

LOCAL WINE TASTING



DISCOVER THE WINES OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY





Just a short drive from Silicon Valley and Santa Cruz, nestled in a lush valley between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Diablo Mountain Range is the Santa Clara Valley American Viticultural Area,

The history of the Santa Clara Valley dates back to the 1700s when Spanish Padres first arrived and noted the native grapevines thriving along the creeks and valleys. Later, during the Gold Rush, French immigrants brought their winemaking traditions and knowledge, enriching the region's expertise. This blend of influences helped diversify California's wine production techniques, establishing Santa Clara Valley as the state's first wine production region.

In the 1850s, Santa Clara Valley flourished with more acres of vineyards than any other county in California. Thirty years later the valley expanded to nearly 15,000 acres of vines and over 100 wineries.

In the early 1880's the Italians, with centuries of best practices in winemaking behind them, came to share in the valley's bounty.

By the early 1900's, with over expansion, the Great Depression, Prohibition and then Phylloxera, over 10,000 acres vanished. In 1910, over half the wineries were gone. Those families with deep roots endured, and with time, winemaking made a roaring comeback.

In 1989, the Santa Clara Valley was designated a distinct American Viticultural Area (AVA) which also includes two smaller AVAs, Pacheco Pass AVA and San Ysidro District AVA.

In 2014, the 30 mile Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail was established with directional signage helping drivers stay on course. There are 20+ wineries located along the route and 15+ remote wineries off the main trail.

The Wineries of Santa Clara Valley association is home to 30+ wineries ranging from roots more than a hundred years old, to innovative newcomers who love to explore new varietals and techniques, to a fascinating combination of the two. Come experience it yourself.

EXPERIENCE WINE TASTING WITH A WINE TRAIL PASS DECK

\$90

Valued at over \$500, our Wine Trail Pass Deck is the easiest way to be introduced to our wineries and most affordable way to wine taste. The Trail Pass Deck is available in all our wineries' tasting rooms and on our website at santaclarawines.com.



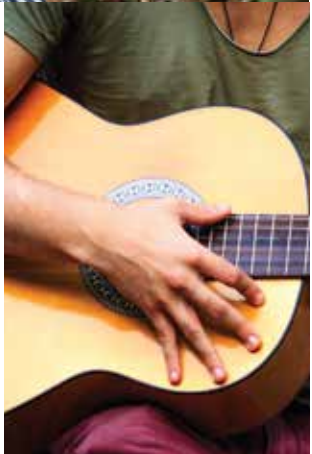
Our winemakers produce globally recognized wines, with 90+ point ratings, winning medals for best of class, gold and silver. They have been honored for decades as having some of the top wines in the state.

When you visit, expect to taste an array of wines, from traditional Santa Clara Valley Zinfandel and Carignane, to grapes from the French regions of Burgandy (Pinot Noir and Chardonnay), Bordeaux (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot) and Rhone (Viognier, Grenache and Syrah) as well as Italian varietals such as Charbono and Sangiovese - all proudly exhibiting a spectacular blend of microclimate, geography and history.

We invite you to come explore, learn, and immerse yourself in the events and activities going on throughout the year (70+ during summer months). Also, consider becoming a wine club member at one or more of the wineries to take advantage of their elevated club events.

Here's a glimpse into just some of the public events and activities:

- Attend tours, blending workshops, blind tasting classes or bottle your own wine days.
- Start your day off with Yoga in the Vines, attend a DIY workshop, or an art class.
- Grab tickets to a singer songwriter series, picnic, hang out for the live music or book a horseback ride.



COME FOR THE DAY OR
WEEKEND TO UNWIND,
TAKE IN THE VIEWS, SIP
ON SOME WINE AND
EXPERIENCE THE LAID
BACK WINERY CULTURE.





25+

**PICNIC
AREAS**

25

**MINUTES FROM
SILICON VALLEY**

50+

**AVG EVENTS
EACH MONTH**

30+

**MILE WINE
TRAIL**

25

**PET FRIENDLY
WINERIES**

25+

**AWARD WINNING
WINERIES**

We have become the perfect getaway for local wine tasting, weekend activities, and a bike friendly wine trail all within an easy drive from anywhere in the Bay Area.



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