

Take a taste-and-sip stroll down Tesla Road

Explore a different part of Livermore Valley wine country with this itinerary for a great afternoon of wine tasting with a minimum of driving.

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Plan your Livermore Valley Wine Country visit <u>here</u> or print the driving directions <u>here</u>.

Tesla Vintners, Livermore's first community tasting room, is a great place to start your day. Friendly staff pours great wines while
The Singing Winemaker">
Singing Winemaker, Steve Powell, entertains guests most afternoons. Enjoy wines from multiple winemakers, sing a song and browse gifts in the lovely tasting room. The Singing Winemaker invites guests to celebrate truth, beauty and goodness through wine, music and art. Open Saturday open from 12 to 6 p.m. with at tasting fee of \$5. Located at 5143 Tesla Road in Livermore; www.teslavintners.com.

One of the newest wineries in Livermore Valley, Ehrenberg Cellars also is located at Tesla Vintners. Chris Ehrenberg started in his garage, entered the commercial wine business in 2008 and has never looked back. Ehrenberg Cellars has sold out each year, winning awards in every competition they have ever entered. With the goal of breaking the mold of a typical winery, Chris is determined to make top quality, handcrafted boutique wines. Open Friday through Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. with at tasting fee of \$5. Located at 5143 Tesla Road in Livermore; www.ehrenbergcellars.com.

It's a quick walk west on Tesla Road to <u>Crooked Vine</u> a family-owned and operated winery and vineyard in the heart of Livermore Valley. It's a popular spot for weddings and events -- the barrel room accommodates up to 100 guests, while the Garden Terrace with lush gardens and lawn provides a beautiful setting for up to 200. Guests experience award-winning wines from both labels -- Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge -- and enjoy gracious hospitality. Open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4:30 p.m. with a \$10 tasting fee. Located at 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore; www.crookedvine.com.

Continue down Tesla and turn right onto Buena Vista Avenue to find Mitchell Katz Winery. The new location of this popular local winery offers handcrafted, vineyard designated wines that show off the vast number of microclimates and soil variations in the historic Livermore Valley. Wine tasters enjoy a wide selection of award-winning wines with cheese and crackers. Open every day from 12 to 5 p.m. with a \$10 tasting fee. Located at 2481 Buena Vista Ave. in Livermore; www.mitchell katzwinery.com.

Between the Vines in a bi-weekly column on wine and wine making in the Livermore Valley wine region. This column was contributed by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.