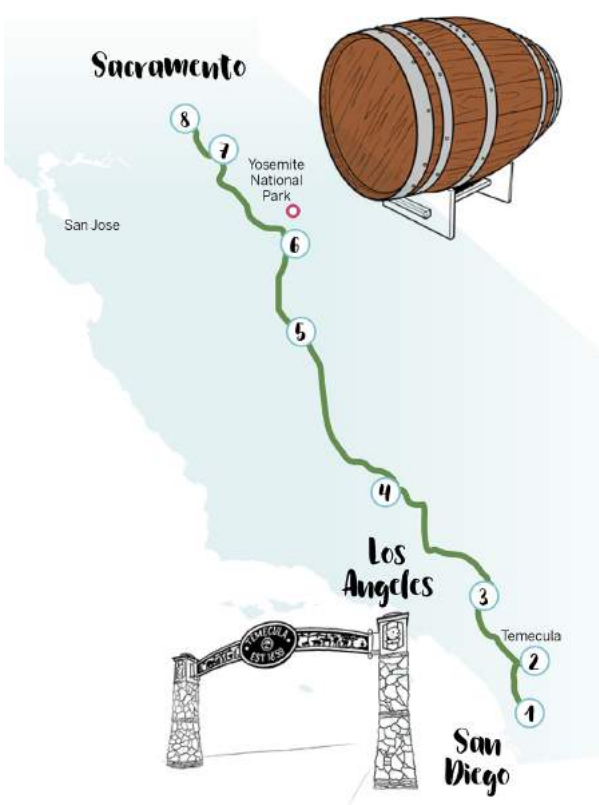




Temecula Valley Wine Country Ron Thomas/Getty Images

Undiscovered Wine Regions

From its wineries on the edge of Southern California suburbs to vineyards in the Gold Country foothills, California offers growing conditions uniquely suited to a wide assortment of grape varietals. Get off the beaten path and sample superior wine in some surprising locations. At many of these destinations you'll get to meet winemakers who will no doubt introduce you to their favorites.



1 Hungry Hawk Vineyards & Winery

Thirty miles north of San Diego in Escondido, this award-winning winery carries on San Diego County's proud winemaking tradition, which dates back to the 18th century. *Distance to next stop: 43 miles*

2 Robert Renzoni Vineyards

Along Temecula Valley's De Portola Wine Trail in southern Riverside County, Robert Renzoni Vineyards brings the flavors of Italy to the region, thanks to its trattoria and acclaimed Montepulciano. *Next stop: 64 miles*

3 Joseph Filippi Winery & Vineyards

Learn about winemaking while touring this Rancho Cucamonga facility, a fifth-generation family operation. The wine here inspired the Grateful Dead's "Pride of Cucamonga." *Next stop: 126 miles*

4 Triassic Vineyards

In spring, enjoy views of poppies blooming in the Cummings Valley, 45 minutes from Bakersfield in Tehachapi. Triassic is celebrated for its Zinfandel and Syrah. *Next stop: 136 miles*



5 Ramos Torres Winery

With Rhône varietals produced from its foothills estate vineyard 23 minutes south of Fresno, this is a surprising destination for wine lovers in Kingsburg. *Next stop: 68 miles*

6 Idle Hour Winery

Follow the Madera Wine Trail as it climbs to such foothills winemakers as Idle Hour, the first in Oakhurst, located 14 miles from Yosemite's south entrance. *Next stop: 117 miles*



Discover 500 massive sequoias in Yosemite's Mariposa Grove.

7 Murphys Tasting Rooms

Wind into the Gold Country to visit this historic mining town. With more than 20 tasting rooms, Murphys is the hub of Calaveras County's thriving wine scene. *Next stop: 38 miles*

8 Scott Harvey Wines

Famous for its 19th-century buildings with balconies overlooking Main Street, Sutter Creek is a classic town one hour southeast of Sacramento. The Zinfandels here embody the Amador County style.