

# All the Reasons to Visit Napa and Sonoma Right Now

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During the course of the COVID pandemic, the California wine mecca counties of Napa and Sonoma seem to have taken a cue from the grapes they grow so beautifully: strain and adversity have produced a bold bounty of new ventures. As tourism ground to a halt in so many places, vintners, chefs, designers and hospitality gurus nourished their creativity and worked magic. Some in Hollywood found solace there, too, including Phoebe Bridgers who spent time in Sonoma writing new music, and Elizabeth Olsen, who **has said** that the Sonoma town of St. Helena in Napa Valley was “our breathing space” during the pandemic.

Here, all the new stays, eats, drinks and dos that make a pilgrimage north a must this spring.

## WHERE TO SIP

**Gentleman Farmer:** Watch for an upcoming dedicated tasting space in downtown Napa for **Gentleman Farmer**, the gay-owned boutique winery that until now did mailing list-only distribution of its Old World-inspired Cabernet Sauvignon (\$105) and more.