



Napa and Sonoma Roll Out Bevy of New Attractions

Thin crowds and great deals make early spring a great time to visit California Wine Country, not to mention all of the great new establishments cropping up. A handful of tasting rooms, restaurants, and other attractions have been making local headlines over the last few months—and we've harvested the best of the bunch here. Read on for the eight most exciting venues and activities to debut this season, so you can get out to experience them first—before the fall harvest-season crowds pour in.



6. New Sonoma Winery Set Close to San Francisco

From its perch where the Carneros region and Sonoma Valley meet, Ram's Gate is one of the first wineries day-trippers hit on their way up from San Francisco. The place opened in September 2011, and if the pinot noirs and other wines don't excite you, the lamb meatballs and other small bites that chef Jason Rose prepares to pair with them surely will. Plan to sit outside; the winery's enclosed outdoor patio rivals alfresco experiences in Tuscany. As the weather warms, it's staged to become one of the hottest spots in town.