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WINE GUIDE

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ORCA TRAVEL COLLECTION

THE ORCA WINE COUNTRY SERIES

Antelope Valley

High Desert Wine Country

A curated guide to high-desert wineries

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WELCOME TO ANTELOPE VALLEY

Wine in *the high desert*

North of the San Gabriel Mountains, the Antelope Valley around Lancaster and Palmdale is high desert country of wide skies, Joshua trees and dramatic seasons. It is also a designated wine appellation, with a handful of small wineries.

In spring, the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve can blaze orange in a good bloom year, making it a lovely season for a visit.

At a glance

SIGNATURE WINES
Small-lot wines from high-desert vineyards

GETTING THERE
Highway 14 north from Los Angeles

WHEN TO GO
Spring for wildflowers; autumn for milder weather

PLAN AHEAD
Wineries are few and small; call ahead

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.

THE WINERIES

Tasting rooms *& estates*

WALK-IN WELCOME · BY APPOINTMENT RESERVE AHEAD

No. 01

Antelope Valley Winery

LANCASTER

42041 20th St W
Open Wed–Sun

WALK-IN WELCOME

(661) 722-0145

avwinery.com

SCAN TO VISIT

No. 02

Coruce Vineyards and Winery

LANCASTER

1055 W Columbia Way Ste 105

WALK-IN WELCOME

(661) 494-8877

corucevineyardsandwinery.com

SCAN TO VISIT

No. 03

Coruce Vineyards and Winery

PALMDALE

20538 E Avenue Q12

WALK-IN WELCOME

(661) 494-8877

corucevineyardsandwinery.com

SCAN TO VISIT

No. 04

Golden Star Vineyards

LITTLEROCK

36043 106th Street East

WALK-IN WELCOME

(661) 713-6660

goldenstarvineyards.com

SCAN TO RESERVE

No. 05

Barrett Estate Winery

LANCASTER

114 Newgrove St · Open Fri–Sun

CHECK VISITING HOURS

(661) 946-3901

barrettcellars.com

SCAN TO VISIT

No. 06

Stephen Hemmert Wines

LANCASTER

CHECK VISITING HOURS

(661) 233-5100

stephenhemmertwines.com

Four wines rated 90 points by JamesSuckling.com, including the Eloquence 2022 and Sierra Pelona Valley Syrah 2023. Under 1,000 cases a year.

SCAN TO VISIT

THE COMPLETE LIST

More wineries *in Antelope Valley*

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
Don Giovani Vineyards	Lancaster	
Thief & Barrel / Wine Resources	Lancaster	

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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.