

Calistoga

Located at the valley's northern tip and less traveled than Napa, folksy Calistoga exudes an unpretentious, accessible ease. Home to **Chateau Montelena Winery** (1429 Tubbs Lane), famous for its win in the 1976 Judgement of Paris, it draws visitors with family-owned businesses, wine-centric cafés, and coffee shops decorated with poetry graffiti. Perhaps most defined by its mineral-rich geothermal springs and curative mud baths, available throughout town, Calistoga offers wellness with a direct connection to the valley's fertile soil.

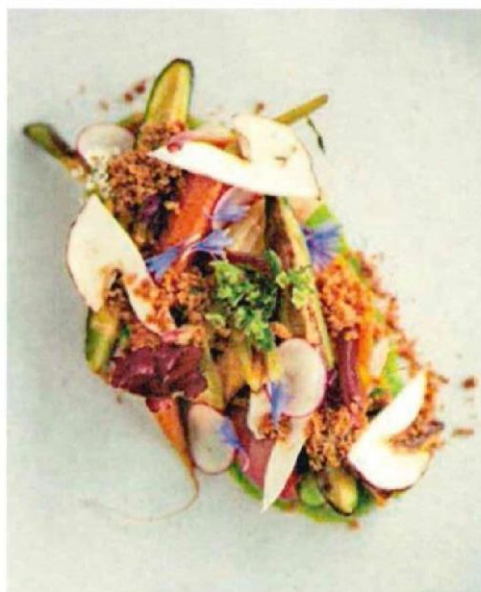
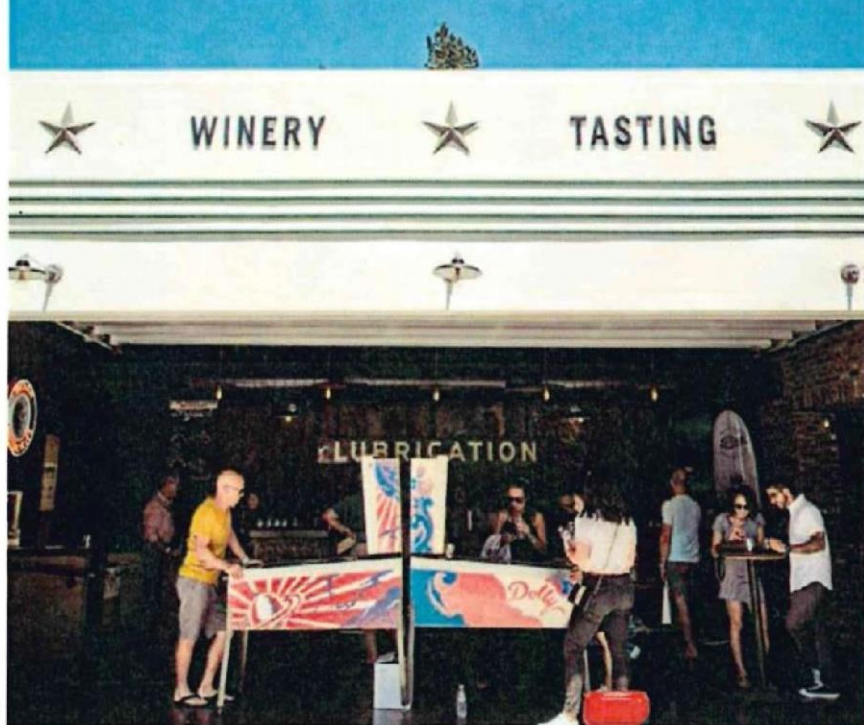
WINE: A decades-old stone winery and an original Craftsman-style house-turned-tasting room comprise **Frank Family Vineyards** (1091 Larkmead Lane). Though its tasting room is open to the public, your advisor can arrange a private tasting with Frank's legendary winemaker, Dennis Zablosky. For a more whimsical experience, the **Tank Garage Winery** (1020 Foothill Boulevard) occupies a former gas station in which guests can sample stellar local wines amid pinball machines and vintage motorcycles.

DINE: Join locals for breakfast (all day!) at cozy **Cafe Sarafornia** (1413 Lincoln Avenue), where corned beef hash, salmon and eggs, and towering pancakes provide fuel for wine jaunts. For dinner, tuck into classic French,

German, and Mexican dishes at **Johnny's** (1457 Lincoln Avenue), whose chefs make their own charcuterie and forage for local ingredients. At the bar, brioche bun sliders steal the show.

STAY: Eco-friendly, 89-room **Solage** lies a short walking distance from Calistoga's shops and restaurants. Known for its Michelin-starred restaurant, geothermal bathhouse, and Mudslide spa treatment, the hotel also appeals to active oenophiles who appreciate its complimentary fitness classes and saltwater pool. "Solage's Mercedes-Benz program allows guests to borrow from a collection of cars, including a convertible, for off-property excursions," adds advisor Lisa Baserga. *Doubles from \$390; Virtuoso travelers receive a room upgrade (if available), breakfast daily, and a \$100 resort credit.*

Calistoga Ranch offers 50 lodges within a 157-acre site marked by ancient oaks and a private lake. With mountain views, a host of hiking trails, and chef Bryan Moscatello's seasonal menu at The Lakehouse restaurant, the resort firmly roots guests in the setting. Highly recommended: the ranch's on-site beekeeping course, guided meditation walks, and Calistoga-inspired Water Therapy treatment in the spa's healing mineral pool. *Doubles from \$845; Virtuoso travelers receive a room upgrade (if available), breakfast daily, and an estate winetasting experience.*



From top: Tank Garage Winery and a bottle of its finest (and feistiest), get your veggies at Calistoga Ranch's Lakehouse restaurant, and a warm welcome at Solage's geothermal bathhouse.