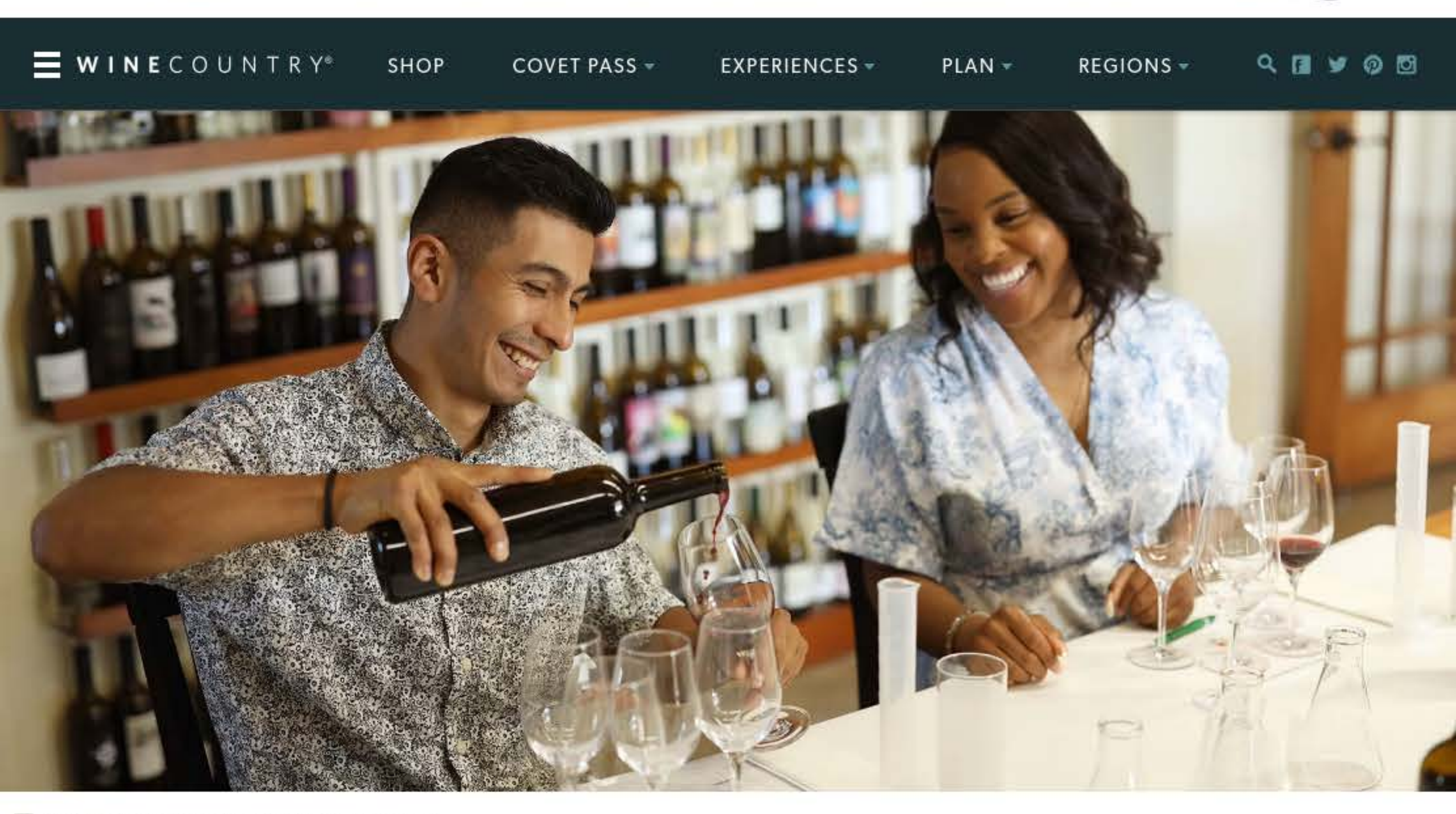

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Our Top WineCountry Experiences to Explore Now

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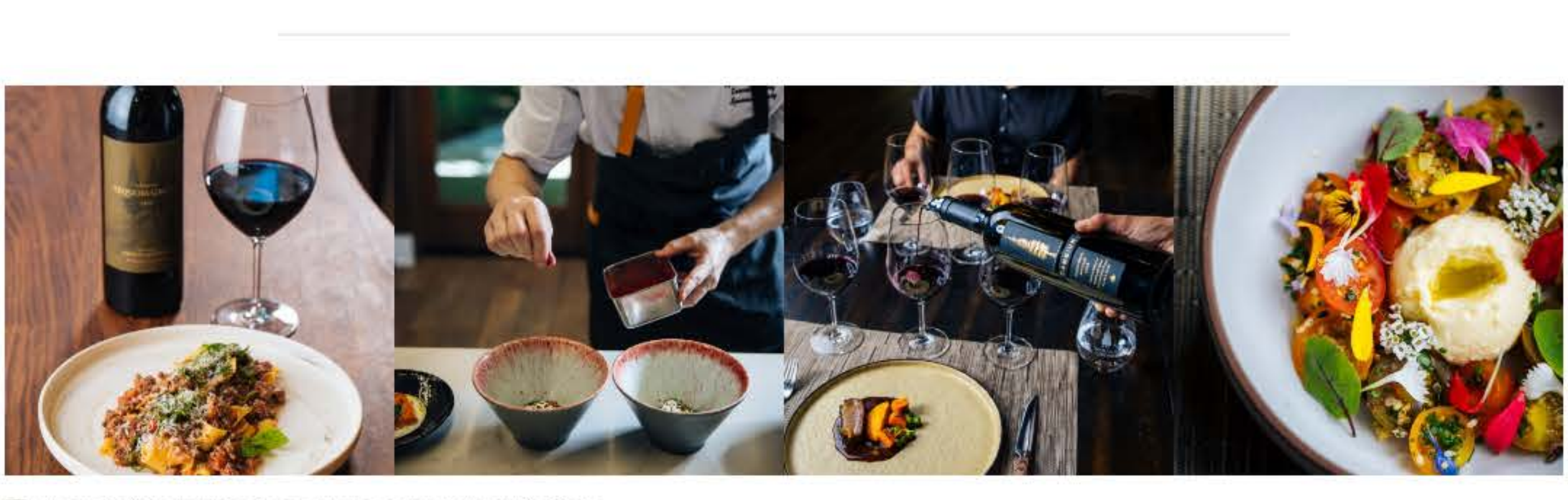
Did you know there's a world of wine tasting experiences waiting just for you? Meet WineCountry Experiences—a curated collection of exclusive tastings, gourmet pairings, and behind-the-scenes tours in top regions like Napa, Sonoma, and Willamette Valley. Perfect for connoisseurs and curious newbies alike, these experiences uncover hidden gems and bring you closer to the heart of Wine Country.

Start exploring our favorite WineCountry Experiences, featuring wine tours, culinary adventures, exclusive offers, and gift-worthy experiences perfect for any occasion. Whether you're gathering friends for a memorable afternoon or are looking to treat your plus one to a fabulous wine experience, the perfect WineCountry Experience awaits!



A Taste for Cabernet Experience, Photos courtesy of Sequoia Grove

Food & Wine-Focused

Nothing pairs better with wine than delicious, chef-curated bites. Each of these unique experiences focuses on the marriage of food and wine throughout Napa and Sonoma.

A Taste for Cabernet: 4-Course Pairing Experience

Cab lovers rejoice—this four-course pairing experience at Sequoia Grove Winery highlights just how versatile Cabernet Sauvignon can be. This private experience combines seasonal dishes that highlight the vineyard's terroir with their best wines, including their Reserve Cabernet, making for a special afternoon.

Winemaker Private Cellar Luncheon

Sip rare, natural wines paired with a five-course lunch hosted by Williamson Wines' Bill Williamson. This is a one-of-a-kind chance to pick a Sonoma winemaker's brain and learn about the intricacies of the process, surrounded by gorgeous Dry Creek Valley scenery.

Nightwing Food & Wine Experience

Journey through the wines of MacRostie's Nightwing Estate Vineyard—a rugged, windswept vineyard dedicated to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Each wine, rated 90+ points by top critics, is thoughtfully paired with caviar, local cheeses, and artisanal cured meats to highlight its distinct character. To round it out, you'll enjoy a barrel tasting of a future vintage.

Estate Picnic & Tasting

Soak up the season with a private tasting of Merryvale's flagship wine, high above St. Helena at the stunning Profile Estate. Perched 800 feet up, this hidden gem offers sweeping valley views, a guided vineyard walk, and a vertical tasting of Profile paired with a seasonal picnic on the deck. A true warm-weather indulgence.

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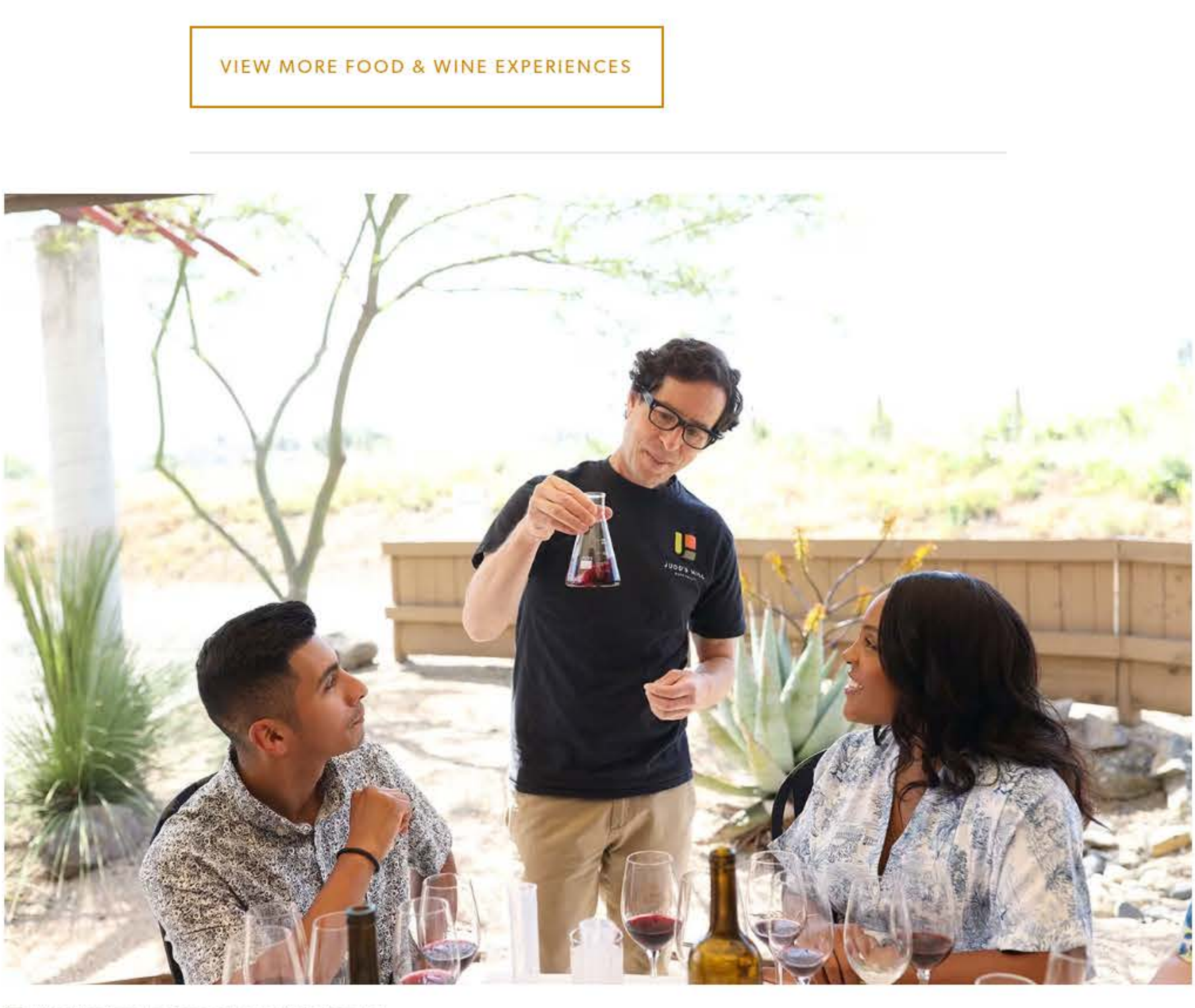

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Step into the World of Winemaking

Whether you're unraveling the nuances of a single varietal or mastering the art of blending, WineCountry Experiences opens the door to wine education with ease. Get ready to explore the world of wine—one swirl, sip, and story at a time.

Bottle Blending Day Camp

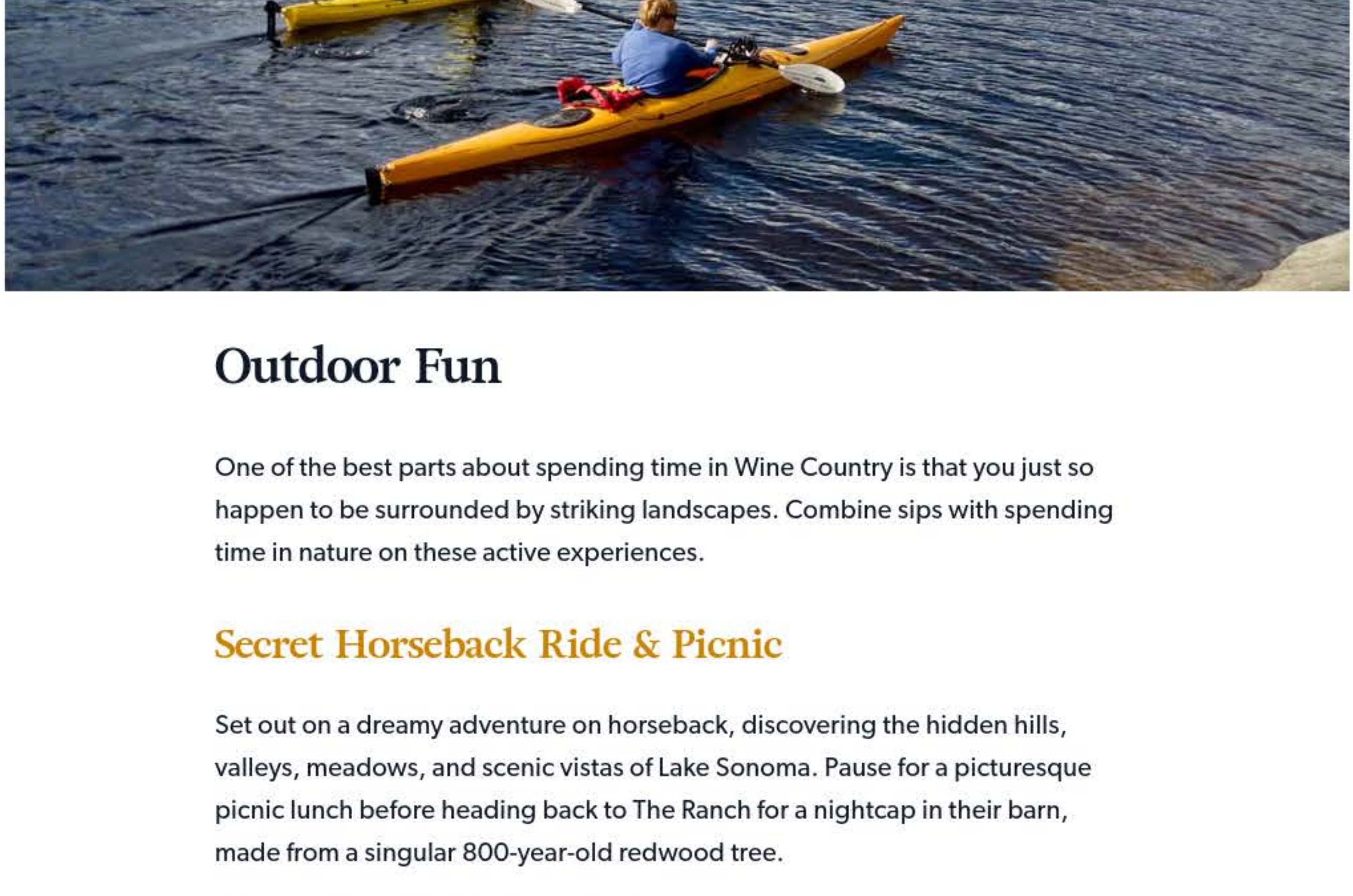
Channel your inner winemaker during this fun bottle blending camp at Judd's Hill Winery. This interactive experience will find you crafting your own blend—a personalized bottle you'll get to take home with you.

Past and Future Library Wines & Barrel Tasting

Dive into the heart of Markham's winemaking legacy with this exclusive Merlot and Cabernet-focused tasting. Explore rare Library selections alongside fresh new releases—a unique peek into the winery's past and future.

Merlot Mastery Experience

Merlot lovers, take note—this elevated tasting explores top bottlings from Napa, Bordeaux, and Bolgheri. After a tour of the scenic Sullivan Rutherford estate, settle into the historic Sullivan residence for a flight of three standout Merlots and a rare library pour of the J.O. Sullivan Founder's Reserve.



Outdoor Fun

One of the best parts about spending time in Wine Country is that you just so happen to be surrounded by striking landscapes. Combine sips with spending time in nature on these active experiences.

Secret Horseback Ride & Picnic

Set out on a dreamy adventure on horseback, discovering the hidden hills, valleys, meadows, and scenic vistas of Lake Sonoma. Pause for a picturesque picnic lunch before heading back to The Ranch for a nightcap in their barn, made from a singular 800-year-old redwood tree.

Taste, Paddle & Peddle Tour

Tranquility meets adventure on this unforgettable Getaway Adventures tour through the Green Valley region of the Russian River Valley. It all starts with a guided bike ride along winding scenic roads, with a stop for wine tasting and an artisanal picnic lunch. Cap off the experience by paddling down the peaceful Russian River, with plenty of opportunities for a refreshing swim along the way.

Cycle, Sip N Smile in Calistoga

There's no better way to explore Napa Valley than with your own set of wheels—two wheels, to be precise. Cruise between Calistoga wineries by bike, stopping in between for a Wine Country picnic and beautiful views.

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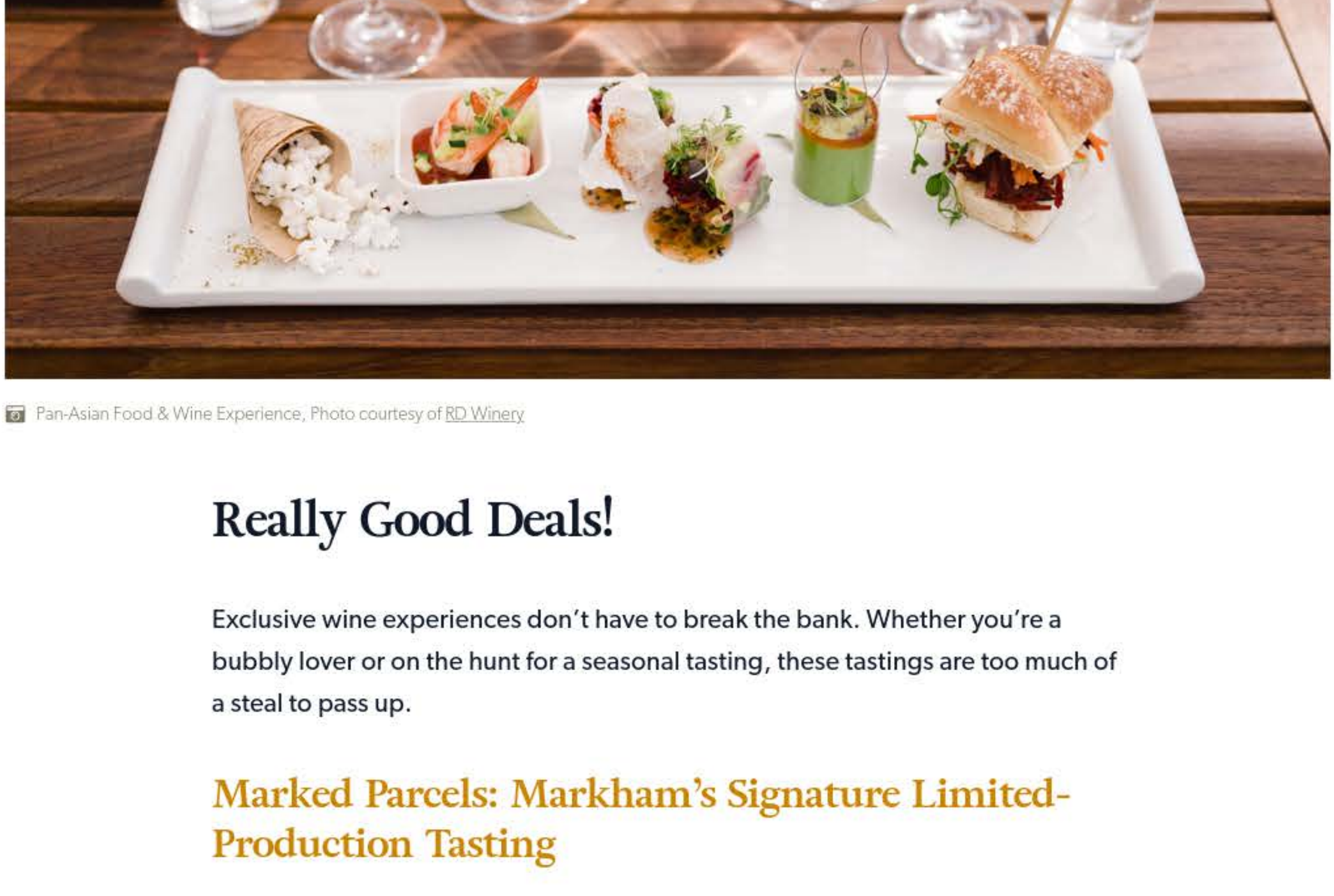

Pan-Asian Food & Wine Experience, Photo courtesy of RD Winery

Really Good Deals!

Exclusive wine experiences don't have to break the bank. Whether you're a bubbly lover or on the hunt for a seasonal tasting, these tastings are too much of a steal to pass up.

Marked Parcels: Markham's Signature Limited-Production Tasting

Every year, the esteemed winemaker at Markham Vineyards reserves wine made from specific vineyard blocks for their much-sought-after tasting experience, Marked Parcels. This sampling of limited-production wines is an absolute steal at just $55.

Napa's Only Pan-Asian Food & Wine Experience

Pan-Asian food might not spring to mind as the best cuisine to pair with wine, but the unique varietals at RD Winery, like Gamay Noir, go perfectly with zingy dishes like hoisin pulled pork sliders. While this experience is a bit pricier at $85, it's well worth the splurge for the sheer amount of delicious food and unique wines you'll be treated to.

The Tasting House Experience at Argyle Winery

Argyle Winery is the place to taste bubbly in Oregon. Sip a flight of sparkling wine—or still for those who aren't a fan of bubbles—for just $45 in their contemporary tasting room or on the shady patio.

And, if you are heading to Oregon, from the Willamette Valley's top wineries to visit to the best places to stay in Oregon, we'll help you plan the perfect getaway to Oregon Wine Country.

Conclusion

Whether you're seeking an immersive culinary experience, educational wine tasting, or simply a relaxing day surrounded by beautiful scenery, these exceptional experiences showcase what makes each wine region so special. We can't wait for you to savor all that Wine Country has to offer.

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