

WINE ENTHUSIAST

The Best Wineries (and More) to Visit in Sonoma Right Now

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The historic Old Redwood Highway, today known as Highway 101, takes you straight north out of San Francisco into **Sonoma County** wine country. It's a mostly rural expanse comprising 19 wine appellations, with over 400 wineries dotting its hills and valleys. Bordered on the east by the Mayacamas Mountain range and on the west by the dramatic Pacific coastline, this gorgeous slice of California produces some of the world's finest wine.

With so many enticing winery options, visitors might feel overwhelmed by choice. That's why we went to the experts. We asked in-the-know locals about which spots are worth the slot on an itinerary, plus recommendations for noteworthy places to stay and eat nearby.

B. Wise Vineyards

When asked about her favorite Sonoma County wineries, Alexis Kandanes, general manager of Bricoleur Vineyards in Windsor, says, "Of course, Bricoleur is my favorite, but the cave tour at B. Wise is something you don't want to miss. It's truly a surprising and delightful experience."

Located in the Moon Mountain District, the winery's sprawling system of fermenting and aging tunnels allows for intimate tasting spaces in its multiple alcoves. Expect dramatic barrel-vaulted ceilings and eclectic vintage decor that evokes everything from 1920s Paris to the Wild West. Above ground, the outdoor terrace offers sweeping views of the estate's vineyards. There is also a tasting room in Kenwood, located just 20 minutes from downtown Sonoma.



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