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A Perfect Weekend in Livermore Valley Wine Country

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Here's a food and wine-packed weekend that proves that Livermore Valley is in the big leagues of California wine countries.

Lunch: The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards
5050 Arroyo Rd.



A visit to Livermore isn't complete without a visit to the marquee large producers, along with Concannon, who put Livermore Valley wine on the map. Yes, both wineries have bottom-shelf bulk production wines that aren't worth a weekend trip detour, but they both have small-lot, refined wines that are as noteworthy as any in the region. For Wente, you can experience those at Wente's Winemakers Studio and tasting room at the main winery on Tesla Road. But, this weekend's let's have both Wente wines and excellent food together for lunch at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards. The setting is breathtaking, so it's not wonder that this is a premier Bay Area weddings and concerts destination. Come back again for both of those. For now, it's time to eat. On the menu for lunch at this **"Check Please! Bay Area" approved restaurant**, executive chef Mike Ward presents a \$65 3-course pairing lunch, where the 2016 Nth Degree Chardonnay might partner with a sea bass with romanesco and red curry.

