

Sonoma Does Tasting Rooms Right

A slow, quiet evolution has transformed Sonoma's wineries into the best places to taste this summer.

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In western [Sonoma](#)—and the Russian River Valley in particular—the [Pinot Noirs](#) and Chardonnays are second to none in the world. Yet many of the tasting rooms where the wines have been poured have, until recently, been a little dated and more than a little rustic. Over the past several years, though, a stealth remodel has taken hold and a handful of new tasting rooms have redefined the [Sonoma](#) style—rustic still, but modernized and refined. Weathered wood shares space with glass and steel, and lounge seating turns Pinot and Chardonnay tastings into a luxurious experience. You might say the tasting rooms have caught up with the wines—together making an excellent destination for wine touring this spring and summer. Here are six of the best new spaces.

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Estate house outdoor seating

[MacRostie's](#) stand-alone tasting “house” combines weathered ceilings and tables with concrete for immense appeal. But its use of glass to take full advantage of the tasting room’s elevated perch is ingenious. The roof extends over the terrace outside for an indoor-outdoor view that stretches east over the valley to the Mayacamas Mountains and beyond, all the way to Mount St. Helena on the east side of Napa Valley. Reservations required on weekends.

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