

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
WINE GUIDE

2026
EDITION



THE ORCA WINE COUNTRY SERIES

Santa Lucia Highlands & *the Salinas Valley*

A curated guide to Monterey's wind-swept vineyards

CURATED FOR YOU BY ORCA TRAVEL COLLECTION

WELCOME TO SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

Terraced vines *above the valley*

Inland from Monterey Bay, the broad Salinas Valley is famed as one of America's great farming regions. On its western side, vineyards of the Santa Lucia Highlands climb terraces along the mountains, facing east across the valley.

Strong afternoon winds from the bay keep the climate cool, producing celebrated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and cool-climate Syrah. Pinnacles National Park, with its volcanic spires, is a scenic side trip from Soledad.

At a glance

SIGNATURE WINES

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and cool-climate Syrah

GETTING THERE

US-101 through the Salinas Valley; River Road runs along the Highlands

WHEN TO GO

Spring through autumn; expect brisk afternoon wind

PLAN AHEAD

Tasting rooms are spread out and some are by appointment



Each winery card includes a QR code. Scan it with your phone camera to book a tasting or visit the winery's website. Hours and policies change, so please confirm before you go.

Tasting rooms *& estates*

WALK-IN

WELCOME

BY APPOINTMENT

RESERVE AHEAD

No. 01

Corral Wine Co.

SALINAS

484 Corral de Tierra Rd

WALK-IN WELCOME



SCAN TO RESERVE

☎ (831) 298-7646

🌐 corralwine.com

No. 02

Cru Winery

SOLEDAD

37500 Foothill Rd

CHECK VISITING HOURS



SCAN TO VISIT

☎ (831) 678-0300

🌐 cruwinery.com

No. 03

J Lohr Winery

GREENFIELD

39502 Cypress Ave

WALK-IN WELCOME



SCAN TO RESERVE

☎ (408) 918-2160

🌐 jlohr.com

No. 04

Mesa del Sol Vineyards

GREENFIELD

45803 Arroyo Seco Rd

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SCAN TO VISIT

☎ (858) 692-4115

🌐 mesadelsolvineyards.com

No. 05

Mid Life Crisis

SALINAS

1212 Pajaro St

WALK-IN WELCOME



SCAN TO VISIT

☎ (831) 308-9034

🌐 midlifecrisiswines.com

Tasting rooms *& estates*

WALK-IN

WELCOME

BY APPOINTMENT

RESERVE AHEAD

No. 06

Mid Life Crisis Wines

SALINAS

1341 Dayton St Unit G

WALK-IN WELCOME

(831) 308-9034

midlifecrisiswines.com



SCAN TO VISIT

No. 07

Odonata Winery

SALINAS

645 River Rd

CHECK VISITING HOURS

(831) 566-5147

odonatawines.com



SCAN TO VISIT

No. 08

Pessagno Winery

SALINAS

1645 River Rd

CHECK VISITING HOURS

(831) 675-9463

pessagnowines.com



SCAN TO VISIT

No. 09

Puma Road

SOLEDAD

37700 Foothill Rd

CHECK VISITING HOURS

(831) 675-3548

pumaroad.com



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Tasting rooms *& estates*

WALK-IN

WELCOME

BY APPOINTMENT

RESERVE AHEAD

No. 10

Roar Wines

SOLEDAD

32070 River Rd

BY APPOINTMENT



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roarwines.com

No. 11

Rustique Wines

SALINAS

1010 River Rd

CHECK VISITING HOURS



SCAN TO VISIT

(831) 320-8174

rustiquewines.com

No. 12

Scheid Family Wines

GREENFIELD

1972 Hobson Ave

WALK-IN WELCOME



SCAN TO VISIT

(831) 455-9990

scheidvineyards.com

No. 13

Wrath Wines

SOLEDAD

35801 Foothill Rd

WALK-IN WELCOME



SCAN TO VISIT

(831) 678-2212

wrathwines.com



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More wineries *in Santa Lucia Highlands*

All other wine producers licensed in the area, from public records. Many do not host visitors or are by appointment only; please check before visiting.

WINERY	TOWN	WEBSITE
12ec	Lockwood	
Agajanian Vineyards and Wine Company	Greenfield	
Albatross Ridge	Salinas	
American Vintners	King City	
Birichino	King City	
Blair Estate	Salinas	blairwines.com
Boekennoogen Winery	Soledad	
Boyer Family Winery	Gonzales	
California Street Winery	Bradley	
Caraccioli Cellars	Gonzales	
Chalone Vineyard	Soledad	chalonevineyard.com
Chualar Canyon Winery	Salinas	
Conundrum	Salinas	
D & D Winery	Soledad	
Dawns Dream Winery	Gonzales	
De Tierra Vineyard	Salinas	
Delicato Monterey	King City	
Domaine Messier	Gonzales	
Estancia Estates Winery	Soledad	estanciaestates.com
Fennacy Wine	Salinas	
Filini Wine Growers	King City	
Golden State Vintners	Soledad	

WINERY	TOWN	WEBSITE
Joyce Vineyards	Soledad	
Joyce Wine Company	Soledad	joycewineco.com
Krushwerks	San Lucas	
Lucia Highlands Vineyard	Salinas	
Lyndon Fog Cellars	Salinas	
McIntyre Vineyards	Soledad	
Mer Et Soleil Vineyards	Salinas	
Michael Rose Cellars	San Miguel	
Monterey Wine Company	King City	montereywineries.com
Morgan	Salinas	
Morgan Winery	Soledad	
Otter Cove	Salinas	
Panetta Ranch	Gonzales	
Pelio Estate	Gonzales	
Pianetta Winery	San Miguel	pianettawinery.com
Pierce Ranch Vineyards	Lockwood	pierceranchvineyards.com
Pisoni Family Vineyards	Gonzales	
Plata Wine Partners	King City	
Popelouchum Estate	Salinas	popelouchum.com
Ray Franscioni Wines	Gonzales	
Republican Red Winery	Soledad	
Rf Wines	Salinas	

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WINERY	TOWN	WEBSITE
Robert Talbott Vineyards & Winery	Salinas	talbotvineyards.com
Scheid Vineyards California	Salinas	
Scratch Wines	Soledad	
Sea-Sun Vineyard	Salinas	
Shale Canyon Wines	Greenfield	
Slo Down Wines	King City	
Soledad	Soledad	
Stefania Wine	Salinas	
Stonewall Canyon Winery and Vineyard	Soledad	
The Lees Cellar	Greenfield	
Tudor Wines	Gonzales	
Twelve Stones Winery	Gonzales	
TWG Gonzales	Gonzales	
Twisted Roots Wine	Salinas	twistedrootswine.com
Vinos Finos	Soledad	
WarRoom Cellars	King City	
Wente Vineyards	Greenfield	
Windy Oaks Estate	Greenfield	
Wines That Rock	King City	



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Winery details compiled from California ABC and TTB public license records and publicly listed winery information as of October 2026. Hours, reservation policies and availability change; please confirm directly with each winery before visiting. Please enjoy responsibly and plan a designated driver.



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