



3 Honeymoon Escapes to California Wine Country

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Imagine acres of lush vineyards, farmer's market sourced dinners and lazy afternoons sipping local wine. No, we're not speaking of Argentina or the South of France. Instead, you and your wedding guests can take a less arduous journey up the coast to Northern California's wine country. Spots like Napa Valley, Calistoga and Sonoma offer up variations on a similar theme, each projecting a distinct personality with their own local resorts, hotels, restaurants and wineries. A few prime examples below:

A Hipster Sonoma Experience

Though the Lodge at Sonoma also offers up a lovely wedding resort experience nearby the precious town, **Hotel El Dorado** is the cool kids' option right smack on the square (across the street from favorite spot **The Girl & The Fig**—um, rehearsal dinner much?). Thanks to the cooler-than-thou new restaurant **El Dorado Kitchen**, this hotel and restaurant has become a truly hot destination. The design is certainly more spare and minimal, a contemporary design lover's dream.

Still, the garden patio and Fig Tree courtyard create a more rustic vibe and make ideal spots for wedding receptions (they boast being able to host events from 20 people to 250). And Chef Justin Everett's deep commitment to the green movement ensures that all the eats are farm fresh and the wines are mostly biodynamic. They also infuse their own liqueurs like Jalapeno Peach Vodka. A new café **Eldorado Kitchenette** makes a great breakfast stop for guests, as well. \$