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Napa: Where to Taste

Editors suggest the best places to try wine in Napa, from legendary producers with long histories in the county to up-and-coming wineries making an impact.

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No other producer of sparkling wine in California evokes France like Domaine Carneros. It enchants from the stroll through manicured gardens to the 18th-century-style chateau, inspired by the home of Champagne Taittinger. The winery recently added a garden conservatory, reminiscent of the prominent glass pavilions in France. Inside, chandeliers hang beneath two skylights, with three sides of floor-to-ceiling windows and storefront doors that open as weather permits for alfresco wine tastings and scenic views of Carneros. Tiled floors and marble tables complete the elegant package.

The winery has long offered a variety of paired flights, including select cheeses, charcuterie or smoked fish (plus caviar for an extra splurge) to complement the estate Pinots and sparkling wines. One recent specialty flight highlighted the flavors of Asia and the versatility of sparkling wine with those cuisines, pairing four savory bites and one sweet with winery-only bubbly.



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