Revisiting St. Helena

New Generation of Wineries

In the mood for some higher-elevation cabernet, I headed east and snaked up Howell Mountain Road to Cade Winery, perched high over the valley floor with a breathtaking view. Part of the same company that owns PlumpJack Winery in Oakville, Cade represents a new generation of winery with sleek, modern architecture that somehow blends seamlessly with the forest hillside location. This state-of-the-art winery is LEED certified, which is the short way of saying that the design and construction meet strict Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. The winemaking facility and cellars are built into the mountain to maximize energy efficiency and minimize environmental and aesthetic impact on the surrounding forest location. The winery and adjacent tasting room buildings are a contemporary, environmentally responsible fusion of sustainable wood, concrete, glass and steel designed by St. Helena architect Juan Carlos Fernandez. The facility also includes 15,000 square feet of aging caves directly behind the fermentation room.

The Cade tasting room is open daily by appointment only and features top-rated Howell Mountain cabernet vintages and other Cade wines. Tasting or not, the outstanding view and unique architecture are worth a stop.

If you go...

CADE WINERY

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