



## Wine Discovery Series

Meadowood is delighted to offer regular wine experiences on property through the wine discovery series. Please inquire with your guest services representative for a schedule, pricing and additional details on each topic.

### WEEKLY WINE CHAT

Join us for an informal gathering designed with Members of Meadowood in mind but open also to guests of the hotel. Each week's theme is determined by our resident sommeliers. Gather around the table with us and our Members, many of whom are actually Napa Valley vintners, to discover new wines and learn the stories behind them in a casual, interactive setting.

### APPELLATION FOCUS

During each session we will focus on three of Napa Valley's 16 AVAs. We'll taste wines from each sub-appellation and discuss leading producers in each area. The focus will be on identifying the key aspects of the landscape and microclimates that create the specific delineated terroir of each AVA.

### TASTE LIKE A SOMMELIER

Learn how to critically evaluate wines the way professionals do by analyzing the visual, flavor and structural elements to assess the quality and typicity of a wine. We will look at classically styled wines from around the world to determine benchmarks against which tasters can compare new wines. Learn how decisions made in the vineyard and in the winery affect the flavors of the wine. By learning the insider secrets of tasting you can demystify wine and make informed, confident buying decisions.

### OUTSIDE THE LINES

There is more to Napa Valley wines than Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. This session is an introduction to off-the-beaten-path wineries innovating with grapes that are beyond the familiar varieties. From Northern Italian whites to Rhône reds this is a chance to discover amazing small production wines, many of which you will only find here in the Valley.

# Private Tasting Opportunities

## NAPA VALLEY WELCOME

*30 minutes, \$50 per guest*

A perfect way to begin your stay, we invite you to enjoy this brief orientation to the wines and regions of Napa Valley. Taste wines from the Valley's most renowned varieties and get the lay of the land. This is your opportunity to get one-on-one advice from one of our resident sommeliers that will help you maximize your Napa Valley experience. It's a quick and fun way to get your bearings while enjoying some delicious wines.

## UNDERSTANDING & ENJOYING WINE

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

This program is designed for those looking to begin their exploration of wine. Allow us to offer an introduction to: grape growing, grape varieties, winemaking, wine tasting, reading wine labels, wine storage and wine service.

## EXPLORING NAPA VALLEY

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

After beginning with an overview of California and Napa Valley's history, geography, climate and winegrowing regions this session continues with a tasting illustrating the diversity of Napa Valley wines, including a flight of varieties from different appellations.

## NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

This tasting is designed for guests with a passion for Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. We'll highlight diversity of Cabernet Sauvignons produced in various Napa Valley appellations by contrasting districts such as Rutherford, Oakville and Stag's Leap to mountain areas such as Spring Mountain, Howell Mountain and Diamond Mountain.



## WINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

An overview of the history of the fermented grape, this program exposes guests to the benchmark wines of the world from France, Germany, Italy and the New World including the role of Napa Valley as one of the world's premiere regions. Learn to differentiate 'Old World' from 'New World' styles and learn the iconic producers from around the world.



## NAPA VALLEY VS. THE WORLD

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

During this session we will make head-to-head comparisons of benchmark grapes around the world and the Napa Valley's interpretations of each. Through tasting these wines side-by-side you'll be able to see how climate, soil and winemaking philosophies and techniques alter these classic grapes.

## FOOD & WINE PAIRING THEORY

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

What are the key factors to matching wine and food and what are the 'rules of thumb' that no longer apply with modern cuisine? Learn various techniques for matching the flavor and textural elements of foods with beverages to confidently enhance the flavors of both. Our resident sommelier can show you simple guidelines to make it work along with more subtle techniques to accent a special wine or meal.

## SENSORY EVALUATION

*60 minutes, \$100 per guest*

Train your palate by matching specific flavors often found in wines to the wines themselves. Learn specific flavor profiles associated with popular varieties and also those added by common winemaking techniques, such as barrel aging in oak.

## Wine Excursions



Spend the day with our resident sommeliers as they introduce you to some of Napa's most exciting 'hidden gem' wineries. Take advantage of our expertise to enjoy special insider access and discover new favorites. By the end of your day, you will have a new understanding and appreciation for the Napa Valley and its wines.

Half-Day Excursion *10:00 am to 2:00 pm; \$660 including a driver and winery fees*

Full-Day Excursion *10:00 am to 4:00 pm; \$940 including lunch, a driver and winery fees*



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