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## The Best Winery Experiences This Fall

The heat of the summer is behind us, and the opportunities to visit several of the most prestigious wineries and tasting rooms around the United States allow for an idyllic afternoon or evening with friends and family. From the standard winery visits and tastings to the private or personalized experiences available at these wineries, it's an exciting time to sit back and sip some delicious wines while you enjoy the crisp autumn weather.

### Gary Farrell

Healdsburg, CA | [garyfarrellwinery.com](http://garyfarrellwinery.com)

A Grand Cru of the Russian River Valley for more than three decades, Gary Farrell produces wines of balance, elegance, and pure varietal expression. The Salon (tasting room) at the winery is on a ridge with a spectacular view of the Russian River Valley below. The space for guests is stylish and comfortable, with an emphasis on offering memorable guest experiences. A favorite element of this winery experience is the beautiful outdoor terrace—the only problem is that you will never want to leave. One of their new experiences is the Library Tasting showcasing the limited releases of their acclaimed Pinots Noirs and Chardonnays. From Elevation Tastings to the newer addition, Library Tastings, you will gain a new appreciation for these delicious wines. For an even deeper dive into the wine making process, inquire about the Enhanced Tasting Experience. The curated tasting journeys must be arranged in advance so remember to make plans before you arrive—you will not be disappointed.

### Three Sticks

Sonoma, CA | [threestickswines.com](http://threestickswines.com)

Three Sticks' commitment to stewardship of the land and people is reflected in its home, the Vallejo-Castenada Adobe. This unique historic tasting room is just off the Plaza in the town of Sonoma—offering intimate tasting experiences in a gorgeous, 19th-century building that was carefully restored with every detail considered. The interior was then designed by Ken Fulk, a famed designer known for his eclectic, inviting style. Three Sticks offers a special tasting experience at the Adobe, in partnership with El Dorado Kitchen, a noted Sonoma restaurant located next door. Additionally, you can plan to check out one of their other curated, private experiences available by appointment in the morning and midafternoon, seven days a week. Experiences include guided tastings through the award-winning portfolio of estate chardonnay and pinot noir; food and wine pairings with high caliber bites paired to perfection; and bespoke luncheons and events.

### Jordan

Healdsburg, CA | [jordanwinery.com](http://jordanwinery.com)

Jordan Winery is an esteemed, family owned, and operated producer of French-inspired cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay wines with an incredible estate that sits amidst 1,200 acres of serene farmland that you can experience through a variety of available scenic tours and tastings—all paired with Jordan's iconic wines, locally sourced cuisine, and breathtaking views of the Alexander Valley vineyards. Members of Jordan Estate Rewards are invited to experience Jordan's al fresco Harvest Lunch series through mid-October, an annual tradition at the winery since the '80s. This seasonal event celebrates the grape harvest season in Healdsburg offering beautiful, vibrant meals crafted by Jordan's culinary team four days a week. Members are also welcomed to enjoy an overnight stay at Jordan's newly renovated guest suites in The Chateau and the Guesthouse. These suites offer modern amenities with old-world architectural features and rare antiques that make it feel as though you are vacationing in France.







## Stinson

Crozet, Virginia | [stinsonvineyards.com](http://stinsonvineyards.com)

Stinson Vineyards is a family-owned estate winery in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains specializing in small lot wines with a distinct French influence. The family ownership takes inspiration from "garagiste" wineries of France, in both their winemaking techniques and the winery itself. The wines of Stinson Vineyards are enjoying growing critical acclaim, and the winery has become a visitor destination for its fine wines, stunning views, and exceptional hospitality at this understated location. A special aspect of this destination is nestled amongst the vines of Stinson Vineyards and surrounded by panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Inn at Stinson Vineyards is a modern iteration of a classic country bed and breakfast. Every visit offers the chance for a laidback kind of luxury where you'll enjoy a gourmet, three-course breakfast, admire majestic mountain views from the heated pool and outdoor patios, or book a wine-paired dinner in their Wine Cellar where you will experience an entirely new level of intimate fine-dining.



## C.L. Butaud

Austin, Texas | [clbutaud.com](http://clbutaud.com)

This unique experience is quintessential Austin—providing you an opportunity to experience these exceptional wines. C.L. Butaud was founded in this thriving Texas city in 2017 by husband-and-wife Randy and Brooke Hester. Their mission was to create ultra-premium wines entirely from Texas vineyards, building on their experience working at some of the most acclaimed Napa Valley wineries. Their winemaking journey began there in 2006, where they set out on a 10-year path of training, education and research under noteworthy winemakers and mentors. You will notice immediately their love of this region and their passion for winemaking... and you'll taste it too. You have two options when visiting their tasting room: The Texas AVA Signature Tasting includes several other Texas winemakers along with C.L. Butaud, or the Private Wine Experience is hosted by Randy Hester and will include the wines that he has personally produced. You will leave both tastings with a true appreciation of Texas wines and the winemakers.

## Celebrating Our Love of Coffee



Did you know that October 1 is National Coffee Day? This is a great time to share the love of coffee with others and explore the history while discovering several refreshing drink recipes.

### The Humble Beginnings

Where did our love for coffee officially begin? There are many versions of the story about its origin, but most historians agree that it can be traced back to the Ethiopian plateau where a goat herder noticed that his goats became so wired after eating the coffee berries that they didn't want to sleep at night. He shared his findings with the local monastery, which resulted in the monks making a drink with the coffee berries that would keep them alert during hours of evening prayers. From there, word began to spread, and it would soon reach the Arabian Peninsula and then continue across the globe.

### The Global Expansion

According to the National Coffee Association, coffee was being grown in the Yemeni district of Arabia by the 15th century and then known in Persia, Egypt, Syria, and Turkey by the 16th century. Coffee houses became the gathering places in these regions and with thousands of pilgrims visiting the holy city of Mecca each year from all over the world, knowledge of this "wine of Araby" began to spread. Coffee had made its way to Europe and was becoming popular across the continent by the 17th century. Though many believed this new energizing drink was evil, most of the population discovered that it allowed them to be more alert and productive. It would make its way to the United States during the 1700s and would eventually become the official drink of choice after the Boston Tea Party spoiled our love of tea in 1773. The rest is history.

“Coffee - the favorite drink of the civilized world.”

-THOMAS JEFFERSON