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WineRelease.com's Readers' Choice: Sonoma Valley

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WineRelease.com informs wine enthusiasts about upcoming North American wine release dates and publishes a free monthly newsletter. We recently surveyed our subscribers on their Napa Valley recommendations for wineries, accommodations and activities and below are their responses (in order of popularity).

Best winery for a picnic: Chateau St. Jean.

Best value lunch: Dry Creek General Store.

Best lunch (regardless of price): The Girl and the Fig.

Best value dinner: The Girl and the Fig.

Best dinner (regardless of price): Cyrus.

Best romantic restaurant: The Girl and the Fig.

Best bar to grab a cocktail and relax: El Dorado Kitchen.

Best bakery and/or breakfast: Sunflower Cafe.

Best winery for the first time Napa Valley visitor: Chateau St. Jean.

Best winery tour and/or wine educational event: Benziger.

Best winery for the advanced visitor (unknown winery gem). Hanzell.

Best winery to visit when you have non-drinkers in your group: B.R. Cohn.

Best new winery to visit (less than two years old): Walt wines and Cast wines.

Best winery to visit with a large group (12 people for example) Chateau St. Jean.

Best kid friendly winery Preston.

Winery that offers most variety of wines to taste: Imagery.

Best small winery where you will meet the winemaker and/or owner: A. Rafanelli.

Best hotel/motel: MacArthur Place.

Best activity when you aren't tasting wine, eating, golfing, shopping or visiting a spa in the Sonoma Valley: Biking was the most popular followed by hiking.