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Eat, Drink, Sleep: Your Quick Guide to

Napa Valley

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A 75-minute drive north affords us San Franciscans access to some of the world's best wineries, hotel resorts and restaurants. It makes a "staycation" seem quite luxurious, no? Below, we've gathered a few wine-country picks for you to drink, eat and sleep -- your Quick Guide to Napa Valley.

Where to Sip:

Kuleto Estate: Founded by restaurateur and vintner Pat Kuleto, the breathtaking Kuleto Estate overlooks Lake Hennessey and the town of Rutherford. The 2009 Chardonnay and 2006 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon are popular sips.

2470 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena; 707-933-3200

Cakebread Cellars: Owning 13 vineyard properties, Cakebread Cellars has an impressive list of wines. Don't miss the 2009 Chardonnay and 2009 Sauvignon Blanc. Be sure to make an appointment ahead of time. 8300 St. Helena Hwy., Rutherford; 800-588-0298



Schramsberg: For lots of delicious bubbly, head over to Schramsberg. Their sparkling wines have been a longtime favorite. As a testament to their superb quality, the White House has been serving the Crémant Demi-Sec for over three decades.

1400 Schramsberg Rd., Calistoga; 707-942-4558

Where to Eat:

Ad Hoc: Can't afford the French Laundry? Try Ad Hoc, Thomas Keller's cheaper alternative also in Yountville. The \$52 four-course prix fixe is a steal considering the quality of food you're getting. The only caveat is you can't pick what you want -- you're stuck (or lucky) with whatever they're offering that day. 6476 Washington St., Yountville; 707-944-2487

Redd: One of the best Napa Valley restaurants. Redd's seasonal cuisine contains elements of Asian and Mediterranean influences. The weekend brunch is locally infamous in Yountville. 6480 Washington St., Yountville; 707-944-2222

Pica Pica: Friendly on the wallet, Pica Pica Maize Kitchen's Venezuelan menu features corn-based street food like sweet cachapas and arepas. Everthing is gluten-free, even their yummy yuca fries and dulce de leche

Oxbow Public Market, 610 First St., #5, Napa; 707-251-3757

Where to Stay:

Churchill Manor: Located in Downtown Napa, Churchill Manor is a quaint B&B with a southern charm. The intimate rooms are named after wine appellations and the price can't be beat 485 Brown St., Napa; 707-253-7733

Milliken Creek Inn: Convenience and solitude are the main highlights of Milliken Creek Inn & Spa. Tucked along the Silverado Trail, this small boutique inn has all the amenities of a larger resort. Get a relaxing massage at their spa or relax in the back garden with a book.

1815 Silverado Trail, Napa; 707-255-1197

Meadowood: One of the most romantic luxury resorts in Napa Valley, Meadowood is situated amongst 250 acres of trees, hiking trails and hills. The expansive property boasts a spa, tennis courts, gym, pools, executive golf course and a three-star Michelin restaurant.



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