



# MACROSTIE

**An Idyllic Winery on Westside Road** – “Might we suggest a jaunt to the MacRostie Winery and Vineyards, the esteemed estate that’s finally got a ‘What’s a new word for idyllic?’ tasting room. The barnlike estate house is a modern, airy structure, with floor-to-ceiling windows opening up to decks overlooking the vineyards and Mount Saint Helena. It’s nice. You’ll be greeted with a taste of pinot noir rosé. You could stay inside, or you could wander around for a bit, leisurely comparing your options.

There are sofas in the main house, patios everywhere, wooden tables under a sycamore by a bubbling fountain... and a totally secluded spot under a big oak. Your call, but it would be tough to go wrong here. And then you’ll find yourself gazing off into the sun setting on the horizon, working your way through one of the three tasting options (the “Evolution” is three pinots), and maybe, as a thought exercise, trying to come up with a single thing wrong with this entire scenario. Maybe your elbow might itch for a second?”

– Sarah Sung, April 2015, *UrbanDaddy.com*

**Where to Stay, Eat and Taste in Sonoma: Wineries to Visit** – “MacRostie’s single-vineyard Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs take center stage at its stylish new tasting room. Perched above Westside Road, the space offers sweeping views of the Russian River Valley, the distant Mayacamas mountains and Mount St. Helena. Visitors are met at the entrance with a glass of rosé or Chardonnay, followed by a sit-down tasting curated by a ‘wine ambassador.’ Take a seat on one of the elegant outdoor patios or relax in the airy lounge and revel in the beauty of the scenery while learning about the different vineyards the label sources. Tastings range from a mini-vertical of Pinot Noir to a flight of six wines. You can also book a tour of the estate, which includes a private tasting paired with local bites.”

– Aaron Romano, June 2016, *Wine Spectator*

**MacRostie Estate House Adds Aesthetic Impact to Westside Road** – “Westside Road winds through some of the most picturesque vineyards in Sonoma, past hillsides that look like green corduroy, ribbed with grapevines producing some of the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in California. There’s one new driveway along this hallowed back road that demands that you put on the brakes.”

– Paige Porter Fischer, April 2015, *San Francisco Chronicle*

**5 Relaxing Places to Eat & Drink in Wine Country** – “The MacRostie Estate House wants to host you in its spiffy new digs. Steve MacRostie founded his 20-acre winery and vineyards in the Russian River Valley in 1987, but now he’s celebrating the opening of his very own tasting room. Called the Estate House, the hilltop venue is done in rich grained woods, leathers, and glass showcasing the signature MacRostie’s Scottish thistle motif.”

– Carey Sweet, April 2015, *7x7*

**Go-To Spots for the Best Coastal Chardonnays** – “Established in 1987 by Steve MacRostie, the winery has long been known for making balanced, age-worthy wines. MacRostie toiled in the soils of Carneros and the Petaluma Gap for years before venturing into the extreme Sonoma Coast to source some 30 sites for grapes, including Campbell Ranch, Keefer Ranch and Dutton Ranch. Heidi Bridenhagen has been making the wines since 2011, as head winemaker since 2013.”

– Virginie Boone, August 2014, *The Press Democrat*

**A top version of the country’s favorite wine** – “Chardonnay will please your out-of-town guests, and well-balanced Chards age well for a few years: **MacRostie Winery and Vineyards**”

– Sara Schneider, April 2015, *Sunset*

**9 Lovely Wineries You Must See Along Sonoma’s Wine Road: MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Designed by San Francisco’s Gould Evans, the stylish MacRostie Estate House raises the stakes for its tasting room peers. With interiors layered in warm wood, tan leather, and polished concrete, it feels more akin to the chic Wine Country abode of a well-to-do friend. Sip the region’s famed pinot noir and chardonnay as you take in sweeping, hilltop views through floor-to-ceiling windows or from one of three outdoor patios.”

– Garrick Ramirez, April 2016, *7x7*



**MacRostie Vineyards and Wines – 3 Stars: Well known, highly reputed** – “Outstanding Pinot Noir, Chardonnay from Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley. Delicious Pinot Noir rosé.”

– Larry Walker, September 2016, *Hugh Johnson’s Pocket Wine Book 2017*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Steve MacRostie has been making Pinot Noir in and around Sonoma and Carneros for more than four decades, starting his career just out of UC-Davis in 1974 at Hacienda Wine Cellars. In 1987 he founded MacRostie Winery to focus on Chardonnay, Merlot and Pinot Noir from the Sonoma side of the Carneros region. In 1998 he planted his first estate vineyard on Wildcat Mountain at the southern end of the Sonoma Valley and the Carneros region. Today MacRostie Winery produces Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, in a balanced, high-toned style. The Carneros appellation wines are terrific every year and widely available. **The vineyard designate wines are deep and complex and promise even more interesting wines to come.**”

– Greg Walter, April 2014, *PinotReport*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Over the years those who've paid attention understand that **MacRostie chardonnays and pinots are some of the best in California.**”

– Robert Whitley, December 2014, *Wine Review Online*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards: Evolving to Embrace Quality** – “**MacRostie, with a 27-year history of making Sonoma Coast wines, is a defining California winery and a familiar name to wine enthusiasts.** The last several years have seen sweeping changes at MacRostie that include the sourcing of grapes from some of Sonoma Coast’s most legendary vineyards and the building of a new winery and MacRostie Estate House on Westside Road in the Russian River Valley. This was my first opportunity to extensively taste MacRostie wines. They were highly approachable and elegant, with modest tannins and minimal oak overlay. **The wines represent outstanding value relative to quality and should be sought out.**”

– Rusty Gaffney, January 2015, *PinotFile*

**The Art of Pinot Noir** – “California Pinot Noir producers refine large crops in 2013 and 2012 into high quality reds. These are exciting times for California Pinot Noir. With the newly released 2013s joining the now-harmonizing 2012s, Golden State winemakers are offering a pair of vintages that deliver the style and substance Pinot fans hope for, not to mention the quantity, with both years bringing larger-than-average yields into the wineries. Deciding which of the two vintages to buy is a matter of nuance—they're that similar in quality.

‘Both 2012 and 2013 delivered Pinot Noir of exceptional quality throughout Sonoma County,’ says Steve MacRostie, of MacRostie. ‘While the two vintages are quite similar, we are seeing a little more intensity and concentration in our 2013s.’ MacRostie, based in Russian River Valley, makes Pinot Noir from vineyards there and in the Sonoma Coast appellation. Founder Steve MacRostie acknowledges similarities between 2012 and 2013, but finds his 2013s slightly more concentrated.”

– James Laube, September 2015, *Wine Spectator*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Relatively new to Westside Road, the MacRostie Estate House is an elegant place to enjoy elegant wines, including vineyard-designated Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs, from Russian River Valley, Carneros and the Sonoma Coast.”

– Virginie Boone, November/December 2015, *Sonoma Magazine*

**Hot trend alert: Napa wine lounges, instead of tasting bars – MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Sip wine in the winery’s new Estate House, where the patios overlook 13 acres of pinot noir vines, and the indoor lounge, with its soaring wood ceilings, concrete floors and modern industrial decor, boasts views from every angle. Try the Estate House Tasting, with MacRostie’s exceptional Russian River and Sonoma Coast chardonnay and pinot noir wines, or the Elevated Tour & Tasting of single-vineyard wines paired with savory bites.”

– Mary Orlin, February 2016, *San Jose Mercury News*

**Top California Chardonnays** – “I often reach for a Sonoma Coast chardonnay and no one does it better than MacRostie.”

– Wilfred Wong, May 2014, *Wine.com*



“Wine aficionados have known about MacRostie since they had to seek them out in a warehouse. Now, they have possibly the most beautiful wine tasting room in all of California. And the friendliest, most attentive staff, too. In fact, they're so friendly that you can't get to their front door before they greet you and offer a glass of Chardonnay. The wines are great and they offer some interesting tasting flights that allow side-by-side comparisons. With several comfortable seating areas, they can accommodate quite a few guests without feeling crowded.”

– Betsy Malloy, August 2015, *About.com*

**Delicious New Experiences in Sonoma** – “In March, MacRostie Winery and Vineyards—a boutique winery putting out amazing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines—debuted its glam Estate House. Now, visitors to the winery just outside of Healdsburg in the Russian River Valley can arrive daily and plunk down on the patio of this designer-y home, which overlooks the winery's 13 acres of vineyards, and taste through one of three flights of wine. On chilly days, a sectional sofa and Scandinavian-style dining sets await inside the house.”

– Kristine Hansen, October 2015, *Fodor's*

**“Eight great Northern California venues”** – “The name MacRostie has long been famous for chardonnay and pinot noir, and it recently became renowned for one of Sonoma's most idyllic tasting and event venues. The MacRostie Estate House opened in early 2015 in the Russian River Valley, complete with floor-to-ceiling windows, three outdoor decks and intimate seated tasting areas designed to feel like home.”

– Lori Tenny, January 2016, *Meetings Today*

**MacRostie Winery Steps Into the Future: A warm and welcoming place to enjoy fabulous wine** – “**MacRostie is the Essence of Sonoma County**” – “After just about 30 years of making wine in Sonoma County, MacRostie Winery has a beautiful tasting room they can call their own.

There was a time when I avoided chardonnay from California. Then one day about 15 years ago, as if dropped from the heavens I tasted a bottle of MacRostie's Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. It stopped me dead in my tracks; not only was it labelled chardonnay, it tasted like it too!

Now, of course, the needle has moved the other way and the style I was avoiding is thankfully in the minority. But through it all MacRostie has been making fine wines in their own, genuine style.

On my most recent trip to California I made an appointment to taste at their new Estate House. The experience at MacRostie is exceptional. From the moment I stepped out of my car I was greeted by a welcome wine, until I was bid farewell on the way out the door I had a fantastic time.

To begin with, the room is warm and inviting with a welcoming wine country feel. The unvarnished truth is it would remarkably difficult not to feel at home anywhere on their property. There are several tasting options in a number of price levels.

The experience at the MacRostie Estate House is as good as the wine has always been, which is to say fabulous. Head over to their website the next time you're going to be in Sonoma and pick the tasting option that best suits you, but by all means pay them a visit so you can taste these wonderful wines.”

– Gabe Sasso, November 2015, *The Daily Meal*

**Designer Grant K. Gibson envisions the tasting facility at Healdsburg's MacRostie Winery as a home away from home** – “Before crossing the threshold, visitors to the Healdsburg spot, which is nestled among rolling hills and vineyard-covered terrain, are often greeted with a glass of chardonnay or pinot noir, and then ushered inside to a space that resembles an open-plan living and dining room.

Rather than lining up at a bar, at MacRostie, imbibers are offered a seat and a menu with a trio of flight choices. Couples can enjoy the tables for two in the corner, and a small group fits perfectly around the custom tables.

With a reputation as a consummate host, San Francisco-based Gibson may have been the perfect designer for this project. “The way the tasting room is arranged, you almost feel like you're entertaining at a weekend home – but without all the work or clean-up, and with a better view.”

– Anh-Minh Le, December 2015, *California Home + Design*



**MacRostie's New Digs on Westside Road** – “After 28 years of making very fine Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in Sonoma Valley, Steve MacRostie finally has his dream tasting room and Pinot Noir winemaking facility. It is a beautiful piece of vineyard property located on scenic Westside Road that runs along the Russian River. There are many beautiful attractions along this road, and the MacRostie Estate House adds another element of splendor to the area. Early on in his career, Steve established himself as pioneer winemaker with his tantalizing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines.”

**The Top Westside Road Wineries – MacRostie Estate House** – “Newest winery on Westside Road, spectacular setting. Traveling from Healdsburg on Westside Road, on the right your eye will catch the beautiful rolling vineyards and the spectacular MacRostie Estate House tasting room. What a wonderful spot to enjoy Chardonnay and Pinot Noir! Beautiful vineyard views of the Russian River Valley surround the tasting room. Wine tasting at MacRostie is sit down, elegant but not over the top.”

– Joe Becerra, June 2015, *Wine Country Getaways*

**Steve MacRostie is a legend in Sonoma County** – “As I walk to the front door of his new estate winery and tasting room on Westside Road in the Russian River Valley AVA, I’m impressed. Designed by noted architect Doug Thornley, the modern wood-and-glass building is gorgeous, nestled into a hillside in the Healdsburg region. Opened early last year, it’s finally the fitting tribute to MacRostie’s art, and is surrounded by his own 13-acre Thale’s Pinot Noir vineyard, named in honor of his wife.

The interior of the building also brings a taste of luxury to Sonoma County, from the polished concrete floor to the leather chairs, chandeliers with glass globes, landscape abstracts on the walls and gleaming oak tables.

I’m here for the Elevated experience, which includes vineyard, barrel-room and fermenting-room tours, and a seated tasting of five wines, with a lavish charcuterie board featuring regionally sourced delights such as blue cheese from Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co. and olive oil-sel gris (sea salt) flatbread from Rustic Bakery, alongside prosciutto and Spanish marcona almonds.

The ambiance is upscale yet pastoral. Cows and sheep graze on hillsides in the distance; guests relax on couches with their dogs at their feet; and at one point, winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen pops in with her 6-month-old niece to greet everyone.

Steve MacRostie, onsite as he usually is, makes the rounds, too. ‘I’ve always been a wine hobo,’ he says with a laugh, clearly admiring his new palace. ‘It’s good to finally have a home.’”

– Carey Sweet, May 2016, *Alaska Airlines Magazine*

**MacRostie: Shining Brighter Than Ever** – “Notable vineyards such as Sangiacomo in Carneros, and Keefer, Dutton Jewell Ranch and Saralee’s in Russian River Valley, are now in the MacRostie stable, joining Steve MacRostie’s own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in the windy Petaluma Gap region – as cool as the ‘true’ Sonoma Coast and along with it, a viticultural goldmine for those who covet Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs with pure fruit, structured tannins and acidity, and that are unafraid to show a savory side.

**Today’s MacRostie wines run the Sonoma Coast gamut, but in logical fashion, and with superb quality and character. And that’s not surprising, given Steve’s 40-year track record of producing marvelous wines.**

MacRostie wines are sensational, created from a combination of excellent vineyard sources and the enological skills of MacRostie and Bridenhagen.

At a time when Steve MacRostie could be resting on his laurels, he continues to improve on what has always been skilled winemaking. The addition to the brand of the talented Heidi Bridenhagen, and with the financial support of Distinguished Vineyards and Wine Partners, **the MacRostie label has never shined so bright, nor shown such a promising future.**”

– Linda Murphy, July 2014, *Wine Review Online*

**Favorite Discoveries: MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “You’ll be greeted with a glass of wine as you arrive. The view and decor is unbeatable!”

– Caitlin Flemming, September 2015, *SacramentoStreet.com*



**Good Vibrations: Sonoma County produces some of California's finest wines** – “Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are Burgundy grapes that require far cooler growing conditions. While California's versions tend to be riper and fruitier than Burgundy's output, parts of Sonoma County, especially the cooler Russian River Valley, show some of the state's best efforts with these grapes. I was particularly impressed with the wines of...**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards.**”

– Eunice Fried, December 2015, *Global Traveler*

“Notable wineries to visit near Healdsburg include MacRostie Winery and Vineyards...Both the quality of the wines and the views are well worth the short detour.”

– Bill Zacharkiw, September 2015, *Montreal Gazette*

**5 Essentials for a Sonoma Weekend Getaway** – “**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards are local pioneers, one of the first to draw attention away from neighboring Napa Valley to make sure Sonoma became famous its own right for high-quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs**” – “Many of the wineries in the region offer tasting sessions, but the variety is extraordinary, from simple outdoor barrels used as makeshift tables, to our favorite, the spectacularly situated MacRostie Winery and Vineyards.

Founded in 1987, the vineyards here are locally-famed producers of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, led by founder Steve MacRostie and winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen. Considered pioneers of Sonoma, MacRostie preferred the fog-shrouded vineyards of the area in order to make Burgundian-variety wines, in comparison to the Bordeaux varieties of Napa Valley.

Now with over 30 Chardonnay and 15 Pinot Noir vineyards, the winery opened this year its new estate on Westside Road in the Russian River Valley, with indoor and outdoor terrace tasting rooms overlooking Sonoma county, where in-house experts will gladly detail each offering to drop-in guests.”

– Robert Michael Poole, November 2015, *Blouin Art Info*

**Making Wine and Realizing Dreams** – “It's great to be able to write about a winemaker who has been a fixture here in the Sonoma Valley for decades who in the last five years or so has hit some truly high points on the ‘dreams realized’ list. Steve MacRostie has been making Pinot Noir in and around Sonoma and Carneros for more than four decades, starting his career just out of UC-Davis in 1974 at Hacienda Wine Cellars here in Sonoma. In 1987 he founded MacRostie Winery to focus on Chardonnay, Merlot and Pinot Noir from the Sonoma side of the Carneros region. In 1998 he planted his first estate vineyard on Wildcat Mountain at the southern end of the Sonoma Valley and the Carneros region. During the ensuing 20-plus years he **built a great reputation for his Pinot Noir and Chardonnay** — they were mainstays on wine lists in California and beyond. The winery took up residence on Eighth Street East and became a fixture there. Today MacRostie Winery produces Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, in a balanced, high-toned style. He has moved away from the Carneros appellation wines and is now more focused on the Sonoma Coast appellation. His appellation-blend Pinots in particular are terrific every year and widely available. The vineyard designate wines are deep and complex and develop nicely with some age.”

– Greg Walter, March 2015, *Sonoma Valley Sun*

**After building a national Chardonnay program, a well-known Sonoma winery constructs a new facility to focus on Pinot Noir** – “Since Steve MacRostie founded his eponymous winery in 1987, the name MacRostie has meant high-quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A few years after launching the winery, MacRostie set up shop in a warehouse in the industrial area along Eighth Street East near the city of Sonoma. While the area has become a hotbed for boutique warehouse wineries in recent years, MacRostie's may have been the first.

Steve MacRostie built his brand's reputation on quality wine and a national Chardonnay program out of an improvised warehouse space. The current owners' goal of cultivating a DtC following for small-lot Pinots appears much more achievable today, as they now have a winery and tasting room to support that goal.”

– Andrew Adams, January 2016, *Wine & Vines*

**These 10 Road Trips Boast Wonderful Sips** – “Linger at: MacRostie”

– Mike Dunne, July 2016, *The Sacramento Bee*



**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “I had been eager to check out the new Estate House ever since it opened up last February, and am so glad we made it for a visit because the place is wonderful. I have to say, first impressions matter... MacRostie makes a great first impression from the moment you turn into the driveway and can see the beautifully designed building surrounded by vineyards. If that wasn't enough of an impression, guests are greeted with a 'welcome wine' even before stepping inside the tasting room.

Once you enter the building, large windows allow you to take in the sweeping views, including views of the 13 acre estate Pinot Noir vineyard below. Before we started our tasting, I got to meet Steve and Thale who happened to be in the tasting room that day. Both the MacRosties are very nice, down-to-earth and knowledgeable people and it was a treat to spend time chatting with them.

Our tasting took place at the communal table in the center of the bright, high-ceilinged Estate House, which sort of feels like you've stepped into the chic living room of a design-savvy friend. Warm wood tones, leather seats and clean lines certainly make for a stylish atmosphere for enjoying wine!”

– Hana-Lee Sedgwick, January 2016, *Wander & Wine*

**The Perfect Crowd-Free Wine Country Weekend in Healdsburg** – “MacRostie, a winery that's been making bright chardonnays and pinot noirs since 1987 (it's all about the ribbons of fog that drift over the coastal and inland vineyards they source from) recently opened a new estate house. The design is modern and rustic, and it is a pretty special place to while away an afternoon tasting wines. If you go, request the infinity table, which offers unobstructed views of the valley.”

– Julia Cosgrove, October 2015, *AFAR*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “Dorrance takes me 5 miles out of downtown to MacRostie Winery and Vineyards, which opened at its current location last February. Like Hamel, this one adds up to a glorious spread ...locally sourced gourmet food, and views galore. It represents a dream attained by Steve MacRostie, a former cryptographer who bootstrapped his eponymous winemaking operation. A fit 69, he sold his winery in 2011. MacRostie remains proud of what he started. 'A humble warehouse gets you just to a point,' he says while we sample the newly released, single-vineyard 2013 Thale's Vineyard Pinot Noir. 'A place like this makes it easy for us to tell our story.' His story is the kind that you taste in a vibrant, long-finishing 2013 chardonnay made from grapes grown on his own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard.”

– Michael Kaplan, September 2015, *Private Clubs Magazine*

**MacRostie chardonnays keep their balance** – “For decades, I've enjoyed chardonnays made by Steve MacRostie. MacRostie founded his eponymous Sonoma County winery in 1987. And in the 1990s, MacRostie chardonnay retained a prized placed on my list at Sonoma Grill.

As a chef, I valued balance. Too much alcohol, oak flavor, tannins or fruitiness in the wine destroyed my dish; MacRostie's chardonnays never did that.

As of today, MacRostie's chardonnays have retained their elegance; let's hope the future remains in balance.”

– John Foy, October 2015, *New Jersey Star-Ledger*

**MacRostie Winery and Vineyards** – “California winemaker Steve MacRostie is a pioneer in the production of small-lot, cool-climate Sonoma Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. The MacRostie style is crispness, complexity and vineyard character. You will find the Chardonnays delicate and intense — like fine tapestries of fruit woven with oak and braced with acidity, while the Pinots are striking with rich, generous, spicy fruit expressive of the growing site.”

– Sandra Silfven, February 2015, *The Detroit News*

**The 10 Most Beautiful Wineries in Sonoma County** – “These wineries, including their beautiful characteristics and wine selections, have solidified Sonoma County's place as a premier wine-growing region. Each has its own story, each is approachable and welcoming, and each leaves an impression.”

**Get Transported – MacRostie Estate House** – “Aside from the ample Pinots and Chardonnays being poured, the architecture at MacRostie Winery will lead you to believe you've been transported to another country, with a centerpiece patio that provides breathtaking views of the valley. The wines poured here embody beauty and conviction, and a high tier of hospitality and wine education provides both comfort and ease of enjoyment. Insider tip: If this stop comes mid-day, make sure to visit the coffee bar on the way out for a pick-me-up.”

– WC Staff, February 2016, *WineCountry.com*



**California dreaming in Sonoma** – “We’d been told not to miss the renovated tasting room at MacRostie. It turned out to be good advice; I could have sat there for hours, sipping chardonnay and taking in the view across the vines and valley. MacRostie Winery and Vineyards wins the award for tasting room with the best view. MacRostie makes **delicious chardonnay and pinot noir** and has a cheese platter worth the drive in itself.”  
– Katrina Strickland, October 2016, *Australian Financial Review*

**Touring Napa and Sonoma: A great visit highlighting great vintages** – “Two of my favorite producers and favorite places to visit are Patz & Hall and **MacRostie**. These producers of highest-quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have just catapulted to a higher level with new, first class tasting rooms. A visit to each is highly recommended. Each makes Sonoma Coast and Russian River appellations, and each makes single vineyard, single varietals from only top vineyards.”  
– Denman Moody, July 2016, *Houston Lifestyles & Homes*

**Cool Climate Wines: MacRostie turns persnickety grapes into wonderful wines** – “It was six or seven years ago that I first tasted wines from Sonoma County’s MacRostie Winery. I liked them, and I resolved to visit the winery the next time I was in California. It didn’t work out. I made several trips to Sonoma County in following years, but I never managed to meet Steve MacRostie or visit his winery. So I was thrilled to hear that Heidi Bridenhagen, MacRostie’s new winemaker, was coming east last year. I would have a chance to meet Heidi, and at long last I would taste more of MacRostie’s extraordinary offerings.

Over the years, MacRostie has garnered a reputation for producing outstanding wines from those oft persnickety grapes.

I still hope to visit MacRostie the next time I am in California—especially now that the winery has opened its new Estate House near Healdsburg, which must be a wonderful place to taste Mr. MacRostie’s delightful wines.”  
– Robert Calvert, July 2016, *Charleston Style & Design*

**The Best of California Wine Country** - “With both indoor and outdoor seating and lovely views of the Russian River Valley, visiting MacRostie Winery and Vineyards makes for an idyllic day in Sonoma. Start your day early and walk through the vines before choosing a wine flight to sip on at an intimate tasting on the patio. **MacRostie has established itself as a leader in the area for its style of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.**”  
– Meg Schulte, July 2016, *Holiday Lettings*

**Five Healdsburg Wineries Pairing Charcuterie Plates and Wines with Beautiful Views** – “Situated on a knoll with infinity views of Russian River Valley, the MacRostie Estate House opened in 2015 and has **already gained a loyal following** for its open-air, modern farmhouse design, single-vineyard Pinot Noirs and table-service hospitality. Charcuterie plates can be reserved at one of the farmhouse’s terraces. A rotating selection of meats, cheeses, nuts and fresh fruit can be paired with wines by the glass, bottle or flight.”  
– Lisa Mattson, August 2016, *Jordan Winery blog*

“Our next wine experience was at the recently opened MacRostie Winery and Vineyards, a stylish and modern winery. The hostesses at MacRostie greeted us with our first glass of wine as we approached the front door.”  
– Heather Cassell, September 2016, *The Bay Area Reporter*

**Top 11 Sonoma Wine Tasting Finds** – “MacRostie Winery was originally opened in 1987 by Steve MacRostie. A visionary, MacRostie was one of the first people to plant in the fog-shrouded vineyards of Sonoma County. After thirty years, he sold to Distinguished Vineyards and Wine Partners in 2011 but still guides the winemaking along with winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen. In February 2015, MacRostie Winery opened the winery and tasting room on Westside Road. Sitting on twenty-eight acres, thirteen of which are planted to pinot noir, the Estate House is a modern facility with views overlooking Sonoma County. From the moment you walk up and are greeted with a glass of chardonnay to sitting on the patio or in the living room, you may never want to leave.”  
– Allison Levine, August 2016, *California Winery Advisor*



**Top Rated Producers** – “Founded in 1987 by Steve MacRostie, **this winery produces some of Sonoma County’s finest Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs.** The winery sources grapes from its own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in the Petaluma Gap and from outstanding neighboring vineyards such as Dutton Ranch, Sangiacomo Vineyards, Thale’s Vineyard, Goldrock Ridge Vineyard and others. The wines are made by wine industry veteran Heidi Bridenhagen who joined MacRostie in 2011. MacRostie wines are defined by their rich flavors and silky elegance.”  
– Mike Potashnik and Don Winkler, December 2014, *The International Wine Review*

**A Spectacular Healdsburg Winery You Will Fall In Love With** – “First impressions are truly everything! MacRostie has this down, welcoming you before you’ve even entered the winery with a glass of their delicious Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.

**Why must you visit:** For starters it’s a gorgeous brand new winery with spectacular views, fabulous amenities and amazing wines. They also have a beyond dedicated team. This is evident from the moment you arrive and you are greeted with a glass of wine and throughout your visit. I have visited many wineries and have to say the consistent genuine authenticity of Lisamarie, Russell, Steve, Don and their team is truly like no other....

**Who is the winemaker:** MacRostie is guided by Sonoma County visionary and winery founder Steve MacRostie and talented winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen.

**What is MacRostie Winery’s history:** Though founded in 1987, the seeds for MacRostie Winery and Vineyards go back to 1974—to the early days of Sonoma County winemaking—when Steve began his career at Hacienda Winery. At a time when most California winemakers were fixated on Bordeaux varieties and Napa Valley, Steve and a handful of other pioneers took a different path, embracing the fog-shrouded vineyards of Sonoma County and their untapped potential for producing some of the finest Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the world.

**When was MacRostie founded:** In 1987, Steve established MacRostie. To make his earliest wines, he reached out to growers he knew and respected—leaders of Sonoma County wine growing, like the Sangiacomo family. MacRostie’s wines were soon widely hailed for their unique balance of cool-climate structure and vibrant fruit. In 1992, years before the modern Pinot Noir boom, MacRostie added Pinot Noir to its portfolio, and quickly developed a devoted following for the pure and elegant style of these wines.

**What differentiates MacRostie from other Wineries:** The experience. The team. The Wine. The setting. To me these are the four most important elements that keep me wanting to return again and again. I have been to many, many wineries and I’m always surprised that so many wineries talk about the guest’s experience but truly they don’t understand it’s the little things that *really differentiate them* and are memorable to the guest. For me, the little things such as welcoming you the moment you exit your car and head into the winery is a *huge ‘small touch.’* Also, being recognized by name by servers who have hosted you as well as the founder Steve (who spends most Saturdays with guests at the winery) are *not small touches* you find at most wineries.

**How is the Wine:** The wine is obviously great, or I would not be sharing it with you. As a Chardonnay lover, sorry for those of you who have read me write that a lot, MacRostie Wines are my dream Wines. Between their delicious Coastal Chardonnay options to their Sonoma Sangiacomo & Dutton Ranch varietals, *I am truly in heaven.* On top of having amazing Chardonnays, their Pinot Noirs are also wonderful. They are on the heavier, more fruit forward side (also my preference) vs a lighter, watered down taste you sometimes find with Pinot Noirs. However, don’t take my word for it, visit and see for yourself. On top of the wine being delicious, it’s accessibly priced. Cheers to fabulous MacRostie Winery and Vineyards. You truly are a class act with amazing wines that I love, a fabulous team, and a gorgeous wine tasting Estate to experience it all at.”

– Emily Martin, September 2015, *The JetSetting Fashionista*

“Our next wine experience was at the recently opened **MacRostie Winery and Vineyards**, a stylish and modern winery. The hostesses at MacRostie greeted us with our first glass of wine as we approached the front door.”  
– Heather Cassell, October 2016, *Edge Media Network*

**MacRostie Chardonnay and Pinot Noir: A lesson in terroir** – “Vintners, especially Steve MacRostie, have been testing the most challenging areas of Sonoma County for years. He was one of the earliest to plant Chardonnay and Pinot Noir on the fog-shrouded, windy hillsides of Wildcat Mountain in the Petaluma Gap. He and winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen also source Pinot Noir from Goldrock Ridge Vineyard in extreme western Sonoma at an elevation of 780 feet a few miles from the Pacific. Growing conditions in both areas produce wines with great structure and earthy, intense flavors.”

– Sandra Silfven, December 2016, *The Detroit News*



“Thirteen years after beginning his career as a winemaker at Hacienda Winery in 1974 making Burgundian-style variety wines such as chardonnay and pinot noir, Steve MacRostie founded MacRostie Winery and Vineyards in 1987. Over the course of the past 30 years, MacRostie has developed relationships with some of the best Sonoma Coast vineyard owners, including the Bacigalupis, Duttons, Martinellis, and Sangiacomos.

In 2015, the new era of MacRostie hospitality began with the opening of their modern and beautiful Estate House a few miles outside of Healdsburg, California. Surrounded by Thale’s Vineyard, both indoor and outdoor seating options offer splendid views of the Russian River Valley.

While the pinot noirs were fantastic, I could not take my mind off of the chardonnays. These chardonnays demonstrate some of the best vineyard terroir of the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast, as well as illustrate great depth of texture, aroma, and flavor. The rich mouthfeel added by the malolactic fermentation does not overpower the bright, tart citrus qualities and vibrant acidity.”

– Elizabeth Smith, December 2016, *American Winery Guide.com*