



California Wine Trips You Should Go on This Summer That Aren't Napa

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If you live in Cali and like wine, sure, you're gonna go to Napa. But here's the thing: Napa makes up only one percent of the grapes grown in California -- our state actually has over 137 AVAs (American Viticultural Areas) that stretch as far north as Mendocino County and as far south as Riverside County, so if you're looking to go wine tasting/stumbling for the weekend, your choices are actually (almost) endless. Some are better than others, though -- and here are eight regions worth a visit:



Healdsburg, Sonoma

Often overlooked and seen as a step-child to Napa, Sonoma is located to Napa's west and is closer to the ocean. The cooler temperatures and the fog are perfect for the pinot noir and chardonnay grapes. Healdsburg is a charming town located in the northern part of Sonoma County, so head with a group of friends and stay in a luxury apartment for up to six adults in the heart of the town at [Two Thirty-Five Luxury Suites](#), where you can walk right out the door to tasting rooms and restaurants in town or drive a few minutes north to wineries in Dry Creek Valley for some old vine zinfandel.

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