

Cozy Destinations *for* Fireside Wine Tasting

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Baby, it's cold outside, so why not sit by the fire and enjoy a winetasting indoors? Or, bundle up and enjoy the nip in the air by an outside firepit. Red wine tastes so much better when the weather is chilly, so now's the time to indulge in a rich cabernet blend, a righteously spiced cherry-infused merlot, or perhaps a dark and fruity zinfandel with a classic pepper-tinged finish, or a meaty, enveloping syrah.



In Napa Valley, The Monarch Stag Room at **Baldacci Family Vineyards** is reserved for their Cave Tour & Estate Tasting, and seats 2 to 4 people. It can be closed off from the adjoining room, and has an intimate, private feel in a luxurious setting with leather couches and a beautiful stone fireplace.