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California Dreamin': How To Be Surprised And Seduced By Napa Valley

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Toast the good life! Cradled in a verdant, 30-mile-long stretch of California — with four major cities of Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena and Yountville — Napa Valley is an enticing elixir. Its voluptuous vineyards (more than 45,000 acres) and wineries (approximately 475, celebrating more than 1,000 wine labels) certainly generate buzz-worthy, world-class acclaim. If you have never been to Napa, consider this a heads-up to head to a seductive bucket-list destination — with an abundance of farm-to-table restaurants, thriving entertainment and visual arts (such as di Rosa and Napa Valley Museum), shopping meccas, relaxing sporty diversions and colorful local history. If fortunate you have already savored many of this valley's best bets — Napa Wine Train, Culinary Institute of America (CIA) at Greystone, as well as the Napa Valley Film Festival, Taste of Yountville and Festival Napa Valley — here are new and renewed treats for 2018:

PROVOCATIVE COMBOS

For clever new twists on tasting-room traditions, several wineries have successfully put daring in pairings. **Domaine Carneros** serves its award-winning sparkling wines with gourmet potato chips — plus locally sourced caviar.



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