



SMALL TOWN LUXURIOUS GETAWAY

SIP, SWIRL AND SAVOR YOUR WAY THROUGH YOUNTVILLE, THE CULINARY HEART OF NAPA VALLEY

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Looking for a once-in-a-lifetime culinary experience? Yountville, which transitioned into Napa County with vineyards in every direction, is a treasure trove of gourmet greatness at every turn. Here is how to take a bite out of it all.

TASTING ROOM TREATS

Yountville's many wineries and vineyards toss out tradition—bellying up to a bar for a flight of wine with crackers to cleanse the palate or a basic meat and cheese board—in favor of interactive foodie fun when it comes to its tastings.

Handwritten Wines, for example, offers a Bread-and-Butter Experience. During the 90-minute seated event, guests will enjoy white truffle potato chips and Boulchou Bakery baguettes along with multiple mouthwatering artisan butters. The butters are hand-made to complement five of the winery's most awarded varietals that are made on the Napa Valley hillside and most coveted vineyard blocks. HandwrittenWines.com

Priest Ranch, which is next door to Handwritten, boasts a Bacon and Wine Tasting. A must if traveling with a meat-loving man to wine country, the 90-minute experience marries four wines with its own bacon, each of which has been flavored with everything from honey to harissa to Italian herbs to bring our distinct notes in the wine. PriestRanchWines.com

Silver Trident Winery, a one-minute walk across the two-lane street from Priest Ranch and Handwritten, is home to the Potato Chip Extravaganza. True to its

name, those who book this crunch-tastic tasting will be treated to five types of potato chips, each sourced from a small producer. Each chip comes with a glass of wine to accompany it. The combination will take your taste buds on a magical mystery tour of flavor. SilverTridentWinery.com

KCB Tasting Salon, approximately 300 feet from Silver Trident, is home to a Caviar and Sparkling Wine Pairing. This dive into the ultimate in decadence pairs four high-end sparkling wines with four distinct artisan caviars. Prepare for bubbly effervescence and over-the-top indulgence. KCBCollection.com

Chandon is nearly a mile from the others, but well-worth the three-minute drive. During its ambitious Epicurean Experience, chef Juan Cabrera highlights the beauty of bubbles by pairing his favorites with five precisely plated works of culinary art. Chandon.com

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The Potato Chip Extravaganza at Silver Trident Winery. Photo courtesy of Silver Trident Winery.

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