

Insider's Guide to Paso Robles







# **The World-Class Wine Region** You Need to Experience

Paso Robles is home to nearly 300 wineries, each offering a unique experience, from horseback rides, hikes and e-bike tours in the vineyard to exclusive cellar tours and reserve tastings. Whether you're looking for a private in-depth tasting with the winemaker, or a lazy afternoon sipping on a hilltop with ocean views, Paso has you covered.



## Hearst Castle and Big Sur are Paso's Neighbors

Downtown Paso Robles is a mere 20 miles from the historic coastal Highway 1, which means wine country is a short drive from two of California's most iconic attractions: Hearst Castle and Big Sur. Hearst Castle is 45 minutes away, and within an hour you can cruise the coastal cliffs leading to Big Sur as you drive along the Pacific Coast Highway.



Downtown Paso Robles allows you to experience all the small-town charm, history and wine the area is known for all in an easily walkable location. Stroll the Downtown City Park, wander among the unique local shops and markets, experience fun weekly events and savor local flavors at the dozens of wineries and restaurants.



#### Sensorio: Feel In Color

Stroll through more than 100,000 glowing bulbs, like bioluminescent flowers from a jewel-toned fantasy land. Explore solar-powered exhibits that merge light technology with dreamy color in a sensory experience you have to see to understand. Enjoy live music along with gourmet eats and drinks. Upgrade to a Terrace experience. Look out for new exhibits coming soon!



#### Meet Tin City's Pioneers

Ready to discover the next big thing in wine, beer, food and spirits? On your next visit to Paso Robles, plan a daytime tasting tour through carefree Tin City. Set in a small, pedestrian-friendly warehouse district, Tin City is a walkable enclave of modern industrial-style buildings made of metal. This fun, forward-thinking destination houses the game changing next generation of California beverage producers.





#### **Equestrians Welcome**

The Paso Robles Horse Park is one of California's premier equestrian competition facilities. The Park hosts local, regional, and national competitive Hunter/Jumper shows and strives to support the local community and promote programming that makes equestrian sports accessible to all.

#### Zipline Over the Vineyards

The Margarita Adventures zipline tour is an experience like no other. Margarita Adventures' six ziplines span more than 7,500 combined feet, starting with a 2,800 foot tandem-line thrill ride and finishing with an 1,800-foot journey over the vineyards.



#### Get into the Swing

With sun-splashed landscapes and course layouts ranging from approachable to advanced, Paso Robles has become a favorite among golfers exploring California. This laid-back destination has multiple courses set within a 30-minute drive of downtown, plus countless awardwinning restaurants, resorts, wineries and activities to round out a weekend escape or a longer stay. Golf in Paso means fairways

that weave along rolling wine country hills, greens set among ancient oak trees, and even a six-hole player development course that helps athletes of all levels perfect their swing.

# Lake Life in Wine Country

Lake Nacimiento is a recreational lake in the middle of wine country. The 5,400-acre lake and surrounding hills and woods are a water and nature enthusiast's dream. Whether you want to boat, kayak, paddleboard, or hike its endless pristine trails, "Lake Naci" has you covered. Find year-round, and pet-friendly accommodations, all with scenic views of the lake. For those looking for a rustic adventure, there are seven unique campgrounds situated among numerous hiking trails.



# With Great Wine Comes Great Food (and Michelin Stars)



Thanks to its wine, Paso Robles has long been the center of the Central Coast's dining scene, and currently boasts three Michelin Stars, including one star each for Six Test Kitchen and The Restaurant at Justin Winery. The Restaurant at Justin also earned a coveted Sustainability Star, one of only 11 in the United States. What's more, Michelin has deemed two other Paso Robles restaurants as must-tries: Les Petite Canailles, and The Hatch.

## Explore the Paso Distillery Trail

While Paso is known for its wine, it's also home to the leaders of the California craft spirits movement. From the grape or grain, winemakers here have long churned out delicious potent potables. Home to more than 10 craft distilleries, you can explore them via the Paso Robles Distillery Trail.

## It Takes a Lot of Beer to Make a Wine Region

Anchored by the darling of California craft beer, Firestone Walker Brewing Co., several breweries call the region home and many are within walking distance from Downtown Paso Robles.



#### Paso's Event Center – Home of the California Mid-State Fair

Each year, this venue plays host to a diverse range of events from horse competitions and livestock shows to the Paso Wine Fest and Firestone Walker Invitational Beer Fest. The Paso Robles Events Center is best known as the home of the California Mid-State Fair. Since 1946, the Fair has delighted and entertained visitors with livestock shows, exhibitions, a carnival, and hundreds of top-notch concerts. A visit to Paso Robles isn't complete without a stroll down the Fair's midway with drink and corndog in hand.









