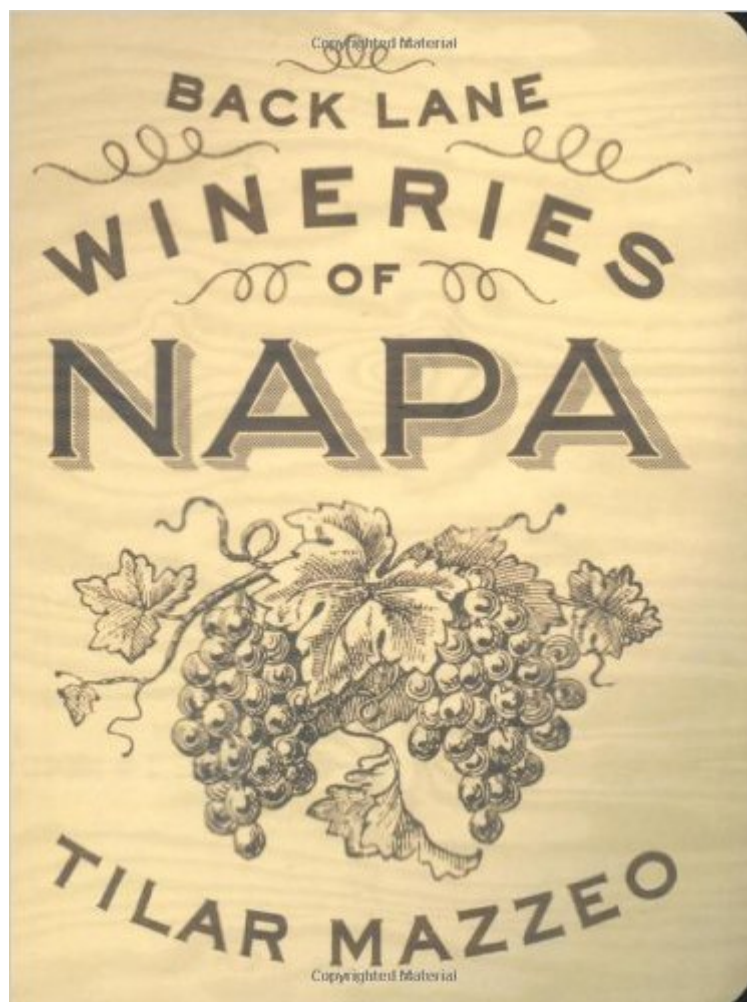


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Back Lane Wineries Of Napa



Synopsis

Back Lane Wineries of Napa is a guide to wineries where you can find excellent handcrafted wines made by on-site proprietors, often with only local distribution and limited production, places where wine tasting gets down-to-earthâ "no one needs to show off how developed his or her palate is. These are often also where sustainable and organic viticulture is being pioneered. Above all, these are wines that are likely to be a new experience, and among the back-lane wineries of Napa, there are still discoveries to be made. Tilar J. Mazzeo reveals a different side of the valleyâ "a place thatâ™s vibrant, young, and far more accessible and friendly than you might assume. In addition to the profiles of more than seventy wineries, there are Wine Tasting Essentials, Wine Shipping Services, an overview of the area, ideas about how to plan an itinerary, the etiquette of tasting, general prices, and much more practical information. There are also restaurant suggestions and local attractions that can be worked into an itinerary spontaneously.

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Tilar Mazzeo's "Back lane wineries of Napa" is a great book for a specific audience: true wine lovers who are visiting Napa Valley, are not bothered by wines costing \$30 a bottle or more, and who want to have individualized, hands-on engagement with small producers instead of the mass-producing wineries. If that description fits you, then it's a must buy -- finding a single great experience is well worth the cost of the book. The format of the book is 1-3 small-sized pages per winery, with a description of the winery's history, the winemakers and/or owners (most often the same), and the

style of wines they produce. It describes what is unique to each winery: the location, the wine style, or the story behind it. Mazzeo also profiles a few of the wines and the price range for each winery, so you generally know what to expect ahead of time before making an appointment. It makes no pretense of being complete, and instead selects a few dozen interesting and unique places. As for the wineries, they are all small, mostly family-owned and operated, and mostly produce 500-3000 cases production a year. These are wines that are nearly impossible to purchase except directly from the winery. By comparison, the larger Napa producers make 100,000 or even 1,000,000+ cases per year ... which are the ones available in grocery stores, national distribution, restaurant lists, etc. The producers in this book are doing things very differently. The primary "catch" to these wineries is that visiting them almost always requires setting up an appointment for an individual tasting of a hour or two. These are not places where you can drop in along the course of a day of winery hopping; you're expected to seek them out and to visit because of a genuine interest to learn about them.

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