



WINE COUNTRY VISTAS
ABOVE THE VINES



A number of wineries offer visitors the heady experience of sipping the latest releases while gazing at the seasonal beauty of Wine Country.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEWS

Sometimes it's important to get high up, into the clouds, above the vines, to really take in what's so unbelievably gorgeous about Wine Country in fall and winter. Vineyards undergo a wealth of transformation during this time, going from full ripening to harvesting to a long, slow journey into rest. The path involves the changing colors of many leaves until finally, winter on its way, the bare vines become a background for dramatic, stormy winter skies. Take it all in from one of these spectacular sites, where a full range of views and sensations of the seasons are worth the often winding drives to get there.

CADE Winery

The partners behind PlumpJack Winery in Oakville — Gavin Newsom, Gordon Getty and general manager John Conover, along with winemaker Anthony Biagi and consulting winemaker Nils Venge — last year opened the doors to CADE, atop Howell Mountain, where on a clear day one can sit inside or out, beside a warming fire, and take in the views clear to Mount Diablo and beyond from an altitude of 1,800 feet. CADE recently earned LEED-certification for its eco-friendly construction, while the 21-acre plot of vines here awaits organic certification. Drink in the big Cabernets from its rich red soils or have a sip of sublime Sauvignon Blanc. Open for tours and tastings by appointment daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 360 Howell Mountain Road South, Angwin, 707-965-2746, cadewinery.com.