

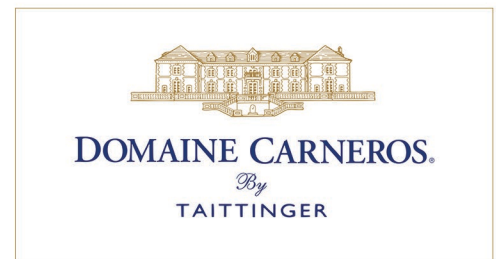


How to Spend 24 Hours in Napa & Sonoma

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Domaine Carneros Winery

After learning about this Domaine Carneros and its French connection, I had to make a reservation! The winery was founded by the same family behind Champagne Taittinger. The focus of the winery has always been Méthode traditionnelle sparkling wines – the method for making champagne. It cannot, however, be referred to as champagne because only wines that come out of the Champagne region of France can be called champagne! They now also offer a selection of Pinot Noir and 95% of their fruit comes from one of their six estate vineyards.



Domaine Carneros offers a variety of tasting flights, full glasses or bottles and even cheese, meat and caviar pairings! My choice was the Grande Tasting comprised of their Late Disgorged Brut, Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs, Le Ciel Serein Pinot Noir and The Famous Gate Pinot Noir. My favorite was the Late Disgorged Brut which is aged for six years sur lie en bouteille. The flavor and crispness of this sparkling wine was very pleasant on the palate and I had to take a bottle with me! If you're looking for a last minute gift, head to their online gift shop to grab a bottle or two to celebrate the holiday season. (This winery is not included in the Covet Pass.)

