

BETWEEN THE VINES

Bacchus beckons your imbibing on short wineries tours

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

Bay Area News Group
Posted 2/6/2014

Plan your Livermore Valley Wine Country visit [here](#) or print the driving directions [here](#).

1 Housed in a historic winery, [Fenestra](#) was founded in 1976 and offers a friendly, warm welcome to all. Taste the wide variety of award-winning wines of owner Lanny Replogle and winemaker Meredith Miles, while enjoying the country ambience. The picnic grounds are bordered by a creek with the vineyards in view. At 83 Vallecitos Road in Livermore, it's open for wine tasting Friday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. with a \$10 fee (www.fenestrawinery.com).

2 Less than 2 miles away on Wetmore Road is [Las Positas Vineyards](#), where you can enjoy award-winning wines and breathtaking views of some of the oldest vineyards in Livermore Valley. Las Positas Vineyards is a family winery, wedding and event venue that produces small lots of estate-grown wines with unique character and exceptional quality. Check out their fun Movie Night series and winemaker tours offered every second and fourth Friday. Open Friday to Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a \$15 tasting fee. It's located at 1828 Wetmore Road in Livermore (www.laspositasvineyards.com).

3 If you continue east on Wetmore and turn left on Arroyo Road, you'll find [Cuda Ridge Wines](#) on the right. Also family-owned, Cuda Ridge does extensive blending of varietals and strives for lower-alcohol wines with intense complexity and character, traditional of the Bordeaux style. Their new facility offers a true wine

country setting with a picnic area beside the estate Petit Verdot vineyard. Packaged picnic items are available for purchase. Located at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore, it's open Friday through Sunday from 12 4:30 p.m. with a \$10 tasting fee (www.cudaridgewines.com).

4 A bit further north on Arroyo Road, a right turn on Marina Avenue takes you to [Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery](#). This family-owned vineyard and winery was founded by longtime Livermore residents Garry and Nancy Rodrigue. The winery specializes in cabernet sauvignon, Livermore varietals, Italian varietal wines and full-bodied blends. Taste estate-bottled wines while roaming the drought-resistant gardens or enjoy a bottle of wine with a picnic under the old shade trees. It's open Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. with a \$10 tasting fee and located at 3053 Marina Ave. in Livermore (www.rmwinery.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.