

LEGEND

	AMENITIES / FACILITIES
B.....	Barbera
BB.....	Bordeaux Blends
CB.....	Chardonnay
CA.....	Cariignan
CB.....	Chenin Blanc
CF.....	Cabernet Franc
CN.....	Cinsaut
CS.....	Cabernet Sauvignon
D.....	Dolcetto
FB.....	Fiano
GD.....	Gewürztraminer
GR.....	Gamay Beaujolais
GV.....	Grüner Veltliner
IV.....	Italian varietals
LH.....	Lambrusco
M.....	Merlot
MB.....	Malbec
ME.....	Mourvèdre
MU.....	Muscat
MV.....	Muscat
O.....	Other
P.....	Pinot Grigio
PG.....	Pinot Gris
PN.....	Pinot Noir
PR.....	Primitivo
PS.....	Petite Sirah
R.....	Riesling
RB.....	Rhone Blends
RS.....	Rosé
S.....	Sémillon
SG.....	Sauvignon
SP.....	Sparkling Wine
SY/SH.....	Syrah/Shiraz
W.....	White Blends
WZ.....	White Zinfandel
Z.....	Zinfandel
ZP.....	Zinfandel Port

TASTING ALONG THE WINE ROAD

If you've never been wine tasting before, it can be an intimidating experience. With a few simple tips and etiquette suggestions, you'll be a pro in no time. Remember, the winery is there to help you enjoy your experience and learn about their wines. Here is some basic information to help you have a positive wine tasting adventure.

• As you enter the tasting room, the winery host will greet you and get you started with wine glasses and explain which wines are available for tasting.

• Most tasting rooms charge a fee to taste their wines. Some wineries apply this fee to your purchase, while others may not.

• Some wineries may offer a variety of tasting flights, including wine and food pairings. The tasting fee will vary depending upon what option you select.

• Tasting rooms can range from elaborate to rustic settings in the cellar, and tastings can be held sitting down or standing up. Be prepared to enjoy all types of experiences.

• Wineries may have a list of their wines with tasting notes.

• We recommend reading the notes as you sip the wines. See if you can identify any of the aromas or flavors listed in the tasting notes.

• Wineries have a recommended tasting order to help you get the most out of your tasting experience. Generally, the tasting order will be sparkling wines, white wines, rosé wines, red wines and then dessert wines. Not all wineries make all these types of wines, so you may only be tasting one or more of those categories.

• Ask questions. Be curious. Besides finding wines you enjoy, wine tasting is an opportunity to learn more about wine, the wineries you visit, and the places where the wine's source its grapes, and so much more. Your winery host will be happy to talk to you about these topics and more. There are no dumb questions when you're trying to learn about wine.

• It's okay to skip any of the wines on the tasting list. Some visitors want to taste only red wines while others are interested in tasting only certain varietals. It's your choice.

• You do not have to drink all of the wine in your glass. Toss the unwanted wine into the dump bucket provided for this purpose.

• If you're interested in visiting other wineries, but are unsure of which ones, the winery staff is a good resource regarding neighboring wineries. You might also ask your fellow tasters for their recommendations. Your next favorite wines could be just a recommendation away.

• In between wine tastings, drink plenty of water. It will help cleanse your palate and also keep you hydrated—a simple way to help you have an enjoyable wine tasting day.

• Pack snacks and eat something in between each wine tasting stop. Neutral foods like bread, crackers and nuts are good. If you aren't taking time to stop for lunch, be sure to have some cheese, deli meats or other forms of protein to help absorb the alcohol you're consuming throughout the day.

• Avoid chewing gum or eating spicy foods during your wine tasting day. Both can alter your palate, changing how the wine will taste on your mouth.

• Wine is an alcoholic beverage so please taste responsibly. Whenever possible, have a designated driver.

• We suggest limiting yourself to four (4) tastes at each winery you visit. You can always sample anything else you are interested in.

• Avoid using all scented products, especially perfume, cologne or aftershave, prior to wine tasting. Scented products will mask the aromas of the wines for you and all those around you, lessening the experience for everyone.

• Children are welcome at wineries except on Wine Road event weekends, but please keep an eye on them. Wineries are busy places with heavy equipment running and traffic, so it's not safe for unsupervised children.

• Remember, no one under the age of 21 may sample wine—not even your children. Everyone should be prepared to show a photo I.D.

• If you choose to picnic at the winery and enjoy some wine, the wine must be served on their property. Be sure to ask permission before you bring your own bottle and assume it's all right.

• Please remember you are sharing the tasting space with others, so please keep the noise level down. Everyone wants to enjoy their tasting experience.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WINE?
Visit WineRoad.com and go to Explore > Wine 101.

**RESERVATIONS:****Required vs. Recommended—What's the difference?**

Wineries with limited space or staff have always required reservations to taste their wines. During 2020 and into 2021, all winery tasting rooms were required to have reservations. When that restriction was lifted, some wineries returned to open tasting, while some continue to require reservations and others are opting for reservations recommended.

If a winery lists **Reservations Required**, they mean just that. You need to call or book in advance before you show up at the tasting room door. There can be many reasons for that, but the most important one is someone needs to be there in order for you to taste the wines. So many of the wineries along the Wine Road are very small, and often operated by just a couple of people who can't always be on the property. If you want to taste at one of the wineries with **Reservations Required**, we recommend booking your tasting ahead of your arrival date. And, if it's a spur of the moment decision to wine taste, give them a call and see if they have a way to accommodate you.

Reservations Recommended means the winery is trying to accommodate as many visitors as possible, but might have limited space or limited staff. If you're planning your trip and really want to go to one or two of your favorite wineries or a winery you've been waiting to try, we strongly recommend you book a reservation. If you forgot to book in advance, call or stop by and see if they can accommodate you, or if they have time later in the day.

Some wineries no longer list either **Reservations Required** or **Reservations Recommended**. Those wineries generally have enough inside and outdoor space and staff to accommodate all visitors. If you want to enjoy a specialized tasting a winery offers, or have a specific day and time you want to visit, a reservation is still the best course of action especially on Saturdays or holiday weeks.

Don't let Reservations Required or Recommended prevent you from trying to get into a winery at the last minute. If they have staff and space available, the wineries along the Wine Road are happy to host you. You might not be able to get a specialized wine and food pairing, but if they can fit you in, you'll enjoy a fabulous wine tasting.

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Excite your palate with exclusive red wines at this 4th generation winery!

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707-433-1365 arafanelliwinery.com

B. Amista Vineyards**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, wine and food pairing.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 3230 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

707-433-9200 amistavineyards.com

C. Amphora Winery**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Private wine tastings, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 4701 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

707-433-9711 866-572-3552 bellawinery.com

D. Armidia Winery**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 2201 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

707-433-2222 armidia.com

E. Balaissance Wines**Tasting & tours by reservation**

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Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 9058 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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F. Bellavista Wines**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 9058 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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G. Bonavia Wines**Tasting & tours by reservation**

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Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 9058 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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H. Bonelli Winery**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 9058 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

707-433-7209 bonelliwinery.com

I. Bonelli Winery**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 9058 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

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J. Bonelli Winery**Tasting & tours by reservation**

Wine tasting, food pairings.

Wines: C, F, G, H, I, M, P, R, S, Y, 905