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California wine country: How to visit Napa and Sonoma in one day

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If you find yourself in San Francisco with a day to spare, make tracks for wine country. With some smart navigating you can get a snapshot of both Napa and Sonoma and still be back at your hotel in time for bed. Here's how we'd do it:





Heading west towards Napa, the next stop at Domaine Carneros will feel more like a visit to a French château – and rightly so as it is owned by Taittinger Champagne and modeled after their famous family residence, the Château de la Marquetterie. For the ultimate splurge book The Art of Sparkling Wine Pairing: Bubbles & Asian Bites (\$85 per person), hosted in their new Jardin d'Hiver tasting conservatory. Airy, light and luxurious, this indoor/outdoor space is the perfect conduit for exploring the Domaine's marvelous range of sparkling wine (think bay scallops in a spicy yuzu sauce paired with their Ultra Brut). Here, French hospitality is king, but reservations are essential so book ahead.

