



Three Things to Do in Wine Country in October

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I love the cool climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines of [Monterey](#). A great place to stay that's close to village of Carmel, tasting rooms and wineries would be in the newly opened Oak Grove suites at [Carmel Valley Ranch](#).



Photo courtesy Carmel Valley Ranch

These cozy one-bedroom suites feel spacious with nearly half the 700 square feet in patio space. With the outdoor fireplace and soaking tub, you'll want to spend all your time outside enjoying the view. The willow walls and upholstered swing bench were made by local craftsmen.

At the 500 acre ranch, explore the meadows, oak chaparral and towering redwoods of Carmel Valley with their escorted equestrian trail rides, one of the unique experiences you'll find staying in [Monterey Wine Country](#). [Carmel Valley Ranch](#), One Old Ranch Road, Carmel.

For a collective Monterey wine experience in a single location, drive further inland to the Santa Lucia Highlands, where the [Monterey County Vintners & Growers](#) Celebrate Harvest with a wine tasting event (\$65 pp) replete with grape stomping and pumpkin carving. The event will be held at Paraiso Vineyards on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 3-6 p.m.