

Greenville Road wineries make for great day trip

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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Heading south on Greenville Road from Tesla Road, a right turn onto Cedar Mountain Drive brings you to <u>Caddis Winery</u>, one of the newest wineries in Livermore Valley. Caddis is dedicated to the production of premier small lot wines and purchases only the best grapes from high quality vineyards. Founded by Courtney Garcia and Chris Sorenson, who are engaged to be married, Caddis is open by appointment only, so be sure to call ahead to schedule your visit. It's at 7878 Cedar Mountain Road in Livermore; visit www.caddiswine.com for details.

Back on Greenville Road heading south, you will quickly arrive at McGrail Vineyards and Winery, home of award-winning cabernet sauvignon. McGrail prides itself on being a boutique winery centered on family, friends and fellow wine lovers. They focus on creating the finest cabernet through small lot production. Also the home of Picazo wines, the lovely tasting room sits in front of the estate vineyard and hosts lively events year-round. Open Thursday to Sunday from 12 to 4:30 p.m. with a tasting fee of \$10. It's located at 5600 Greenville Road in Livermore; visit online at www.mcgrailvineyards.com.

Just a few steps down Greenville is <u>3 Steves Winery</u>, winner of the prestigious Red Sweepstakes award in the 2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. <u>3 Steves is a boutique winery owned</u> and operated by three friends who -- you guessed it -- are all named Steve. The winery is perched at the top of Greenville Road with stunning 360-degree views. Join a Steve for some stories while enjoying estate grown cabernet, zinfandel, chardonnay and other wines. They're open Thursday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a tasting fee of \$15. Located at 5700 Greenville Road in Livermore, visit them online at www.3steveswinery.com for more information.

Consider starting your day in wine country with golf at Poppy Ridge Golf Course at 4280 Greenville Road. Reminiscent of the heathland courses of Scotland, the 27-hole Rees Jones design opened in 1996. The merlot, chardonnay and zinfandel nines offer challenging and enjoyable golf for any level of player. Try Porter's restaurant at Poppy Ridge for brunch on Saturday or Sunday before heading out for a day of wine tasting. For tee times and dining reservations, visitwww.poppyridgegolf.com.

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