

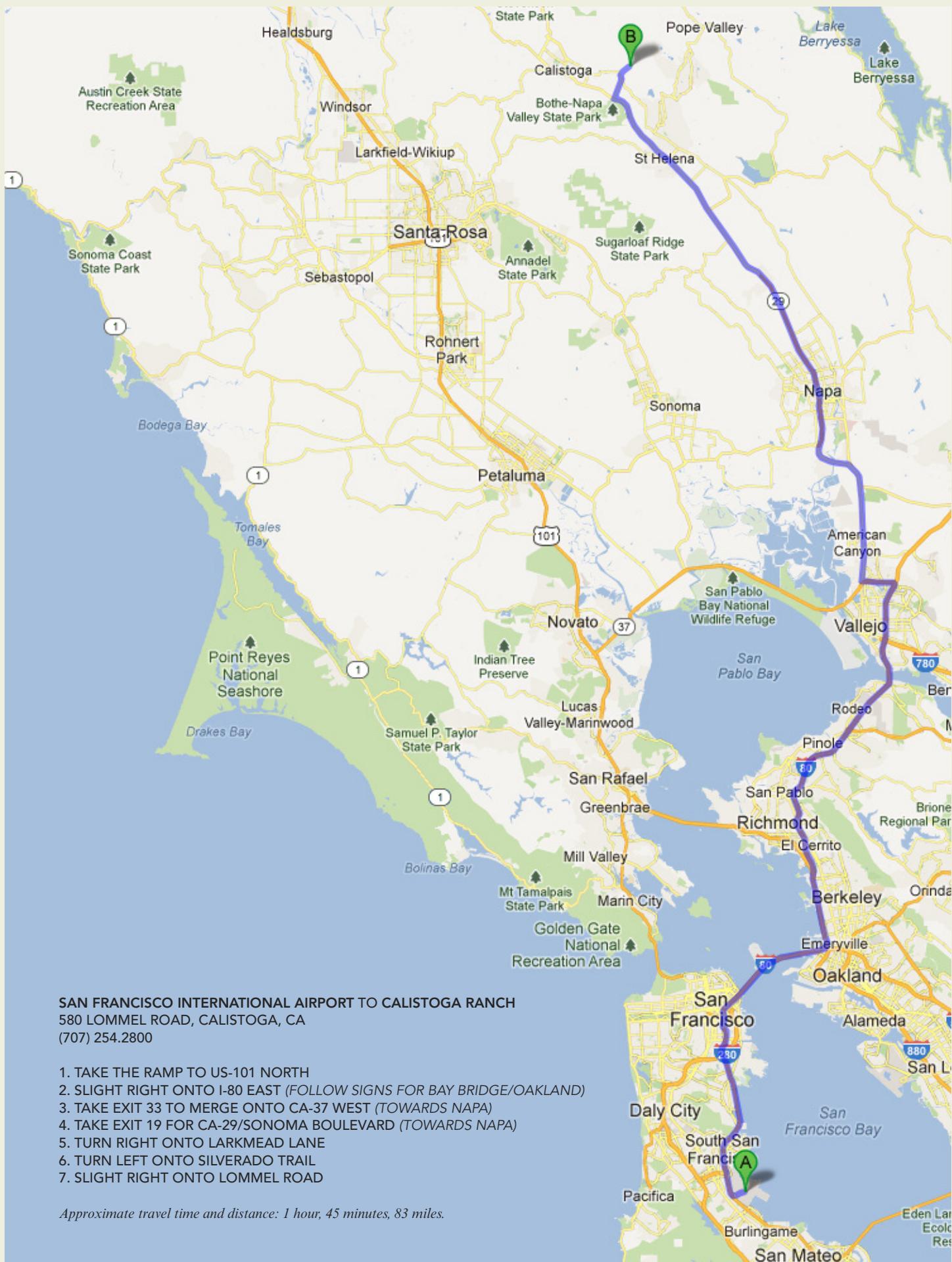


NOTES ON NAPA

WELCOME TO THE NAPA VALLEY. WE KNOW YOU HAVE A CHOICE IN DESTINATION WEDDINGS, AND WE'RE GLAD YOU'VE CHOSEN OURS. WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU'LL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND DINING WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY DURING YOUR STAY. IN ADDITION, WE'VE ALSO INCLUDED RESORT MAPS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO OUR SPECIAL DAY. UNTIL THEN, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

Dawn & Stew

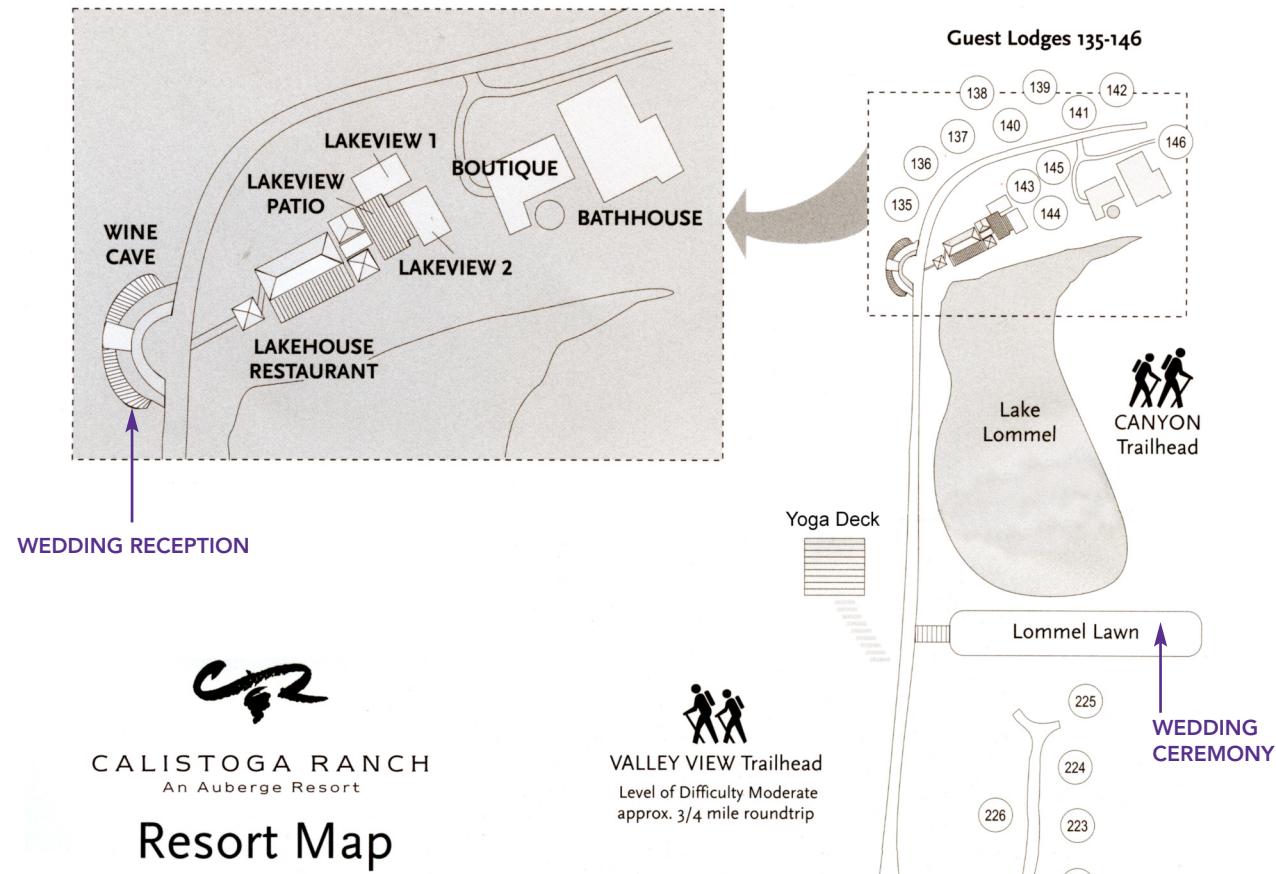




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1. TAKE THE RAMP TO US-101 NORTH
2. SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO I-80 EAST (FOLLOW SIGNS FOR BAY BRIDGE/OAKLAND)
3. TAKE EXIT 33 TO MERGE ONTO CA-37 WEST (TOWARDS NAPA)
4. TAKE EXIT 19 FOR CA-29/SONOMA BOULEVARD (TOWARDS NAPA)
5. TURN RIGHT ONTO LARKMEAD LANE
6. TURN LEFT ONTO SILVERADO TRAIL
7. SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO LOMMEL ROAD

Approximate travel time and distance: 1 hour, 45 minutes, 83 miles.

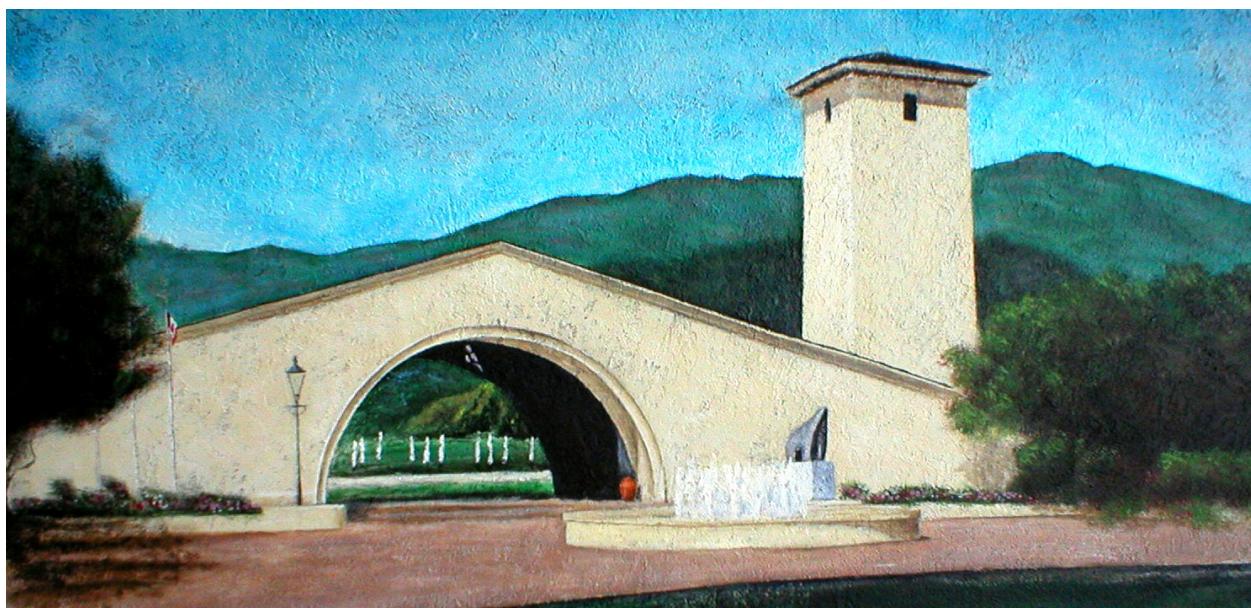


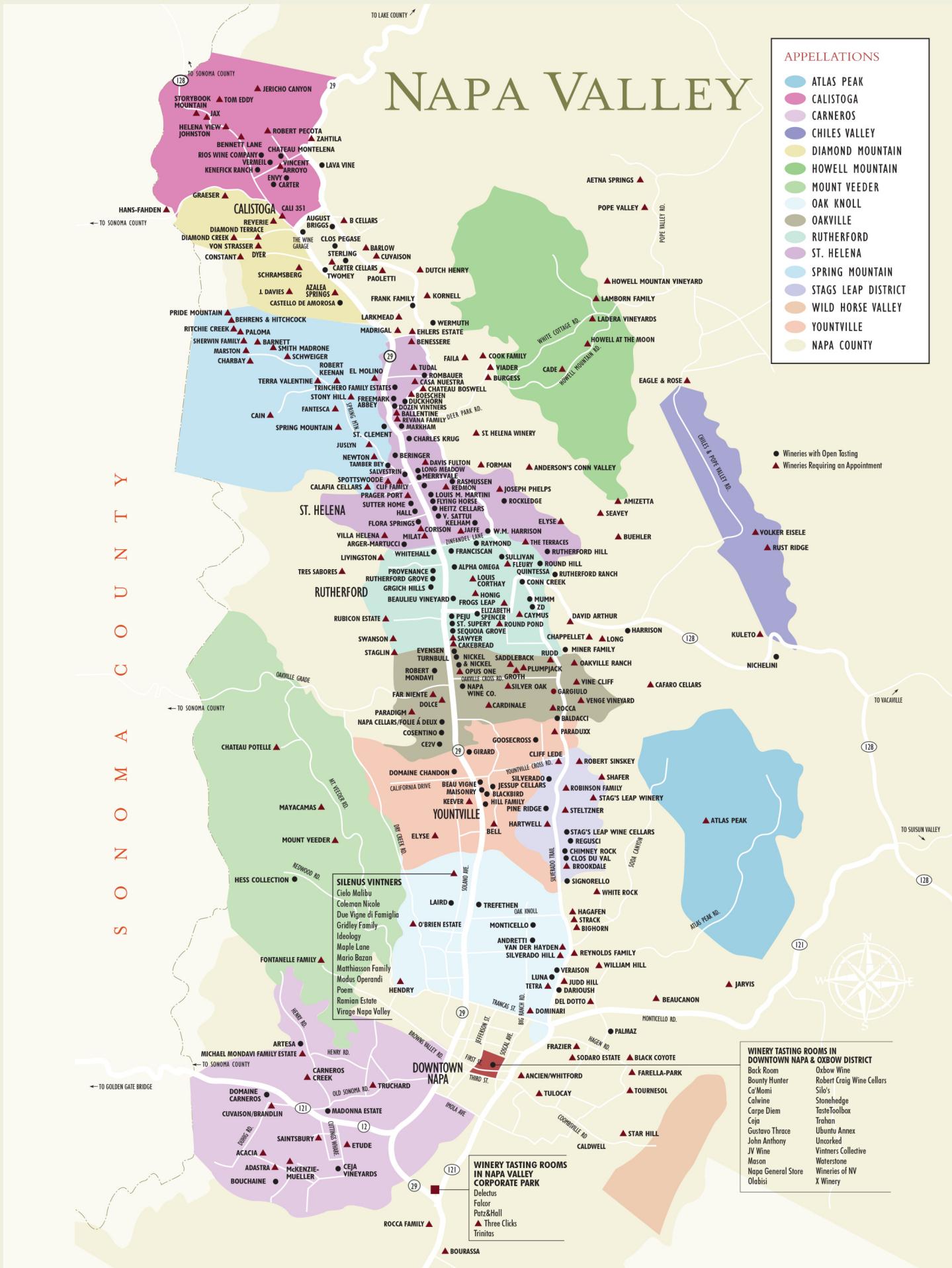
WINERY TOURS & TASTINGS

Yes, wine is being served during the wedding reception. Though please, don't let that stop you from taking advantage of the opportunity to visit the many wineries for which this region is famous. Each has its own unique story to tell, and it's often great fun to taste wine while learning about how different winemakers approach their art form at some of the most beautiful properties in the valley (*just be careful to avoid taking certain prescription medications if you plan on doing so, but that's another story*). By the way, for those of you who may be interested, it's illegal to operate a motor vehicle at or above .08 BAC in the state of California (*we thought there would have been some exemption for the Napa Valley too*).

Today, the Napa Valley features more than 450 wineries that grow many grape varieties including Cabernet, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Sauvignon and Zinfandel among others. In fact, you'll likely recognize a few of your favorite vineyards on the map provided on the following page. While some vineyards only provide wine tastings, others offer tours in addition to the opportunity to drink as much as possible. Regardless, there are costs associated with either activity (*beyond the presumed damage to your liver*), though some wineries will refund tasting fees if you purchase individual bottles or join their wine club while on-site. However, be aware that most require reservations and we suggest you visit their individual web sites to confirm.

With so many destinations and varieties of grapes to choose from, it can be a daunting challenge to decide where to start first. Therefore, allow us to recommend a visit to one of our favorite destinations, the Robert Mondavi Winery. Their tours, tastings and wine education are some of the best introductions to the Napa Valley. You will learn about the history and the process of winemaking, tips about wine tasting, and enjoy generous servings of several different wines as well as delicious snacks. Fees are very reasonable, and if your time is limited, this will be the only tour you need to take. Mondavi is committed to delivering an exceptional experience and we have found all of their guides to be terrific, well informed and very enthusiastic.





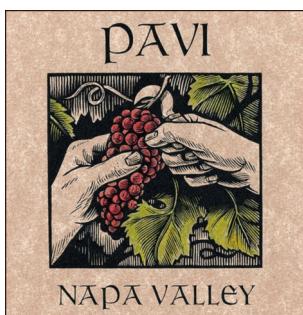
WINERY TOURS & TASTINGS (CONTINUED)

Since many tours can seem redundant, after visiting Mondavi (*and confirming you have a designated driver*), you are now ready to drink at as many wineries in the valley as possible. Some of our family members have previously visited these other outstanding properties over the years and thought you might enjoy:

DESCRIPTION.....	RESERVATION?
• Far Niente (<i>includes an antique car collection on display</i>)	Yes
• Opus One	Yes
• Duckhorn (<i>can get crowded</i>).....	No
• Rombauer (<i>from the same family that created “the Joy of Cooking”</i>).....	No
• Larkmead (<i>very close to the Calistoga Ranch</i>)	Yes
• Joseph Phelps (<i>fantastic views</i>)	Yes
• Gargiulo	Yes
• Silver Oak (<i>a little pricey</i>)	No
• Clos Pegas (<i>includes an art collection on display including Picassos</i>)	No
• Quintessa.....	Yes

In addition to traditional wine, the Napa Valley is home to some fantastic champagne makers. It's a fascinating process to watch, and if you are interested, one of the very best tours is located at the "Schramsberg Vineyards" (www.schramsberg.com – *reservations are required*) just minutes from Calistoga Ranch. The property is historic, beautiful and they have these awesome etched glasses for sale that keep the bubbles rising in a single stream in the center (*yes, I'm easily amused and they make a perfect wedding gift too!*)! You'll walk through the original caves and tunnels, learn how they make champagne the old fashioned way and then taste several different champagnes – some of which have been supplied to the White House for official state affairs.

Another great champagne tour is available at "Mumm Napa" (www.mummnapa.com) near Oakville. While they utilize more mechanized production methodologies, it's still terrific place to visit and there is a beautiful outdoor patio for tasting.



For those of you who may be interested in "cult wines," you might want to stop in at the Napa Wine Company in Oakville. This is where you will find many great varieties for sale, including our family favorite Dolcetto and Pinot Grigio "PAVI" Wines (www.paviwines.com), which will be featured at our wedding. In addition, you can also find vintages from Hundred Acres, Marilyn Merlot, Pahlmeyer, Hoops and other well regarded labels. Furthermore, like all of the wineries you may visit, wine stores will ship directly to your home as well.



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN (OR ADULTS WHO ACT LIKE THEM)

For those children who don't drink or possess the requisite fake identification, they may enjoy witnessing a dramatic geyser (www.oldfaithfulgeyser.com) that erupts every 19 minutes (*we're not certain if it spews red or white wine*) in downtown Calistoga. If you have a sweet tooth, and seriously what child doesn't, you can visit the "Jelly Belly" factory (www.jellybelly.com) in Fairfield, which is approximately 45 minutes distant from Calistoga Ranch. Needless to say, it's a colorful tour, and they give away free samples! Though be warned, you had better bring back enough for the rest of us. Wedding cake is expensive. In Santa Rosa, approximately 30 minutes away, you'll find the Charles M. Schultz "Peanuts" museum and research center (www.schulzmuseum.org). I have no idea what Snoopy is researching, but you can obtain candy here as well.

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Calistoga is well known for its natural hot springs, much like Saratoga, New York. A number of places in downtown Calistoga offer mud bath treatments and massages featuring these spring waters. The oldest and most famous among them is "Dr. Wilkerson's" (www.drwilkinson.com/mudbaths). Men and Women are separated into different bath areas (*which may account for its popularity*) and the spa facilities appear as if they were fashioned within a circa 1950's hospital. Although somewhat utilitarian, it's quite fun and reasonably priced. Otherwise, if you would prefer to enjoy something like this together as a couple, you can schedule a mud bath and massage treatment at the "Golden Haven Hot Springs Spa and Resort" (www.goldenhaven.com) in Calistoga.

For a more upscale spa experience, the spa at "Solage" (www.solagecalistoga.com/spa) is fantastic. Without question, it's one of the best venues located in the Napa Valley. In particular, I'm told a treatment they offer called a "mudslide" is outstanding, and best followed with a relaxing massage. The spa located at Calistoga Ranch itself is just as great, but some services can be prohibitively expensive and Solage is often just as wonderful.

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

If you don't like tasting wine (*you may be attending the wrong wedding*), you might enjoy sampling Olive Oil. Many olive trees grow within Napa County and as a result, great olive oil is pressed locally. To experience this for yourselves, visit the "St. Helena Olive Oil Company" (www.sholiveoil.com). No reservations are required and they will happily ship their products directly to your home.

Bike Rentals are available at a few of the local hotels, as well as dedicated bike shops in Calistoga (www.calistogabikeshop.net) and at the "St. Helena Cyclery" (www.sthelenacyclery.com).

For those comfortable with heights among us, you may want to soar high above the vineyards of Napa Valley in a Hot Air Balloon Ride (www.balloonrides.com or www.napavalleyballoons.com). Personally, I'll be waving to you from the ground and Dawn hasn't listed me as the sole beneficiary for her life insurance policy yet, but we're sure you'll have a fantastic time!

DINING

It's really quite hard to find a bad meal in Napa County, so feel confident that regardless of your choices, you'll enjoy culinary delights throughout the valley. To help you decide, we've compiled a few suggestions for your consideration based on past dining experiences. Nearly all restaurants are casual attire, though we do suggest you visit them on-line to make reservations and check pricing since entrees typically begin at \$20-\$30 per plate.

In addition, if you're interested in having a picnic, many vineyards will sell you wine and allow you access to their property. Picnic lunches can be purchased at several local venues including the "Cal Mart Supermarket" in Calistoga or the "Sunshine Market" and "Dean & DeLuca," both located in St. Helena.

AD HOC (ADHOCRESTAURANT.COM)

Thomas Keller's ad hoc, which literally means "for this purpose," was originally intended to be a temporary restaurant. However, due to its loyal following, it became a permanent fixture in the Napa Valley. Ad hoc serves a prix fixe, 4-course chalkboard menu, that changes daily. Food is served family style and reminiscent of the comfort food with which Chef Keller grew up.

BOTTEGA (BOTTEGANAPAVALLEY.COM)

Chef Michael Chiarello has returned to his culinary roots by creating seasonal farm-to-table Italian cuisine reflecting the bold flavors of Chiarello's heritage in his signature style 1st made famous at Tra Vigne in the 90's. An award winning chef/vintner & Food Network host, Chiarello celebrates his Italian roots and the Napa Valley with a menu echoing his long practice of using the finest locally/sustainably produced food. Located in Yountville, in the heart of the Napa Valley, Bottega's extensive wine list represents hard-to-find favorites of the Valley and interesting Italian selections. Chiarello restored the integrity of an old 1800's estate by uncovering beautiful hard wood floors, timber beams, old brick walls and windows. The inviting dining room is accented with reclaimed antiques, warm fabrics and eclectic light fixtures lending to the restaurant's old world comfort.

BRANNAN'S GRILL (BRANNANSCALISTOGA.COM)

In 1998, Brannan's Grill opened its handcrafted doors to Calistoga, the most pedestrian friendly town in the Napa Valley. Owners Mark Young and Ron Goldin look forward to providing their guests with outstanding customer service and the flavors of farm to table on the New American menu in one of the most beautiful dining environments in the wine country.

CALISTOGA INN (CALISTOGAINN.COM)

The Calistoga Inn (*where we will be gathering for breakfast the day after the wedding*) is located at the northern tip of the Napa Valley and has an eighteen room European-style hotel, full-service restaurant with two bars, vintage dining room with outdoor patio & beer garden. The Inn is a local favorite and offers live jazz nightly on the patio (*seasonal only*) & features dancing in the pub on weekends. The Calistoga Inn is also home to the Napa Valley Brewing Company, which was one of California's first micro-breweries. It's a one-stop-shop for good food, drinks, entertainment & fun.

CINDY'S BACKSTREET KITCHEN (CINDYSBACKSTREETKITCHEN.COM)

Located in downtown St. Helena, you'll find American comfort classics provided in an atmosphere with an upscale feel. Try the Oyster's Rockefeller... it's mind-blowing!

DINING (CONTINUED)

GOTT'S ROADSIDE (GOTTS.COM)

Gott's Roadside (*the road sign says "Taylor's Refresher"*) is the best gourmet burger stand anywhere. Fantastic burgers, shakes, fish tacos, fries and the wine list is pretty great too!

LA CONDESSA (LACONDESANAPAVALLEY.COM)

Helmed by Executive Chef Rene Ortiz and Pastry Chef Laura Sawicki, La Condesa is inspired by the hip, bohemian Condesa neighborhood of Mexico City. La Condesa serves contemporary Mexican cuisine with traditional regional influences. La Condesa also features an extensive premium tequila selection with over 150 varieties of 100% blue agave tequila as well as a host of innovative specialty cocktails. Drawing on the bold flavors and vibrant colors of Mexico City, La Condesa provides an energetic atmosphere with creative, accessible cuisine.

MUSTARDS GRILL (MUSTARDSGRILL.COM)

Since its beginnings as a local gathering spot over 20 years ago, Mustards Grill has blossomed into a destination for all who appreciate memorable food, superb wines and a warm welcome. Mustards is an American Grill, featuring flavors from around the globe. The wood-burning grill produces such favorites as Mongolian Pork Chop, chipotle-rubbed Quail, and the ½ pound Niman Ranch hamburger. The oakwood smoker fills the restaurant with aromas of BBQ baby back ribs and tea-smoked Peking duck. Specialties include Seared Ahi Tuna on sesame crackers and Crispy Calamari tossed with curried slaw. The eclectic wine list features hard to find gems from California, the American Northwest, & South America.

PRESS (PRESSSTHELENA.COM)

Features prime dry-aged beef, whole roasted chicken, grass fed Sonoma lamb, and fresh fish prepared on a custom wood burning grill and rotisserie. The modern farmhouse style blends with the neighboring vineyards to create a truly modern steakhouse. An award winning, largely Napa Valley wine list, completes the PRESS experience.

REDD WOOD (REDD-WOOD.COM)

Richard Reddington, the famed Chef of Michelin-starred Redd, is at the helm of a stylish and casual wine country outpost featuring an approachable menu of wood-fired pizzas and house made charcuterie and pastas. The menu is complemented by a thoughtfully-curated wine list, which focuses largely on unique local wines.

SOLBAR AT SOLAGE (SOLAGECALISTOGA.COM/DINING)

Solbar, a casual yet sophisticated restaurant (*where we will be gathering for dinner the night before the wedding*), is part of Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley's most innovative resort and spa. Relax in the bar with a custom cocktail and a panoramic view of the Palisades Mountains or sit on the patio to enjoy local wine and take in the scene at the 130-foot swimming pool. Solbar offers a choice of lighter dishes to enjoy, as well as more decadent ones in which you can truly indulge.

TRA VIGNE (TRAVIGNERESTAURANT.COM)

Tra Vigne is a ristorante set apart among the vines, creating the illusion of an enchanted Italian village. Behind the ivy covered walls are distinct environments including the grand dining room with 30 foot ceilings, as well as the courtyard with alfresco services. Chef's creations from antipasti to pastas, entrees and desserts pay passionate homage to traditional Italian cookery.



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