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TOP 25 WINERIES 2021, 2022 and 2023 Best wineries to visit in the Bay Area

"SOME OF THE WINERIES here require going a little out of your way — Ridge and Mount Eden, for example, are located on isolated mountaintops in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Others, like Napa's Hendry and Antica, are largely under the radar for many Wine Country visitors, despite being near well-traveled thoroughfares. After visiting dozens of wineries to vet for this guide, we think these are the ones worth the trek."

"HENDRY RANCH FLIES UNDER THE RADAR, but anyone who loves Napa wine should seek out a visit here. Driving into the property, a sprawling 200-acre estate hidden within a residential neighborhood at the base of Mount Veeder, feels like an amazing surprise. You'll learn about the history of the Hendry family, who have farmed this land since 1939, and taste their uncommonly diverse wine offerings like Albariño and Primitivo, all grown here at the estate. The staff here is among the most knowledgeable of any tasting room attendants in Napa Valley, and the guided tastings on the front porch of the farmhouse-like winery strike the perfect balance of casual and informative. If it's available, see if you can try a taste of Hendry's Mission, a spicy, savory, lighter-bodied red that's a rarity in Napa. It's best to make a reservation well in advance."

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