a must-visit for comfort food enthusiasts.

Grace's Table (\$\$)

Address: 1400 2nd St., Napa, CA 94559
Website: gracetable.net

This global kitchen offers a fusion of American and international flavors in a cozy bistro setting. Signature dishes like the cast-iron skillet cornbread and duck confit hash showcase the chef's creative flair.

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FRENCH

The French Laundry (\$\$\$)

Address: 6640 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: thomaskeller.com/tfl

A destination for fine French cuisine in the Napa valley, Chef Thomas Keller visited Yountville in the early 1990s to find a space to fulfill a longtime culinary dream. Over three decades later, the renowned institution continues to fulfill that dream through its award-winning menu.

Bistro Jeanty (\$\$\$)

Address: 6510 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: bistrojeanty.com

A charming bistro bringing the flavors of rural France to Napa Valley, Bistro Jeanty is renowned for its authentic dishes like coq au vin and tomato soup en croute. The warm, inviting atmosphere makes it a favorite for romantic dinners.

Angèle Restaurant & Bar (\$\$\$)

Address: 540 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: angelrestaurant.com

Set along the Napa River, Angèle offers French country cuisine in a historic building with a scenic patio. The menu features classics like steak frites and duck

confit, complemented by an extensive wine list.

Bouchon Bakery (\$\$\$)

Address: 6528 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: thomaskeller.com/bouchonbakeryyountville

Part of Thomas Keller's culinary empire, Bouchon Bistro serves traditional French fare with impeccable technique. Guests can enjoy dishes like escargot and croque madame in an elegant, yet relaxed setting.

La Toque (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 1314 McKinstry St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: latoque.com

A Michelin-starred restaurant, La Toque offers a refined dining experience with a focus on seasonal ingredients and French-inspired cuisine. The chef's tasting menu and extensive wine pairings make it ideal for special occasions.

ITALIAN

Bistro Don Giovanni (\$\$)

Address: 4110 Howard Lane, Napa, CA 94558

Website: bistrodongiovanni.com

A beloved local spot, Bistro Don Giovanni serves classic Italian dishes

with a California twist. The garden patio and vineyard views provide a picturesque backdrop for enjoying fresh pasta and wood-fired pizzas.

Oenotri (\$\$\$)

Address: 1425 First St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: oenotri.com

Specializing in Southern Italian cuisine, Oenotri offers a daily-changing menu featuring house-made salumi, fresh pastas, and seasonal produce. The rustic-chic interior and open kitchen add to the authentic dining experience.

Ristorante Allegria (\$\$)

Address: 1026 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: ristoranteallegria.com

Housed in a historic bank building, Ristorante Allegria offers Northern Italian cuisine in an elegant setting. Signature dishes like the ravioli di zucca and osso buco are complemented by an extensive wine list.

Pasta Prego (\$)

Address: 1502 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: facebook.com/pastapregonapa

A casual eatery known for its hearty portions and friendly service, Pasta Prego



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serves a variety of classic Italian dishes. It's a great spot for a relaxed meal with family or friends.

MEXICAN / LATIN AMERICAN

Taqueria Maria (\$)

Address: 640 3rd St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: taqueriamaria.com

A local favorite for casual Mexican fare, Taqueria Maria serves generous portions of tacos, burritos, and enchiladas. Affordable and fast, it's ideal for a quick, satisfying meal.

Frida's Mexican Grill (\$\$)

Address: 1533 Trancas St., Napa, CA 94558

Website: fridasmexicangrill.com

Frida's offers traditional Mexican dishes in a colorful, art-filled setting. With friendly service, flavorful margaritas, and moderate prices, it's great for a relaxed dinner with friends.

Los Agaves (\$)

Address: 660 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: losagavesnapa.com

A family-owned food truck turned restaurant, Los Agaves specializes in authentic Mexican street food favorites. With low prices and casual charm, it's a popular choice for locals.

ASIAN

Morimoto Napa (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 610 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: morimotonapa.com

Celebrity chef Masaharu Morimoto's flagship offers a luxurious fusion of Japanese and Western flavors in a sleek, upscale setting. High-end dishes like wagyu tacos and tuna pizza define this fine dining destination.

Eiko's Modern Japanese Cuisine (\$\$)

Address: 1300 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: eikosnapa.com

Eiko's serves contemporary Japanese

fare including sushi, sashimi, and robata-grilled specialties. With a mid-range price point and a lively bar scene, it's great for date night or cocktails with friends.

MEDITERRANEAN

Tarla Mediterranean Bar + Grill (\$\$)

Address: 1480 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: tarlagrill.com

Tarla serves fresh Turkish and Greek-inspired dishes in a downtown Napa setting. With crowd-pleasers like lamb kebabs and moussaka, this moderately priced eatery offers vibrant flavors and a lively vibe.

Zuzu (\$\$)

Address: 829 Main St, Napa, CA 94559

Website: zuzunapa.com

A tapas-style restaurant drawing from Spanish and South American influences, Zuzu is beloved for its bold small plates and extensive wine list. It's a lively, mid-range spot perfect for sharing.

The 25th Anniversary Burger with Gruyère cheese and caramelized onions, truffle fries with house-made truffle butter, Parmesan cheese and parsley and pumpkin shakes with house-made spiced pumpkin, all specials from Gott's Roadside.



Compline (\$\$\$)

Address: 1300 1st St. #319, Napa, CA 94559

Website: complinewine.com

Compline blends a modern wine bar with Mediterranean-inspired cuisine. With refined dishes like lamb meatballs and charred octopus, it's a stylish and upscale option for wine and food lovers.

Napa Palisades Saloon (\$\$)

Address: 1000 Main St. #100, Napa, CA 94559

Website: napapalisades.com

This casual downtown restaurant offers Mediterranean-influenced comfort

food alongside craft beers and cocktails. A solid mid-range choice for relaxed dining or group meals.

Evangeline (\$\$\$)

Address: 1226 Washington St., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: evangelineinapa.com

Evangeline combines French Creole flavors with California ingredients in a romantic Calistoga setting. With dishes like shrimp étouffée and steak frites, this upscale option is ideal for special occasions.

Website: pressnapavalley.com

Press focuses on Napa Valley-only wines and top-quality beef in a luxurious, wood-paneled dining room. It's a destination for serious steak lovers and wine connoisseurs.

Rutherford Grill (\$\$\$)

Address: 1180 Rutherford Road, Rutherford, CA 94573

Website: rutherfordgrill.com

A beloved spot for hearty American fare, Rutherford Grill features dishes like rotisserie chicken and prime rib. With a no-corkage policy and welcoming vibe, it's a favorite for both locals and visitors.

Galpão Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse (\$\$\$)

Address: 1990 Trower Ave., Napa, CA 94558

Website: galpaogauchousa.com/location/napa-ca

This Brazilian steakhouse serves endless tableside cuts of meat alongside a robust salad bar. With festive service and plentiful portions, it's ideal for group dining and celebrations.

Trancas Steakhouse (\$\$\$)

Address: 999 Trancas St., Napa, CA 94558

Website: trancassteakhouse.com

STEAKHOUSE**Cole's Chop House (\$\$\$\$)**

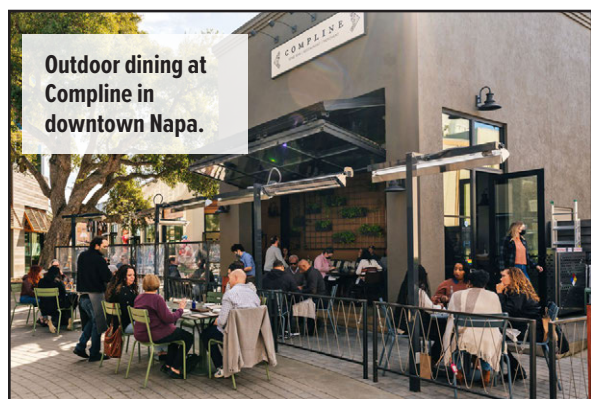
Address: 1122 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: coleschophouse.com

This downtown classic offers prime steaks, fresh seafood, and handcrafted cocktails in a refined, brick-walled setting. Known for impeccable service and a special-occasion atmosphere.

Press Restaurant (\$\$\$\$)

Address: 587 St. Helena Hwy., St. Helena, CA 94574



Outdoor dining at Compline in downtown Napa.

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A view from inside Scala Osteria & Bar in downtown Napa.



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A Napa mainstay since 1999, Trancas is known for classic steakhouse fare, generous portions, and prime rib. The casual, lively setting includes outdoor seating and a late-night bar.

FARM-TO-TABLE / SEASONAL

The Charter Oak (\$\$\$)

Address: 1050 Charter Oak Ave., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: thecharteroak.com

The Charter Oak emphasizes simple, seasonal ingredients sourced locally. This upscale, family-style restaurant often features vegetables cooked over an open hearth in a warm, rustic setting.

Goose & Gander (\$\$\$)

Address: 1245 Spring St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: goosegander.com

Set in a charming Craftsman house, Goose & Gander serves rustic American fare with a seasonal focus. The mid-to-upscale menu and downstairs speak-easy-style bar make it a favorite for cocktails and elevated comfort food.

The Grove at Copia (\$\$\$)

Address: 500 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: ciaatcopia.com/grove-restaurant

Located at The CIA at Copia, this elegant restaurant showcases farm-to-table dishes crafted by CIA-trained chefs. With a seasonal menu and expertly paired wines, it's a top-tier choice for culinary enthusiasts.

Kitchen Door (\$\$)

Address: 1300 First St. #272, Napa, CA 94559

Website: kitchendoornapa.com

This approachable, mid-range restaurant offers globally inspired seasonal fare,

from wood-fired pizzas to Asian-style rice bowls. Communal tables and a relaxed vibe create a welcoming setting for all.

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN

Small World Restaurant (\$)

Address: 932 Coombs St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: smallworldrestaurant.com

This cozy downtown spot specializes in Mediterranean fare with vegetarian and vegan-friendly dishes. Popular for its falafel and hummus plates, Small World is a budget-friendly gem for plant-based diners.

House of Better (\$\$)

Address: 1507 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: houseofbetter.com

House of Better offers Southwestern-style, health-conscious comfort food. With several vegetarian and vegan op-

tions, it's a stylish and relaxed spot for conscious eating.

SEAFOOD

Hog Island Oyster Co. (\$\$)

Address: 610 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: hogislandoysters.com

Inside Oxbow Public Market, Hog Island offers fresh, sustainably farmed oysters and seafood dishes at a mid-range price point. It's a must for oyster lovers seeking a casual but quality experience.

Waterfront Seafood Grill (\$\$\$)

Address: 720 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: waterfrontseafoodgrill.com

Set along the Napa River, this upscale seafood restaurant features a diverse menu including grilled salmon and seared scallops. With elegant ambiance and local sourcing, it's ideal for a refined night out.

Scala Osteria (\$\$\$)

Address: 1141 First St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: scalaosteria.com

Scala Osteria brings the flavors of coastal Italy to Napa, with seafood-forward dishes like whole fish and Neapolitan classics. The mid-to-upscale ambiance complements its fresh, Mediterranean flavors.

Napkins Bar & Grill (\$\$)

Address: 1001 2nd St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: napkinsnapa.com

Offering American classics and a variety of seafood dishes, Napkins combines moderate prices with a lively atmosphere. Great for casual dining or happy hour in downtown Napa.

The Restaurant at North Block (\$\$\$)

Address: 6757 Washington St., Yountville, CA 94599

Website: northblockyountville.com

This refined Yountville restaurant offers seafood-driven dishes like grilled

octopus and halibut. Stylish and seasonal, it's a sophisticated mid-to-high-end choice for foodies.

INDIAN

Aroma Indian Cuisine (\$\$)

Address: 3012 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558

Website: aromanapa.com

Aroma offers rich curries, tandoori meats, and vegetarian specialties. With fresh ingredients and traditional recipes, Aroma delivers authentic Indian cuisine at a moderate price point.

Taj Grill Indian Cuisine (\$\$)

Address: 701 Lincoln Ave., Napa, CA 94558

Website: tajgrillnapa.com

Known for its comforting curries and warm service, Taj Grill offers a broad selection of Indian dishes in a welcoming setting. With both vegetarian and meat options, it's an affordable and flavorful option.

Goose & Gander's hamburger.



Yak and Yeti (\$\$)

Address: 3150 B Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558

Website: yakandyetina.com

Specializing in Indian, Nepalese, and Tibetan fare, Yak and Yeti serves up Himalayan-inspired dishes like momo dumplings and lentil soups. With moderate prices and cozy decor, it's a unique addition to Napa's dining scene.

BREAKFAST & BRUNCH**Sunshine Café (\$)**

Address: 1540 Trancas St., Napa, CA 94558

Website: sunshinecafenapa.com

This locally loved café offers affordable, seasonal breakfast and lunch daily. Known for its fresh ingredients and friendly vibe, it's perfect for a casual morning bite.

Petit Soleil (\$\$)

Address: 1408 Clay St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: petitsoleilonclay.com

This bright, cheerful café offers all-day breakfast with locally sourced ingredients. With charming decor and a mid-range price point, it's a relaxing spot for avocado toast or French pastries.

Boon Fly Café (\$\$)

Address: 4048 Sonoma Hwy., Napa, CA 94559

Website: carnerosresort.com/napa-ca-dining

Part of the Carneros Resort, Boon Fly Café is known for its hip, farm-style brunch. Dishes like green eggs and ham and house-made donuts make this a go-to for a hearty, mid-range breakfast.

Southside Café (\$)

Address: 135 Gasser Dr. Suite B, Napa, CA 94559

Website: southsidenapa.com

This community favorite serves Southern-inspired breakfast and lunch with a California twist. With low prices and big flavor, it's a staple for locals on the go.

La Cheve Bakery and Brews (\$)

Address: 376 Soscol Ave., Napa, CA 94559

Website: ilovelacheve.com

Combining Mexican pastries and craft beer, La Cheve is a festive, affordable brunch destination. Their conchas and tortas make it a standout for sweet and savory cravings alike.

Model Bakery (\$)

Address: 644 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: themodelbakery.com

A Napa staple best known for its English muffins, Model Bakery offers fresh pastries and artisan breads in a casual setting. Perfect for a quick breakfast or coffee stop.

BARBECUE**Stateline Road Smokehouse (\$\$)**

Address: 872 Vallejo St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: stateline-road.com

Helmed by Michelin-trained chef and Kansas City native Darryl Bell, Stateline Road Smokehouse delivers chef-driven, Kansas City-style barbecue to Napa Valley. Located in

the Rail-Arts District, it features a lively atmosphere and standout dishes like brisket burnt ends and smoked maitake mushroom salad.

Bounty Hunter Wine Bar & Smokin' BBQ (\$\$\$)

Address: 975 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: bountyhunterwinebar.com

A downtown Napa staple, Bounty Hunter pairs elevated barbecue with a curated list of over 400 wines and 40 wines by the glass. Signature offerings include beer-can chicken and St. Louis-style ribs, served in a rustic, brick-walled setting.

Buster's Southern BBQ (\$\$)

Address: 1207 Foothill Blvd., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: busterssouthernbbq.com

A longtime Calistoga favorite, Buster's offers authentic Louisiana-style barbecue cooked over a wood-fired grill. The outdoor seating under redwoods and live blues and jazz performances on Sundays create a uniquely relaxed dining experience.

Red Rock Cafe & Back Door BBQ (\$\$)

Address: 1010 Lincoln Ave., Napa, CA 94558

Website: backdoorbbq.com

Red Rock Cafe is known for its hearty barbecue plates, including ribs, tri-tip, and chicken. The welcoming, no-frills atmosphere and house-made sauce have made it a go-to for locals.

Biscuits BBQ (\$\$)

Address: 966 Pearl St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: biscuitsbbq.com

Offering a creative spin on traditional barbecue, Biscuits BBQ features dishes like shaved pork loin sandwiches and buttermilk biscuits with truffle honey butter. This family-friendly spot uses local and seasonal ingredients for a fresh take on comfort food.

The Q Restaurant & Bar (\$\$)

Address: 1313 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: theqgrandb.com

The Q puts a refined twist on classic barbecue, serving baby back ribs and Memphis-style pulled pork with standout sides like collard greens and Asian slaw. Its casual yet polished setting makes it a favorite for dine-in or takeout.

COCKTAILS & BARS**ArBARetum**

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Thur., noon - 10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., noon - midnight



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Address: 1149 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: napadistillery.com/the-arbareturn

Operated by Napa Valley Distillery, ArBAReturn offers a speakeasy-style setting with pressed copper ceilings and shimmering chandeliers. The bar serves handcrafted cocktails made with house-distilled spirits, making it a hip favorite for cocktail enthusiasts.

The Fink

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Thur., 4 - 11 p.m.; Fri. and Sat, 4 p.m. - midnight; Mon., closed

Address: 530 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: thefinknapa.com

The Fink is a welcoming downtown Napa cocktail bar known for expertly crafted drinks and a relaxed, community-focused vibe. Owned by winemaker Judd Finkelstein, it offers a creative menu in a stylish but unpretentious setting.

Wilfred's Lounge

Hours of Operation: Wed. - Sat., noon - 10 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Address: 967 1st St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: wilfredslounge.com

Wilfred's brings tropical flair to Napa with tiki-inspired decor and island-style cocktails like the classic 1944 Mai Tai.

Its colorful interior and fun atmosphere make it a standout for a night out.

Violetto at Alila Napa Valley

Hours of Operation: Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Address: 1915 Main St., St. Helena, CA 94574

Website: violettonapavalley.com

Located inside Alila Napa Valley, Violetto serves cocktails inspired by Northern Italy and Southern France, using herbs and produce from its own culinary garden. The elegant bar setting is ideal for aperitifs and digestifs.

Cadet Wine & Beer Bar

Hours of Operation: Monday–Thursday: 5 p.m. - midnight; Friday–Saturday: 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sun., closed

Address: 930 Franklin St., Napa, CA 94559

Website: cadetbar.com

A laid-back yet stylish downtown Napa hangout, Cadet offers an eclectic mix of wines, craft beers, and seasonal cocktails. Popular with locals and industry folks alike, it's a casual spot for late-night sipping.

Chispa

Hours of Operation: Sun. - Thur., 11:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Address: 1500 First St. #140, Napa, CA 94558

Website: chispabar.com

This tequila-forward cocktail bar celebrates agave spirits with inventive drinks like the Side Eye and Delta Diamond. With a modern, high-energy vibe, Chispa highlights small producers and bold Mexican flavors.

Picobar at Solage

Hours of Operation: Mon. and Tue., 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. - Sun., 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Address: 755 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: aubergeresorts.com/solage/dine/picobar

Located at the Solage resort, Picobar offers cocktails inspired by Ensenada's coast and Northern California bounty. Guests enjoy drinks like the Los Agaves alongside poolside bites in a breezy, stylish space.

Sam's Social Club

Hours of Operation: Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Address: 1712 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515

Website: samsocialclub.com

Part of the Indian Springs Calistoga resort, Sam's Social Club blends mid-century charm with an adventurous cocktail menu. Drinks like the Clarified Penicillin Milk Punch complement hearty fare in a retro-inspired dining room. ■

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Executive Chef Anthony Stagnaro, left, and Farm Director Nick Runkle harvest from the garden at Stanly Ranch for use at the onsite restaurant Bear on Wednesday, June 4.



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A CULINARY COLLABORATION

MEET THE CHEF/FARMER DUO BEHIND BEAR AT STANLY RANCH

BY VINCENT VITALE

At Bear, the restaurant tucked within the scenic grounds of Stanly Ranch in Napa, the story of each dish begins long before it hits the plate — with the relationship between a farmer and a chef.

Executive Chef Anthony Stagnaro and Farm Director Nick Runkle collaborate closely to craft a dining experience rooted in the land, season by season. While Runkle tends the Grange — Bear's on-site garden — with an eye toward flavor, balance and biodiversity, Stagnaro and the team transform the harvest into striking dishes that honor each ingredient's essence.

According to press materials, at the helm of Bear's kitchen is Stagnaro, whose culinary vision has guided the restaurant since day one. With over two decades of experi-

ence, Stagnaro honed his craft under the mentorship of acclaimed chefs like Michael Voltaggio and Dominique Ansel, rising through the ranks to serve as both sous chef and executive chef. Today, he's pioneering a refined take on farm-to-table dining with what he calls "elemental cuisine" — a philosophy rooted in simplicity, where each dish is built around one standout ingredient sourced from trusted local growers. His approach celebrates the purity of flavor, letting the land speak through every plate.

Runkle, on the other hand, is the hands — and heart — behind the fields at Stanly Ranch. As farm director, Runkle spends his days planting seeds, pruning vines and mapping out future harvests, all while shaping the foundation of the ranch's culinary identity, according to press materials. Before bringing his expertise to Napa, he worked

alongside the crops director at the famed Blue Hill at Stone Barns and collaborated with the innovative Row 7 Seed Company. It was through these deep-rooted connections to soil and seed that he and Stagnaro were invited to join Row 7's Grower & Chef Experimental Trials Network — a partnership that now fuels the hyper-seasonal approach to dining at Stanly Ranch.

To ensure the restaurant's success and focus on fresh daily produce, their mornings start early.

"We keep an order guide posted on the wall, and each night after service, the sous chefs and cooks meet to review what's needed for the following day," Stagnaro explained. "By 7 a.m. the next morning, the farm team picks up the list and harvests accordingly."

This harvest isn't as simple as picking

LUXURY NORTH BAY

lettuce when it looks ready; Runkle and his team know the subtle differences between produce, including the ideal time to harvest for maximum flavor.

“The white Hakurei turnips we grow stay sweet and juicy even as they grow larger, unlike radishes, which can become spicier and more fibrous when they get too large. We like to harvest both turnips and radishes when they’re still small — about the size of a nickel,” said Runkle. These vegetables are harvested daily for the Bear’s vegetable plate.

Runkle also plants more unique seasonal ingredients. Mint, for instance, is its own adventure on the property.

“We’re currently growing four types of mint: Chocolate mint, orange mint, classic spearmint, and apple mint. Alongside those, we have lime balm, lemon balm

and mandarin balm — fragrant herbs that also belong to the mint family,” said Runkle. The subtle flavors can be used for a variety of dishes, but also cocktails, like the perfect mint mojito.

Together, Stagnaro and Runkle collaborate in a natural, effortless way by meeting every morning — often multiple times a day — to brainstorm and align on everything from planting to plating.

“Because Nick and the farm team are part of the culinary team, they are involved in all chef-related meetings, service discussions and anything that impacts the guest experience. It’s a fully integrated relationship that makes the food stronger from the ground up,” Stagnaro continued. “It’s a simple, efficient system that keeps the kitchen and the farm in sync by ensuring the ingre-

dients are as fresh and intentional as the dishes they’re used in.”

Stagnaro estimates that currently about 20% of Bear’s ingredients come directly from the farm.

“The rest is sourced as locally as possible, though it varies depending on the season,” he said. However, he sees this changing in the future.

“We hope to cut that number as much as we can, harvesting 50% directly from our own land and sourcing the remaining 50% as locally as possible. It’s an exciting step toward deeper sustainability and connection to our food,” he added.

Deciding on what to grow in the future is also a special process. About three months before the next season, Stagnaro and Runkle think through everything — flavor, texture, what ingredients were dif-



Bear at Stanly Ranch offers seating that blends with the natural landscape of the resort.



Bear at Stanly Ranch offers a unique dining experience using vegetables sourced from the onsite garden.

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A photograph of an outdoor seating area at the Bear restaurant. The scene features several wooden chairs and tables arranged on a sandy ground. In the background, there are lush green trees and a clear sky. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Bear at Stanly Ranch offers seating that blends with the natural landscape of the resort.



Executive Chef Anthony Stagnaro prepares a plate of farm vegetables at the Stanly Ranch restaurant Bear on Wednesday, June 4.

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The Sourdough and butter is served at the Stanly Ranch restaurant Bear on Wednesday, June 4.

difficult to source locally, and what worked well that they should expand upon.

"We also take a hard look at what didn't work and discuss how improvements can be made or whether it's time to move on from an ingredient entirely," said Stagnaro.

The innovation process for new dishes is also unique. When Stagnaro begins thinking about new dishes, it always starts with the season and how they want the guests to feel. Whether it's light, bright and green in spring or auburn-tinted and warm in fall, the emotional tone of the plate matters.

"The first tomatoes, honeynut squash, or fava leaves of the season often spark inspiration. Spending time with Nick during these transitions helps bring clari-

LUXURY NORTH BAY

ty to the creative process,” Stagnaro said. “From the bloom of spring flowers to the turning of fall leaves, nature always plays a central role in shaping what ends up on the plate.”

They choose seeds months in advance, sometimes even saving them from past harvests. It all begins in the greenhouse, where the seeds are started, and then the young plants are moved to the Grange to grow and take shape.

Throughout this process, Runkle and Stagnaro remain closely connected — observing, learning, and adjusting together. During these moments, Stagnaro imagines how to make these ingredients from the farm, or from nearby farmers, truly shine on the plate.

Together, they’re reshaping the landscape of California fine dining with a focus on elemental cooking.

This practice blends age-old techniques like open-fire preparation and natural fermentation with contemporary culinary precision.

Their partnership extends far beyond the farm rows; each crop is selected with a specific flavor experience in mind, ensuring the journey from soil to plate is intentional and seamless. The pair combines creative vision with seasoned know-how. What they create is more than food — an ongoing dialogue between the land and the kitchen, a reflection of Northern California’s seasonal soul and agricultural heartbeat. ■

Bear is located at Stanly Ranch, Auberger Resorts Collection, 200 Stanly Crossroad in Napa. For more information, visit aubergeresorts.com.

The Crispy Rice is served at the Stanly Ranch restaurant Bear on Wednesday, June 4.



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LUXURY SPOTLIGHT

Soak Up The Sun at Carneros Resort and Spa

• **FARM Fest:** Every last Thursday of the month through September, from 6-10 p.m., Carneros Resort and Spa welcomes guests to enjoy a classic summertime BBQ, served reception-style with open seating at FARM Pavilion. Guests can enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, a bar with additional cocktail and drink offerings, lawn games including bocce, chess and horseshoe, and more. Live music will be performed by local bands, playing everything from rock and bluegrass to country. The event is open to all.

• **Moonlight Movies at FARM:** Each Friday through October, families and guests can enjoy a moonlight movie under the stars at Carneros Resort and Spa’s Town Square. The night of movies includes a rotating list of food and wine-themed feature films, outdoor lawn games, complimentary popcorn, scenic garden

views, and open seating on the resort’s lawn. Food and wine options are available for purchase such as dinner at FARM (reservations recommended), seasonal small plates at FARM Pavilion, wine flights and bottle service at POST Tasting Room, and gourmet snacks and picnic essentials packaged to-go at Market.

• **Vinyl + Wine:** Set in the Pavilion at FARM on the last Friday of each month September, guests can sip exclusive wines with delicious small bites backdropped by the rich music of a vinyl record track by DJ Rotten Robbie. Featured wineries include Paradigm Winery, Tansy Wines, Donum Estate, Brick and Mortar & Delta Wines, and Pride Vineyards.

Carneros Resort and Spa is located at 4048 Sonoma Hwy in Napa. For more information, visit carneros-resort.com.

Silverado Resort’s Garden-to-Table Cooking Classes

• **Date & Time:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., one Saturday per month during Summer 2025
 • July 12 | Featured Winery: AXR
 • Aug. 16 | Featured Winery: Etude
 • Sept. 20 | Featured Winery: Trefethen
 • **Location:** Chef’s Garden at Silverado Resort, King’s Table on the South Golf Course
 • **Capacity:** 20 guests max per event
 • **Price:** \$150 per person
 • **Experience Includes:**
 • Shuttle service from the Mansion to the garden
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partner
 • Hands-on garden tour and cooking class with Executive Chef Patrick Prager
 • Premium tools and pre-measured ingredients
 • Seasonal mocktail pairing with herbs and edible garnishes
 • Communal dining at the King’s Table
 • Silverado-branded apron (available for purchase)
 • Artfully printed recipe cards to take home

Silverado Resort is located at 1600 Atlas Peak Rd. in Napa. For more information, visit silveradoresort.com.

EYE ON NAPA VALLEY

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Adam Devine holds a large crab roll while on the Williams Sonoma Culinary stage on the second day of BottleRock on Saturday, May 24.



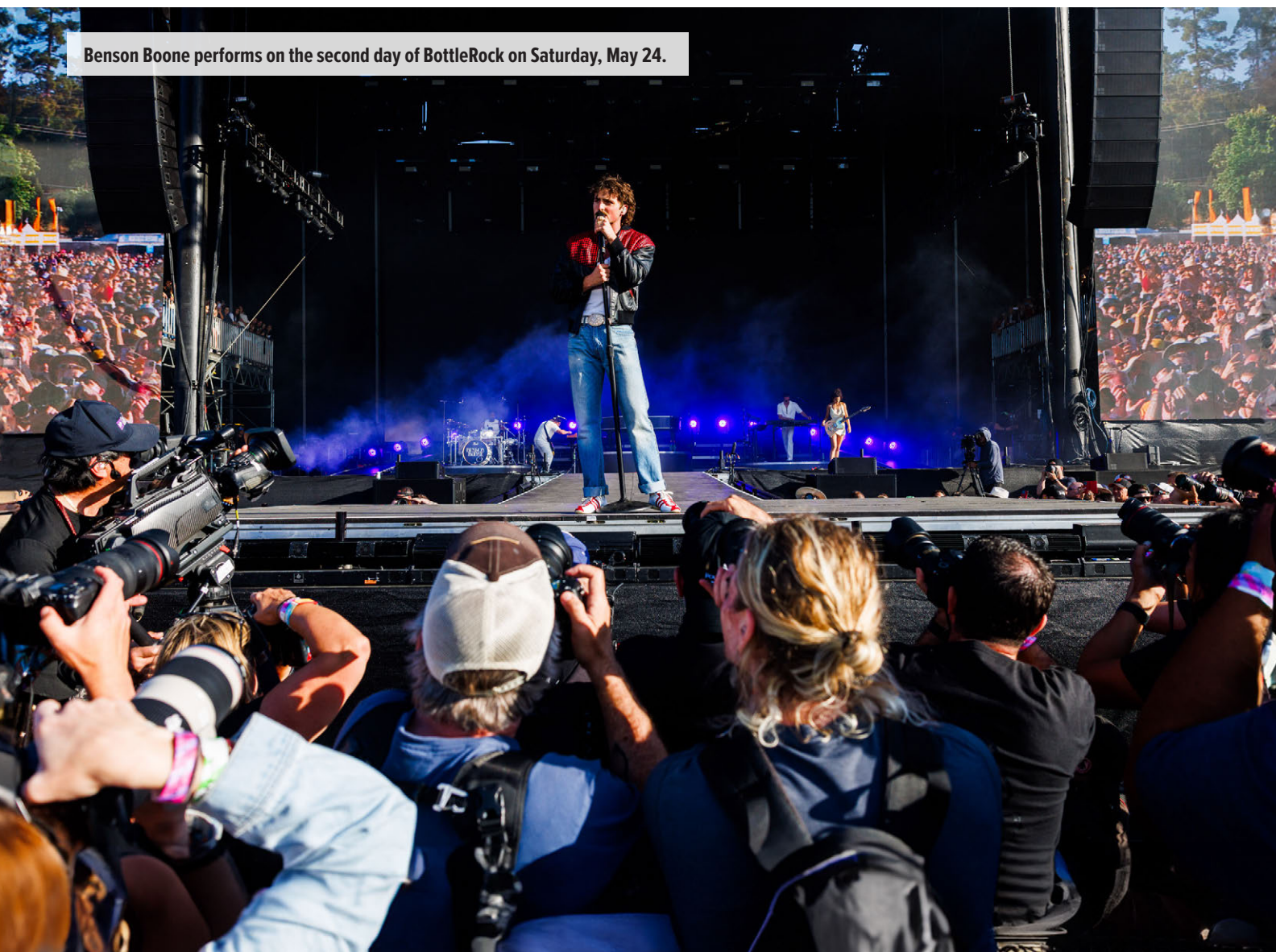
Bad Nerves performs on the first day of BottleRock on Friday, May 23.



Festivalgoers roller skate at the lululemon roller rink on the second day of BottleRock on Saturday, May 24.



An entertainer creates bubbles while working at the Hendrick's Gin bar on the second day of BottleRock on Saturday, May 24.



Benson Boone performs on the second day of BottleRock on Saturday, May 24.

NAPA COUNTY ESSENTIALS

New to the Napa Valley? Whether you're here for a weekend or settling in for the long haul, it helps to know where to find life's necessities. From city halls to preschools and grocery stores, here's a guide to key services in Napa County's five charming cities. Whatever you need, you'll find it here — often with a friendly neighbor (and probably a great glass of wine) just around the corner.

NAPA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County Administration Building

Address: 1195 Third St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 253-4540
Website: countyofnapa.org

Napa County Sheriff's Office

Address: 1535 Airport Blvd., Napa, CA 94558
Phone: (707) 253-4509
Website: countyofnapa.org/1292/Sheriff

Napa County Fire Department

Address: 951 California Blvd., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 299-1464
Website: countyofnapa.org/3454/Napa-County-Fire-Department

Napa County Library – Main Branch

Address: 580 Coombs St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 253-4241
Website: countyofnapa.org/614/Napa-Library

CITY OF NAPA CITY HALL

Address: 955 School St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 257-9500



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 Napa County Library's main branch on Coombs Street.

Website: cityofnapa.org

PUBLIC SERVICES

• **Police Department**
Address: 1539 First St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 257-9223
Website: cityofnapa.org/323/Police-Department

• **Fire Department**
Address: 1600 Clay St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 257-9593
Website: cityofnapa.org/352/Fire-Department

• **Napa County Library – Main Branch**
Address: 580 Coombs St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 253-4241
Website: countyofnapa.org/614/Napa-Library

• **Parks & Recreation Services**
Address: 1500 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94559
Phone: (707) 257-9529
Website: cityofnapa.org/1123/Parks-Recreation-Services

EDUCATION

Napa County Office of Education

Address: 2121 Imola Ave., Napa, CA 94559

Phone: (707) 253-6810
Website: napacoe.org

Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD)

Address: 2425 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558
Phone: (707) 253-3715
Website: nvusd.org

Napa Valley College

Address: 2277 Napa Valleyjo Hwy., Napa, CA 94558
Phone: (707) 256-7000
Website: napavalley.edu

Napa Valley Cooperative Nursery School

Address: 641 Randolph St., Napa, CA 94558
Phone: (707) 224-3319
Website: nvns.org

GROCERY STORES

- **Whole Foods Market:** 3682 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa, CA | (707) 224-6300
- **Trader Joe's:** 3654 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa, CA | (707) 256-0806
- **Safeway:** 3375 Jefferson St., Napa, CA | (707) 225-3037
- **Raley's:** 217 Soscal Ave., Napa, CA | (707) 224-7897
- **Lucky:** 2355 California

Blvd., Napa, CA | (707) 256-3407

- **Grocery Outlet:** 1491 W. Imola Ave., Napa, CA | (707) 294-2054
- **Nob Hill Foods:** 611 Trancas St., Napa, CA | (707) 224-8583

GAS STATIONS

- **ARCO:** 198 Soscol Ave. | (707) 224-5442
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CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

CITY HALL

Address: 4381 Broadway St. #201, American Canyon, CA 94503
Phone: (707) 647-4360
Website: americancanyon.gov/Home

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Police Department:** 911 Donaldson Way East, American Canyon, CA 94503; (707) 551-0600
- **Fire Department:** Fire Administration, Station 11, 911 Donaldson Way, American Canyon, CA 94503; (707) 551-0650

- **Library:** 300 Crawford Way, American Canyon, CA 94503; (707) 644-1136

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

- **Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD):** 2425 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558; (707) 253-3715

GROCERY STORES

- **Safeway:** 103 W American Canyon Road | (707) 649-5150
- **Walmart Supercenter:** 7011 Main St. | (707) 557-4393

GAS STATIONS

- **Safeway Fuel Station:** 105 American Canyon Road | (707) 649-5150
- **76:** 3462 Broadway | (707) 642-6108
- **Chevron:** 401 Napa Junction Road | (707) 557-4712

CITY OF CALISTOGA

CITY HALL

Address: 1232 Washington St., Calistoga, CA 94515
Phone: (707) 942-2805
Website: ci.calistoga.ca.us/home

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Police Department:** 1235 Washington St., Calistoga, CA 94515 | (707) 942-2810
- **Fire:** 1113 Washington St., Calistoga, CA 94515 | (707) 942-2840
- **Library:** 1108 Myrtle St., Calistoga, CA 94515 | (707) 942-4833

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

- **Calistoga Joint Unified School District:** 1520 Lake St., Calistoga, CA 94515 | (707) 942-4703 | calistogaschools.org



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GROCERY STORE

- **Cal Mart:** 1491 Lincoln Ave. | (707) 942-9686

GAS STATIONS

- **ARCO:** 940 Petrified Forest Road | (707) 942-9152
- **76:** 2303 Jefferson St. | (707) 255-8665

CITY OF ST. HELENA

CITY HALL

Address: 1088 College Ave., St. Helena, CA 94574
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Website: cityofstheleena.gov

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Police Department:** 1088 College Ave. | (707) 967-2850
- **Fire Department:** 1500 Main St. | (707) 967-2880
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- **St. Helena Unified School District:** 465 Main St. | (707) 967-2708 | sthenaunified.org

Website: townofyountville.com

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Sheriff's Department:** 1950 Mulberry St. | (707) 944-9228
- **Fire Department:** 7401 Solano Ave. | (707) 963-4112
- **Library:** 6516 Washington St. | (707) 944-1888

EDUCATION

- **Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD):** 2425 Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94558; (707) 253-3715

GROCERY STORE

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GAS STATION

- **Honor Market:** 6795 Washington St. | (707) 944-8165 ■

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Jeremy Jackson

Tell us about yourself and the Meet Me in Napa Podcast?

I've lived in Napa for almost five years, and creating a podcast has been something I've always wanted to do. Growing up in church, I was drawn to public speaking and always imagined myself as a radio or talk show host. The idea for Meet Me in Napa came to me at Olde Town Barbershop, where I'd hear incredible stories from locals and visitors alike — everyone from Hollywood stars to everyday people. I realized Napa lacked a media hub that captured these voices, so I created a platform to do just that.

What's your favorite part about your job?

My coworkers strike the perfect balance between professionalism and creating a relaxed atmosphere in the shop. The barbershop has become more than just a place for haircuts; it's where meaningful conversations happen. Through the barber chair, I've connected with the community in a deeper, more intimate way than I ever imagined.

What's your favorite way to spend a day off?

Lately, most of my free time is spent working on podcast content, juggling social media (and, let's be honest, sometimes just scrolling too long), and spending quality time with my family. It's a constant balancing act, but all of it fuels my vision.

What was the best vacation you ever took and why?

For my honeymoon, I traveled to Europe and Asia.

Where's the next place on your travel bucket list and why?

Africa! I want to see the motherland.

What are your hobbies, and how did you get into them?

Lately, I've been building my record collection and exploring the world of wine.

Growing up, I was always fascinated by my uncle's record collection, which inspired me to curate my own. As for wine, my passion for it really took off after moving to Napa. Being in the valley, I'm constantly drawn to the local culture, the stories behind the bottles, and the craftsmanship in every glass.

What was the last book you read?

Quincy Jones's "12 Notes: On Life and Creativity."

What is your favorite movie?

"Mo' Better Blues."

What was the last TV show you binge-watched?

"Game of Thrones."

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Peach cobbler.

What's your favorite quote from a TV show/movie/book?

"Have ya paid your dues, Jack?" "Yessir, the check is in the mail."

- Big Trouble in Little China

What's one thing that can instantly make your day better?

Driving up the 29 looking at the hills and vineyards.

How do you take your coffee?

Naysayers!!!



Jeremy Jackson.

What's your favorite way to unwind?

Lay on the couch endlessly search for a show while falling asleep.

What causes are you passionate about?

Misplaced youth and homelessness.

Who do you most like spending time with and why?

My kids, cause I know when they get older, they'll be on their own journey in life.

Do you have any hidden talents?

My ability to connect with people across all levels of life. ■

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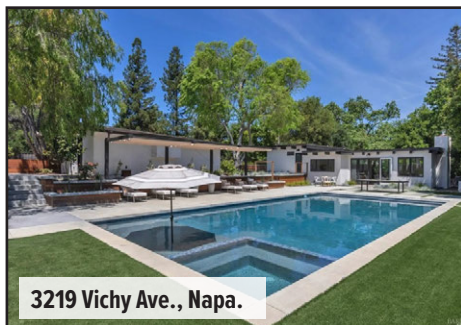
LUXURY HOME SALES IN NAPA VALLEY

BY JENNIFER HUFFMAN

Napa Valley is known for luxury homes sales and second home properties. Check out these Napa County homes and estates — they're among the most expensive properties sold so far in 2025.

\$9.5 million:

A new contemporary resort-style complex on one acre at 1170 N. Darms



3219 Vichy Ave., Napa.

DARREN LOVELAND PHOTO

Lane in Yountville features 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, 6,027-square-foot main house, guest house, outdoor kitchen and bar, pool, spa and hobby vineyard.

It was sold in January by Ginger Martin with Sotheby's International Realty.

\$5.9 million:

A fully renovated "private oasis" on 2.7 acres at 3219 Vichy Ave. in Napa includes a 4,065-square-foot main house, 5 bedrooms, 7.5 baths, pool house, detached artist studio, separate exercise studio and hobby vineyard.

It was sold in February by Mark Lesti of Windermere Napa Valley Properties.



1170 N. Darms Lane in Yountville.

PAUL ROLLINS/COURTESY PHOTO

\$3.95 million:

A remodeled home on almost a quarter-acre at 1240 Spring Brook Ct. in St. Helena is 2,288 square feet and includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, chef's kitchen, fruit trees, landscaped gardens and is located near downtown St. Helena. ■

Source: Coldwell Banker Brokers of the Valley Napa, Zillow, Redfin, Realtor.com

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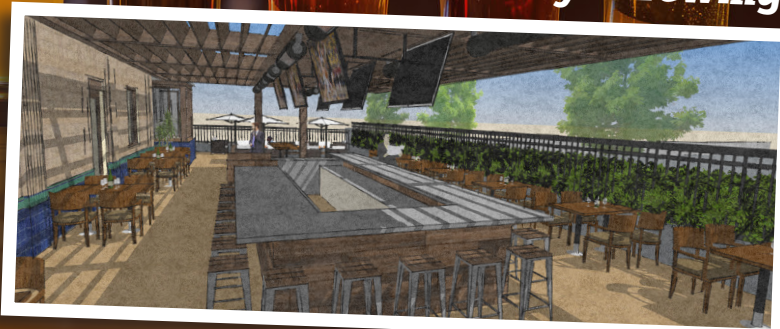
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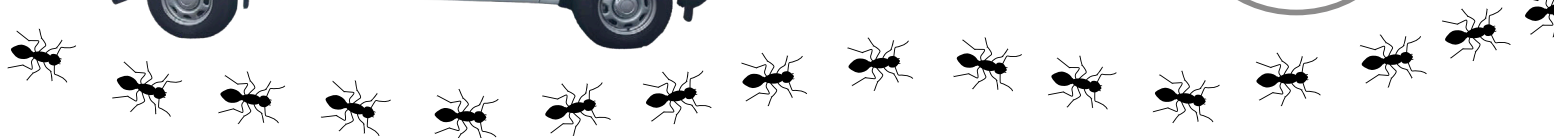
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