

# Marin



## Time FOR Wine

Can Sonoma County  
Winegrowers Become  
100 Percent Sustainable?

**HOME SWEET  
SECOND HOME**  
Three Stunning  
Family Getaways

**MVFF GUIDE**  
Celebrating 38 Years of Film



**OWNER TO MAKER**

What's the best deal you've ever gotten? The kind where you get something for a steal and see it appreciate as much as tenfold or more? Whatever it was, it wasn't as good as the luck Jack Tognetti had when he purchased Los Carneros farmland in the 1960s. This Napa Valley region was largely overlooked because of its colder temperatures, but it turns out the forsaken land was actually perfect for something — growing chardonnay and pinot noir grapes. So for more than 30 years Tognetti grew and sold grapes to an array of fine wineries from his Aloise Francisco Vineyard, until 2012, when his son Robert founded the Tognetti Family Winery on-site. The family has started making a chardonnay that's produced on a limited basis each year and is releasing its first Napa cabernet in 2016. And with winemaker Keith Hock on board, a sparkling blanc de blanc is also in the works. [tognettiwines.com](http://tognettiwines.com) **K.P.**



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## In With the New

Heading south on Highway 101, you'll find three recently renovated wine-related spots worth stopping for. **M.T.**

### 1 Bernardus Lodge and Spa

Some might say just sipping chardonnay poolside is enough of an adventure for any wine lover staying at this recently renovated treasure in Carmel Valley. Under new ownership, the property has undergone a four-month multimillion-dollar transformation that included a few small enhancements to the award-winning restaurant Lucia. A range of culinary and cardio activities are on offer and a \$65 passport is good for one \$10 flight at nine tasting rooms. *Rooms start at \$475, [bernarduslodge.com](http://bernarduslodge.com).*

### 2 Toll House Hotel

Sister property to Tiburon Tavern and Casa Madrona, the Toll House Hotel, just off the idyllic town square in Los Gatos, has been renovated with a rebranding of the on-site restaurant as Verge Restaurant and Lounge. A "Sips and Saddles" package offers breakfast for two, a scenic horseback ride and a picnic with wine tasting. With a small-town vibe evocative of Marin, Los Gatos features award-winning restaurants, high-end boutiques and access to nearby wineries. *Rooms start at \$254, [tollhousehotel.com](http://tollhousehotel.com).*

### 3 Hyatt Carmel Highlands

A longtime foodie destination featuring jaw-dropping views at the award-winning Pacific's Edge Restaurant, the Hyatt Carmel Highlands is always a crowd pleaser. The revamped property offers a daylong winery tour with private guide that covers the entire winemaking process, with information about Salinas Valley agriculture, and ends with a picnic lunch. *Rooms start at \$399, [highlandsinn.hyatt.com](http://highlandsinn.hyatt.com).*

➔ **HARVEST INN'S OCTOBER GETAWAY** This 78-room luxury property is offering a gourmet getaway with Silver Oak and Twomey wineries throughout the month, including private tastings and chef-created customized meals at Charlie Palmer's Harvest Table. Two-night minimum, starting at \$763. [harvestinn.com](http://harvestinn.com) **M.T.**