

## 6 Reasons To Visit Wine Country This Spring

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Stags Leap District's Vineyard to Vintner Event. Credit: Bob McClenahan

Last fall, Napa (<https://www.forbestravelguide.com/destinations/napa-california/travel-guide>) and Sonoma (<https://www.forbestravelguide.com/destinations/sonoma-california/travel-guide>) experienced some devastating wildfires (<https://stories.forbestravelguide.com/why-you-should-visit-napa-and-sonoma-right-now>). While it took time for the smoke to clear, the region has bounced back with the joie de vivre that has kept vino aficionados coming back year after year. Celebrate wine country's spring renewal with this round-up of Northern California's best seasonal festivities.

### **Wondrous Wines**

The Stags Leap District will host its 20th annual Vineyard to Vintner (<http://www.stagsleapdistrict.com/v2v.php>) event from April 27 to 29. Ticket holders get a backstage pass to an array of exclusive events, including barrel tastings and private estate tours.

And don't forget about the fantastic food – April 27 kicks off with your choice of scenic vintner dinners and there is a fabulous farm-to-table lunch on April 29. April 28 is all about those gorgeous grapes, with 17 wineries hosting open houses, tours and special events.

A few happenings that caught our eye include a get-together at Pine Ridge Vineyards, where there will be live music, a spread of snacks and an exclusive sneak peek of yet-to-be-released vintages. At Odette Estate Winery, winemaker Jeff Owens will provide tours of the vineyard's new state-of-the-art facility. And at Cliff Lede Vineyards, wood-fired pizzas and an assortment of wine will complement an art exhibition at the Backstage Lounge.