

The best places to go

Wine



Wine has become a part of the Monterey Bay Area, with several wineries winning accolades from tasting competitions around the

nation.

The Santa Cruz Mountains have been recognized as a specific appellation by the federal government, extended only to those wines made from grapes grown here.

Below is a list of wineries open for wine tasting during the summer.

Santa Cruz County

Bargetto Winery, 3535 North Main, Soquel. Open for tasting daily from 10-5:30.

Frick Winery, 303 Potrero Road, Santa Cruz. Tastings will begin on Saturday, June 22 and will continue Saturdays 12-4.

Felton-Empire Winery, 379 Felton-Empire Road, Felton. Open for tastings Saturdays and Sundays, 11-3.

Roudon-Smith Winery, 2364 Bean Creek Road, Scotts Valley. Open for tasting (by reservation only) on Saturdays 12-4, call 438-1244.

The following wineries hold tastings at the winery by arrangement only, but often offer their wines for tasting at local wine events. Call the winery for details.

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River Run Vinters (Aromas) — Tastings held on alternating weekends by appointment.

Devlin Winery (Aptos)

Cook-Ellis Winery (Corralitos)

Crescini Winery (Soquel)

Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyards (Soquel)

Smothers Winery (Soquel)

Grover Gulch Winery (Soquel)

Hecker Pass Area.

Hecker Pass Winery, 4605 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Open for tasting 9-5 daily.

Fortino Winery, 4525 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Open for tasting 9-6 daily.

Sycamore Creek Vineyards, 12775 Uvas Road, Morgan Hill. Open for tasting Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Sarah's Vineyards, 4005 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Tastings schedule varies.

Live Oaks Winery, 3875 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Tasting 8-5 daily.

Summerhill Winery, 3920 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Tasting 12-6 daily.

Thomas Kruse Winery, 4390 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Tasting 12-5 Wednesday through Sunday.

Kirigin Winery, 11550 Watsonville Road, Gilroy. Tasting 9-6 daily.

