

THE FRENCH LAUNDRY

French Laundry's Sommelier Keith Fergel Divulges His Ten Favorite Winery Stops

If You Had To Pick Just One: Vintner's Collective

"Napa's new food, wine, and art museum Copia has attracted a host of new restaurants, wine shops and tasting rooms for boutique wineries to the downtown Napa area. But the greatest addition for people longing to taste the wines from small and unknown wineries is a tasting room on Main Street that houses the new Vintner's Collective. It's housed in a historic stone building and offers a range of outstanding wines. Don't miss the wines from Patz and Hall, Judd's Hill, Melka, and Mason and don't expect any frills or breathtaking valley views. It's all about great wine here. No appointment necessary. "

www.vintnerscollective.com .

Keith's other nine favorites wineries

2. Best for Cabernet: Joseph Phelps
3. Best for Chardonnay: Vine Cliff
4. Best Value: Sawyer Cellars
5. Most Romantic: Domaine Chandon
6. If You Want to Relax, Have a Glass of Wine, and Admire the Valley: Mumm
7. Best Winery for a Picnic: Pride Mountain Vineyards
8. If You Usually Drink French: Robert Sinskey Vineyards
9. Educational: Sterling Vineyards
10. Best Small and Undiscovered Winery: Barnett Vineyards