

8 Great Sonoma Wineries for Mother's Day Wine Tasting

By Sarah Stierch

Forget the flowers, the card and the carefully crafted post on social media – this Mother's Day, treat Mom to something that she could really use: some downtime with a nice glass of wine. We've rounded up some of the best Sonoma County wineries for Mother's Day visits. Click through the above gallery for details.



SLIDE 10 OF 20

For the cat loving mom: Preston Farm & Winery, Healdsburg: For every dog loving mom, there's a cat loving mom (and some moms love both!). Preston Farm & Winery is quite possibly the only cat-friendly winery in the country. The family-owned winery in Healdsburg is organic and biodynamic, spanning 125 acres filled with lush vegetable gardens, olive groves, sheep, vineyards, and yes - cats! Over a handful of cats roam the property, many ready for belly rubs.



SLIDE 11 OF 20

Be sure to pack a picnic of mom's favorite bites, because a trip to Preston Farm & Winery isn't complete without an al fresco lunch on the scenic picnic grounds paired with the winery's famous red jug wine. Make sure mom tries her hand at bocce and checks out the farm store, where the Preston family sells estate-pressed olive oil, olives, sourdough loaves, pickles, meats and fresh produce - all made, raised and grown onsite. 707-433-3372, 9282 W. Dry Creek Rd., Healdsburg, prestonfarmandwinery.com. (Courtesy photo)



SLIDE 17 OF 20

For the DIY mom: Dry Creek Vineyards, Healdsburg: Dry Creek Vineyards offers crafty DIY kind of moms a chance to try their hand at making their own wine. The 185 acre, family owned and operated estate winery specializes in hearty red wines. It was the first winery built in the Dry Creek Valley after Prohibition and prides itself on sustainable farming methods that include fish habitat restoration and an insectary garden.



SLIDE 19 OF 20

During the Dry Creek Vineyards Meritage Blending Experience, mom will play winemaker, crafting her own Bordeaux-style blend by tasting and measuring varietals like merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot. After finishing her blend, she'll cork and label her custom bottle to take home to enjoy. Reservations required, 800-864-9463, drycreekvineyard.com.

http://www.sonomamag.com/best-sonoma-county-wineries-for-mothers-day/#slide-10