Welcome to Temecula Wine Country!

RED, RED WINE

Bel Vino, Doffo, Foot Path, Frangipani, Hart, Palumbo, Vindemia, Wiens

"IF YOU'RE MORE ABOUT RED, LESS ABOUT WHITE, YOUR WINE TASTING TOUR SHOULD TAKE YOU TO SOME - OR ALL - OF THESE STOPS. WHILE WHITE WINES ARE ON THE MENU, IT'S ALL ABOUT BIG REDS AT THESE WINERIES."

BEL VINO WINERY

33515 Rancho California Road, Temecula, CA 92591; (888) 260-0870
open daily 10am-5pm; belvinowinery.com

Exhibiting a vigilant adherence to excellence, which they believe starts in the vineyard and ends in your glass, this boutique winery is committed to creating only the best in quality wine.
On the tasting menu: Tatria/red Meritage, Calista/white Meritage, Long Valley Red, Viognier; $10 for 6 tastes

DOFFO WINERY

36083 Summitville, Temecula, CA 92592; (951) 676-6989/(866) 469-8466
open daily 10am to 5pm, groups of 6+ by appointment. only; doffowines.com

The Doffo's trace their winemaking history to Argentina, and it shows in each one of their exquisite wines. See the vintage motorcycle collection and unusual practice of playing classical music in the vineyard.
On the tasting menu: Viognier, Malbec, Shiraz, Mistura, Cabernet Sauvignon; $10 for 6 tastes, $20 for 6 reserve tastes

FOOT PATH WINERY

36650 Glen Oaks Road, Temecula, CA 92592; (951) 265-9951
open Mon-Fri 12pm-5pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm; footpathwinery.com

Housed in a quaint barn on a certified organic farm, amongst citrus, figs, horses and hummingbirds, the Foote family serves up a small menu of hand-crafted red wines in very limited production.
On the tasting menu: Merlot, Zinfandel, Port; $10 for 6 tastes

FRANGIPANI WINERY

39750 De Portola Road, Temecula, CA 92592; (951) 699-8845
open daily 10am-6pm; frangipaniwinery.com

Visitors here enjoy a true connection with the wine and its creation. Their philosophy is that winemaking begins in the vineyard. Pay attention to what's outside and what's inside will flourish.
On the tasting menu: Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Rose, Cabernet Franc; $8 for 6 tastes

HART WINERY

41300 Avenida Biona, Temecula, CA 92593; (951) 676-6300
open daily 9am-4:30pm; hartfamilywinery.com

With a focus on quality in both vineyard and bottle, this small-scale, family-operated winery showcases a well-deserved collection of gold medals and a stellar array of both red and white wines.
On the tasting menu: Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Meritage; $10 for 6 tastes with logo glass

PALUMBO FAMILY VINEYARDS & WINERY

40150 Barksdale Circle, Temecula, CA 92592; (951) 676-7900
open Thurs through Tues 11am-5pm; palumbofamilyvineyards.com

Committed to small lot, handcrafted wines from just 13 acres of estate-grown varieties, this family run winery is best described as "artisinal". The wines exude passion, depth and elegance. Simple concept, complex wines.
On the tasting menu: Viognier, Mourvedre/Syrah, Tre Fratelli Meritage, Cabernet Sauvignon; $10 for 5 tastes; $20 for 5 reserve tastes

VINDEMIA VINEYARD & ESTATE WINERY

33133 Vista Del Monte, Temecula, California 92591; (800) 373-3359
open Fri though Sun 11am-5pm; vindemia.com

Beautifully nestled on a hillside, visitors who venture through the valley less-traveled on Calle Contento find an estate with a spectacular view, masterful gardens and a comfortable setting to enjoy extraordinary hand-crafted wines.
On the tasting menu: Syrah, Commonwealth; open Friday through Sunday from 11am-5pm; $15 for 6 tastes including cheese, bread and olive oil

WIENS FAMILY CELLARS

35055 Via Del Ponte, Temecula, CA 92592; (951) 694-9892
open daily 10am-5pm; wienscellars.com

The sign out front says Big Reds- and they mean it. Offering a broad range of exquisitely crafted red wines along with a meticulously maintained, beautiful property, this popular winery is a must stop.
On the tasting menu: Cabernet Reserve, Merlot, Sangiovese, Pinot Noir; $15 for 6 tastes