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Why You Should Go to Napa Valley This Summer

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Six ways to enjoy the legendary wine region for anyone who wants to soak up the sunshine, listen to music, or learn a bit about food and wine.

Summer is a perfect time to visit California wine country. Sure, temperatures can hit the triple digits, but tasting rooms are air-conditioned, wines can be chilled, and a host of other diversions abound. As grapes grow and ripen in advance of harvest, here are six must-do activities in Napa Valley over the next few months.



Photo by Bob McClenahan

The remodel of Brix showcases a bar in the center of the dining room and lots of natural light.

Dine at Brix 2.0

One of Napa's most popular **farm-to-table restaurants** has reopened after an extensive renovation, and the dining experience there is now better than ever. **Brix**, north of downtown Yountville (on the west side of Highway 29), still serves up the same produce-driven dishes—but now it does so with unobstructed views of the surrounding vineyards. The redesign was engineered by Shopworks Design Studio of Napa and incorporated new windows, circular booths, and a central bar with ports to charge devices. The stone fireplace, a favorite of visitors for years, remains, as does the extensive culinary garden just beyond the kitchen doors. Plus, executive chef Cary Delbridge has added a dozen new dishes to the menu, including Cajun red beans with farro verde and smoked tofu, and Liberty Farms Duck Breast with sweet potatoes, turnips, savoy cabbage, pearl onions, and huckleberry hoisin sauce. Bonus: The bar also now serves punch bowls.



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