



Stay at Home this Summer

Stay at Home Vacations: Newest Trend

Have you ever felt that to get your money's worth from your vacation you had to constantly stay busy and see everything? Having a stay at home vacation (stay-cation) gives you the freedom to do whatever you choose.

Unlike conventional vacations, after a staycation you will return to work refreshed and with a positive outlook. Staying at home for a vacation can be enormously restorative and transformative and fits much, much better into a lot of people's schedules and budgets.

If you do decide to skip travel for a staycation, it's easy to fall into sloth mode. So experts advise treating it similarly to a regular vacation, and that includes making plans.

It is so easy to just wake up and watch TV or be stuck glued to the computer all day, but if you force yourself to get out, you might find that you don't want to go back inside. That means setting guidelines or boundaries for yourself; if you want to do nothing for a week, that's OK, but it should be a choice.

Staying productive can actually help you refresh and recharge yourself. Too much downtime can actually drain energy.

Being close to home probably means you'll have e-mail access and you're physically close to work. But just because you can check your e-mail or scroll through your BlackBerry doesn't mean you should.

Staycation Tips

- Become a tourist inside or near your own home. Stay in a nearby hotel. Tell them you're a local, and they may give you a discount so that you'll recommend them to visiting friends or relatives
- Consult guidebooks to find nearby hot spots that you might be unfamiliar with.
- Try out new restaurants that you would normally over look.
- Browse your local paper and the internet to identify when the best cultural opportunities and events are happening.
- Treat yourself with a luxurious gift basket or delicious bottle of wine.

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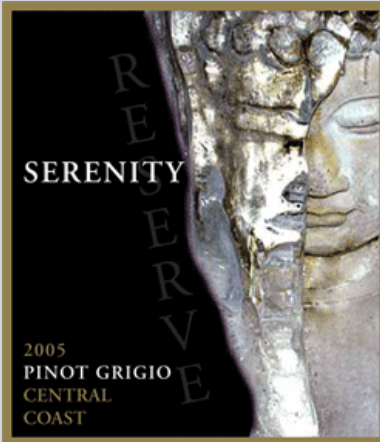


The Grape Vine

Classic Wine Club Selections



Serenity Vineyards



Serenity Vineyards began as the brainchild of David Willey, a wine lover with experience in both the restaurant and wine industries, who pursued his dream of putting his own wine in the bottle. In 2003, David released the first vintage of Serenity Vineyards wines.

It is the job of Winemaker Alison Crowe to put David's vision in each bottle. She spends hours in the vineyards, scouting out the blocks and rows and checking on the developing color and flavors of the grapes. She and David discuss every step of the winemaking process, from when to pick to what kind of fermentation process to use. Alison's goal is to make balanced wines that are true reflections of the vineyards from which they come. Starting with great fruit allows them to capture the essence of the season in every bottle

Serenity Vineyards won't mask the fruit with a lot of oak or malolactic fermentation effects. They believe strongly in letting the vineyard speak.

Making wines with a sense of place that are grounded solidly in the vineyard remains a central winemaking philosophy for Serenity Vineyards. The face of Buddha on the label is a photograph of a statue in David's garden. The statue sits year-round in the serene and reflective Earth Touching position. Always true to the soul of the soil, Serenity Vineyard wines allow others to share in the secrets of California's Central Coast.

'05 Pinot Grigio, Central Coast

Fresh and fragrant with aromas of grapefruit and white flowers, Serenity Pinot Grigio enlightens the palate with exuberant flavors of pineapple, figs and stone fruit, finishing long dry and juicy.

'05 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles

This sophisticated yet modern Cabernet Sauvignon is a rich, dense wine. Enjoy immediate pleasure with soft tannins that provide a rich satisfying mouthfeel. Warm black cherry and cassis fruit enlighten the palate while complex notes of tobacco and spice offer delicious intrigue.

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Baxter Winery

In 2002 the Baxter Winery was created to highlight the very best in North Coast viticulture, focusing on Mendocino and Napa counties. They have sought out the finest expressions of site for each specific varietal they produce. Each of their vineyard sources are unique and take great pride in tending their crop which shows in the intensity of character in the finished wines. Their philosophy of producing only single vineyard wines comes from a deep respect for terroir and desire to make distinctive wines.

They employ old world techniques at the winery to ensure that the wines remain natural and expressive, not over manipulated. By using indigenous yeast they are confident that the flavors imparted to the wine are also true to site. After destemming, all their wines are fermented whole berry in small open-top containers and punched down by hand before being drained and pressed gently in a basket press. The wines are then aged in French oak barrels for 18 to 30 months, depending on the wine, then finished unfiltered and unfiltered whenever possible. Their wines are personally guided from vine to bottle guaranteeing the highest quality and expression possible from each vineyard. Enjoy!

'02 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Fedele Vineyard

Ink-dark Bordeaux-style California Cabernet with dark lush fruit, cherry, rutherford dust and sharp tannins. Nose is slightly musty with soft fragrant black cherry. Lush, opulent, and brimming with round dusty tannins typical of this world famous appellation.

'03 Merlot, Napa Valley

Rodger's Vineyard

Good deep red. Intriguing nose melds red currant, iron, spices and nutty oak. Sweet, lush and suave, with a slightly high-toned character to its berry and oak spice flavors. You will find medicinal nuances and an exotic suggestion to this fine-grained, varietally accurate Merlot. Finishes with a lively juicy character and firm tannins.

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