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Introduction

Join Cork & Compass for an unforgettable journey through the heart of California's most exciting and diverse wine region. Led by Wine Enthusiast reviewer Tom Capo, this intimate experience in Sonoma County offers the exclusive opportunity to visit renowned wineries, emerging estates and the innovative artisans shaping Sonoma's dynamic wine culture. This curated set of bespoke visits and tastings selected and crafted by Capo and the Wine Enthusiast team are truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

From the cool-climate vineyards of the Russian River Valley to the volcanic soils of the Mayacamas Mountains, you'll explore the art of winemaking firsthand and taste the region's most distinctive wines alongside delicious farm-to-table cuisine prepared by local chefs. With northern California's stunning scenery as your backdrop, this experience embodies the spirit of Sonoma's winemaking heritage in every glass.



Your Expert

Tom Capo is a California based wine writer and reviewer with over two decades of experience tasting the wines of the world. From restaurants on the East Coast to wine bars, retailers and tasting rooms on the West Coast, as well as his own boutique wine brokerage, Capo has done everything in the world of wine but make the stuff himself. He's been a resident of Sonoma County since 2019, where he lives on a small apple orchard with his wife Allison, daughter Liliana and a dog named Ziggy Stardust. He reviews and covers Sonoma County, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Louisiana for Wine Enthusiast.

Highlights



Exclusive Tastings: Enjoy private visits to renowned vineyards, including Stone Edge Farm Estate and Williams Selyem



Innovative Sips: Sample wines from emerging vineyards who are using the latest viticulture technology



Personal Connections: Meet some of Sonoma's most celebrated winemakers, personally introduced by your host, Tom Capo



Seasonal Cuisine: Savor locally sourced, farm-to-table meals at the acclaimed The Matheson and J Vineyards & Winery



Spectacular Scenery: Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of Sonoma County, where rolling hills, sprawling vineyards and rugged mountains provide a picture-perfect backdrop to your wine country journey

Itinerary

SONOMA VALLEY



Day 1: Welcome to Sonoma

Arrive in Sonoma and gather with your host, Tom Capo and fellow travelers for a festive welcome dinner at The Matheson, where Chef-Vintner Dustin Valette's expertly crafted and seasonal dishes showcase the best of Sonoma County's farm-to-table cuisine. Get to know your fellow oenophiles over a curated tasting that includes acclaimed wines from the Valette portfolio.

Included Meal: Dinner
Accommodations: Hotel Trio
Wineries: Valette

Day 2: Wine Country Elegance

Begin with a visit to Aperture Cellars for a tasting of winemaker Jesse Katz's expressive Bordeaux-style wines from Sonoma's premier cool-climate vineyards. Next, you'll head over to Chalk Hill Estate Vineyards where you will enjoy a guided tour through the estate's lush gardens before a delicious lunch with wine pairings. An afternoon tasting will be at Ridge Vineyards, which champions minimal intervention, old vine winemaking. Return to your hotel, where dinner and the rest of the evening will be at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodations: Hotel Trio
Wineries: Aperture Cellars, Chalk Hill Estate, Ridge Vineyards





Day 3: Tradition and Terroir in Every Sip

Depart for Hamel Winery for a tasting that highlights the energy and character of ancient volcanic soil found along the western slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. Continue to Stone Edge Farm Estate Vineyards & Winery, where viticulturist Phil Coturri tends to vines that are crafted into first-growth Bordeaux-style wines from organically grown grapes. Enjoy a tour of the grounds and vineyards, followed by a guided tasting and gourmet boxed lunch. Then, visit Three Sticks Wine for a tour of its historic 1842 Vallejo-Casteñada Adobe and a tasting to include Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from their estate vineyards. End your day in southern Sonoma County at Sangiacomo Family Wines with an up-close look at their grapevines and a guided tasting that highlights nearly 100 years of family farming tradition. Return to your hotel, where dinner and the rest of the evening will be at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Hotel Trio

Wineries: Hamel Winery, Stone Edge Farm Estate Vineyards & Winery, Three Sticks Wine, Sangiacomo Family Wines

Day 4: A Festive Farewell

Begin your day at Williams Selyem, where the Old World method of foot-treading the grapes contributes to their highly prized Pinot Noirs, Chardonnays, and Zinfandel. Enjoy a historical wine tasting that highlights the winery's past, present and future while showcasing the Russian River Valley and its vital role in the Sonoma wine industry. Continue to J Vineyards for a festive farewell lunch paired with their award-winning sparkling wines. Afterwards, depart Sonoma for home.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodations



Hotel Trio

HEALDSBURG

A modern hotel in the heart of California wine country. Brimming with charm, Hotel Trio's relaxed and inviting rooms offer a contemporary vibe alongside flat-screen televisions, plush bathrobes, tea and coffeemaking equipment, and kitchenette. Additional amenities include high-speed Wi-Fi, daily breakfast, an area shuttle, bicycle rentals, self-service coffee bar, state-of-the-art fitness center, heated outdoor pool, and fire pits perfect for relaxing with a glass of wine at the end of the day.





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Pricing

Double Occupancy: \$6,295

Single Occupancy: \$6,980

Deposit: \$500

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This tour is limited to 25 travelers.

What's Included

- ▶ All accommodations for the duration of the tour
- ▶ Meals as noted in the itinerary
- ▶ All sightseeing and visits as noted in each itinerary
- ▶ Expertise of Cork + Compass wine expert, travel director and local guides throughout the tour
- ▶ All gratuities for on-tour guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff as part of the group program
- ▶ All on-tour transportation, unless otherwise noted
- ▶ Quietvox listening devices to facilitate audibility on tour
- ▶ Assistance from an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions, travel arrangements (including flights), extra hotel nights and other services
- ▶ Comprehensive pre-departure mailings and materials with information about the destination and what to expect on tour, including a suggested reading list

Have more questions?

Reach out to our travel management company.

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*While we strive to follow the planned itinerary, changes may occur due to the unpredictable nature of travel. Rest assured that if any modifications are necessary, we are committed to delivering an exceptional experience of the same caliber. **Full terms & conditions are available online.***