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Top 25 Wineries

Best wineries to visit in the Bay Area, 2023

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On certain days, when the weather is especially dazzling, being at Iron Horse can feel so wonderful that you might wonder if you're dreaming. Down a dirt road in Sebastopol, in an appellation known as Green Valley, this outdoor tasting bar in a redwood barn overlooks dramatic, rolling hills of vineyards. All guests have access to that prime vista from the outdoor areas where they taste, standing around wine barrels. The stars of the lineup here are the Champagne-method sparkling wines, and they range from slightly sweeter styles (like the Russian Cuvee, which is still dry enough to be classified as brut) to more bracing, austere styles like the Ocean Reserve. Rounding out the portfolio are still versions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, but really, the scene here is best enjoyed with a flute of bubbles in hand.

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