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## Top Wineries in Napa Valley: Where to go tasting in America's most iconic wine region

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Napa Valley is the great American wine region. But with more than 500 wineries — and [tasting fees that aren't cheap](#) — it can be hard to decide where to go. So we've narrowed it down for you with this list of our 22 favorite destinations.

### Hendry Ranch Wines



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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 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.