

## A PERFECT NAPA WEEKEND

From stylish hotels to intimate vineyard visits to unforgettable meals—a guide to making the most of a quick getaway to Northern California's iconic wine country



Ask jaded travelers about Napa Valley and they'll rattle off all the reasons not to go in peak season: the traffic bottlenecks, the dizzying prices, the crush of tipsy tourists in commercial tasting rooms. But don't accept those easy slights as the last word. Navigated smartly, Napa reveals its virtues—the bucolic landscape, the laid-back lifestyle, and the exceptional food and wine that make this stretch of Northern California ideal for a sybaritic weekend getaway.

Another of her recommendations, one that does not necessarily involve wine, is **Round Pond Estate's** olive oil-making facilities in Rutherford ([roundpond.com](http://roundpond.com)). Tours are limited to ten people and culminate in a tasting where you sample oils, then drizzle your favorites over fresh fruits and vegetables plucked from Round Pond's biodynamic garden. Spend part of a sunny afternoon there, then make the short drive to **Oakville Grocery**, a just-renovated valley classic, for an espresso and an ice cream. See if you can resist the selection of local cheeses and breads ([oakvillegrocery.com](http://oakvillegrocery.com)).