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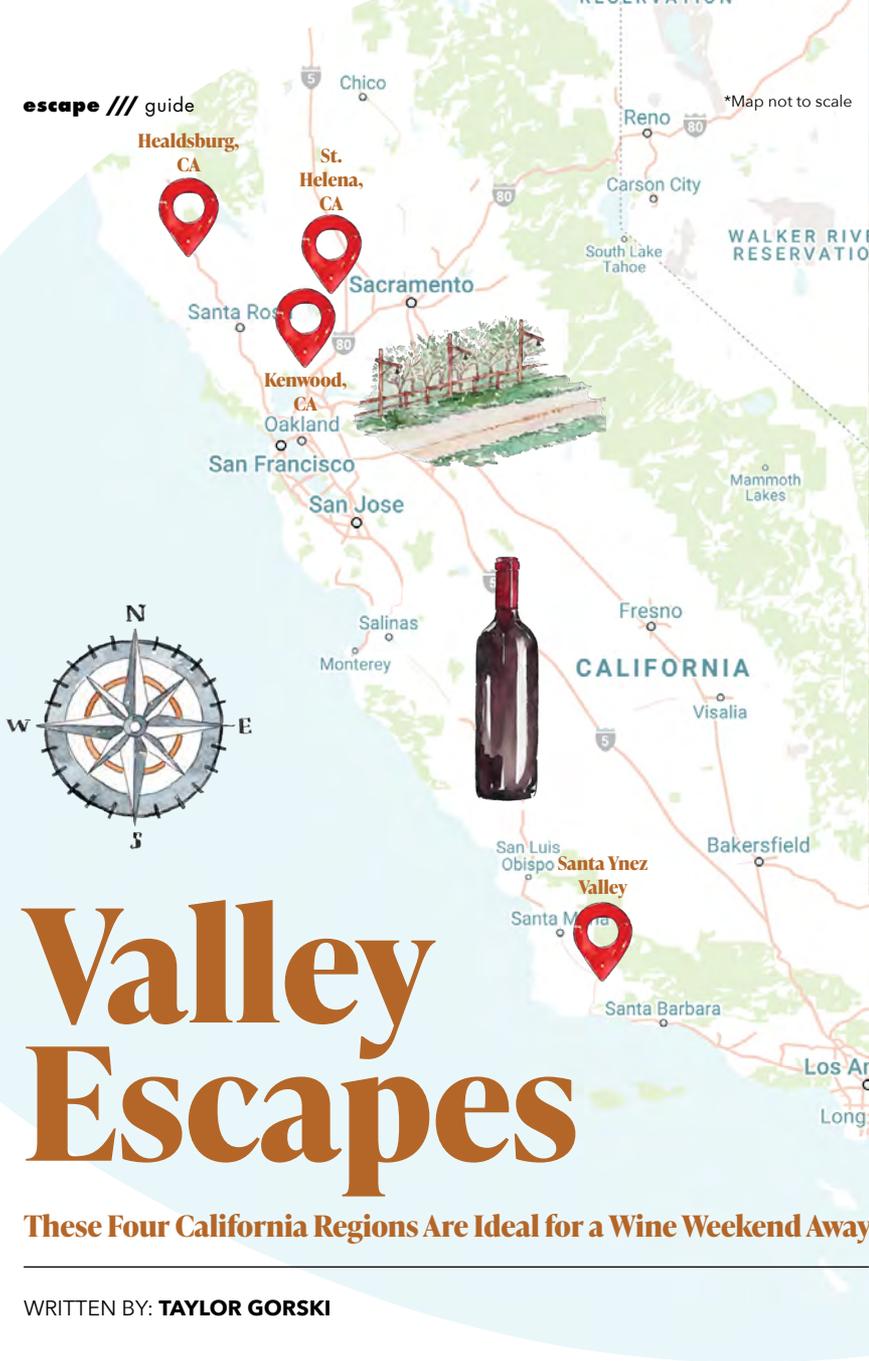
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Valley Escapes

These Four California Regions Are Ideal for a Wine Weekend Away

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St. Helena, CA

• St. Helena in Napa Valley is a picturesque town delighted with vineyards, restaurants and shops. When arriving, curb your hunger by making a stop at Gott's Roadside for a California Burger, crispy fries and a hand-spun black-and-white shake. Treat yourself to a stay at Alila Napa Valley; the vibe is elegant and minimalistic, and it offers an ideal, serene environment to unplug and take in the stunning vineyard views. The prime location allows guests to walk to downtown Main St and Beringer Estate Winery. With 144 years in the Napa Valley, Beringer is the oldest continuously operating winery in California. Stop in for a tasting of the prestigious wines and also consider making stops at HALL St. Helena, Charles Krug Winery and Duckhorn Vineyards. When you've had too many glasses of red and need to fill your tummy, head to Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch. Serving lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch, this rustic-chic restaurant is a must when in St. Helena (and perfect for a celebration). Start with the Farmstead charcuterie board before digging into the grass-fed cheeseburger or California Arborio rice.

Healdsburg, CA

• The charming destination of Healdsburg offers a serene escape filled with pristine wine and farm-to-table cuisine. Located in Sonoma County about 45 miles north of San Francisco, this small town is ideal for a weekend filled with relaxation. Stay at the recently opened Montage Healdsburg, situated on vineyards and filled with luxurious amenities (like the zero-edge resort pool and 11,500-square-foot spa). While it'll be hard to even leave this top-notch resort, plan to visit Jordan Vineyard and Winery for French-inspired wine at their enchanting estate. Choose between a vineyard or seated tasting as you take in the beautiful views of rolling hills and greenery. Make your final stop of the evening at The Matheson for an upscale, farm-fresh dinner experience. Everything from the innovative flavors of each creation to the unique sushi kitchen and wine wall with 88 reds, whites and everything in between on tap will make it a dinner to remember.



MONTAGE HEALDSBURG

THE CHARMING DESTINATION OF HEALDSBURG OFFERS A SERENE ESCAPE FILLED WITH PRISTINE WINE AND FARM-TO-TABLE CUISINE.



THE MATHESON

ALILA NAPA VALLEY



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BOOK A SOOTHING TREATMENT TO KICK-START YOUR DAY AT THE ON-SITE SPA—BECAUSE YOU’VE GOT A LONG, HARD DAY OF WINE TASTING AHEAD!



GETTING THERE

Now that you’re inspired to plan a wine-filled getaway, how are you getting there? Check out your options below.

By Car

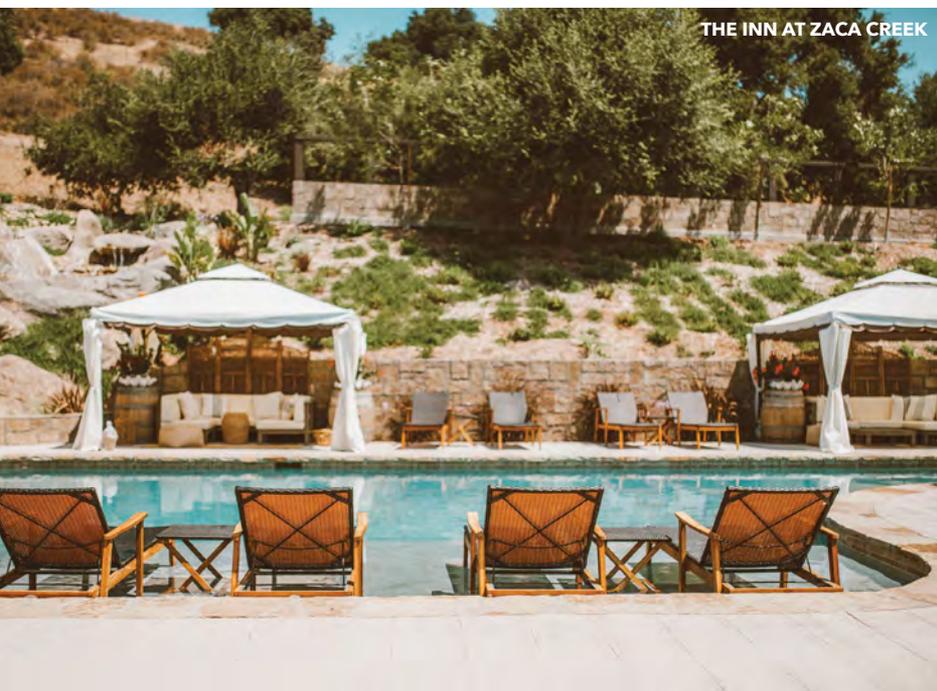
• Coming from SoCal, the drive to Santa Ynez is a no-brainer, but the drive to Northern California is a bit longer of a trek. With around eight hours total from Southern California to wine country, stops for gas and food will be a necessity! Another option is to break up the drive into two days; stop in either Big Sur or San Francisco to rest your head for a night before reaching your final destination.

By Jet

• Private travel is becoming more and more accessible these days. With JSX, fly directly from Orange County to Napa to avoid both the long drive and airport crowds.

By Plane

• If you’re not about the jet life, there’s also the option to fly into SFO, OAK, SMF or STS. Rent a car to drive to your final stop or use a ride-sharing service! ■



THE INN AT ZACA CREEK

Kenwood, CA

• Between Santa Rosa and Sonoma exists Kenwood, a small wine town with lots of outdoor activities to explore. Kenwood Inn is a boutique hotel with Mediterranean-inspired decor fit for a tranquil weekend getaway. Book a soothing treatment to kick-start your day at the on-site spa—because you’ve got a long, hard day of wine tasting ahead! Chateau St. John is a romantic winery with a variety of tasting opportunities. Take a drive into Santa Rosa for garden dining at The Spinster Sisters. With everything from grilled octopus, oysters and clam chowder to eggplant croquettes, housemade pappardelle and flat iron steak, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. Hike or camp at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park for gorgeous views of the valley, which is also a great alternative if you find yourself in Sonoma County with the whole family!



S.Y. KITCHEN



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Santa Ynez Valley

• The Santa Ynez Valley is a true hidden gem that is not to be overlooked when planning a wine getaway. With quaint towns like Ballard, Buellton, Los Alamos, Los Olivos, Solvang and Santa Ynez making up the area, take time to slow down for the weekend in this cowboy-esque, California wine region. Only about a two-hour car ride from Los Angeles, it’s a totally drivable destination without getting too antsy—and a glass of wine will be waiting for you! For romantic accommodations, stay at The Inn at Zaca Creek, where there’s only six unique rooms. The floor-to-ceiling stone walls and dim lighting transport you to a European escape in the English countryside. Walk just steps from your room and dine at the on-site restaurant,

The Tavern at Zaca Creek, for delicious cocktails (the Heartbreaker is a must) and decadent dishes like steak, burgers and fish. Start the next morning off lounging by the pool, and spend the day exploring vineyards like Roblar Winery and Vineyards, Liquid Farm and Sunstone Winery. Explore the town of Santa Ynez and pop into local shops like Forage Florals for home decor and gifts and Santa Ynez General for a chic sweater to remember the trip. For dinner, don’t miss out on S.Y. Kitchen, where fresh, seasonal salads, homemade pasta and wood-fired pizza dishes shine. If you’re planning your 2022 vacations, check out the cottages at the all-new The Inn at Mattei’s Tavern, an Auberge Resorts Collection in Los Olivos, for a luxurious yet laid-back stay.