

the Bold Italic

The Ultimate Guide to the Bay Area's Urban Wineries

The city spots to explore instead of Napa and Sonoma

May 22 • Tessa McLean

A good place to start is **WENTE VINEYARDS** (tastings start at \$20), which has been open since 1883 and has stunning grounds and often live music. If you love reds, you'll love Livermore—Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel all grow incredibly well in the region. Just down the road, Concannon Vineyard (tastings start at \$15) boasts its title as the first US winery to bottle Petite Sirah. It also has some killer picnic grounds. Finally, hit up neighboring Murrieta's Well (tastings start at \$25), another historic winery with vines dating back to the late 1800s.

Where to Soak Up the Alcohol:

Wente has a few standard American-fare options on-site (a restaurant and a golf grill) if you'd prefer to stay nearby. If you want something a bit more inventive, head to Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard. The family-owned restaurant is focused on locally sourced Asian cuisine with an extensive, award-winning wine list (if you haven't had enough) and a lovely outdoor patio.

