

10 Reasons to Spend a Day in Downtown Napa

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What was once a sleepy town wine-thirsty visitors passed on their way to Napa Valley, Downtown Napa has morphed into a thriving scene all its own. A recent visit was all the proof we needed — new restaurants, cocktail lounges and tasting rooms galore. The post-pandemic boom is here and just in time for harvest. Whether you are visiting a favorite haunt or exploring somewhere completely new, Downtown Napa is the place to be right now.

The Bungalow

1564 First Street

Opening this fall, the newest outpost of Gentleman Farmer (the original location is next door to the French Laundry in Yountville), The Bungalow, is sure to be an experience like no other. Open to Gentleman Farmer Wine Club Collective members and their guests, the new space will feature tastings and lunches like the ones currently offered in Yountville — think salon soirees, live music, burlesque and more. Husbands and owners Joey Wolosz and Jeff Durham deliver intricate and 100 percent homemade fare — from the mustard to the terrines.