



MERITAGE RESORT

MAKING MEMORIES AT MERITAGE

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Napa Valley has long been the destination for wine lovers and connoisseurs of luxury. Home to more than 500 wineries, the first grapes grown in Napa date back to the mid-nineteenth century, but commercial production of grapes didn't begin till the mid twentieth century. Napa was catapulted into the limelight on the world wine stage when a Napa Valley Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon won top honors in the Paris Wine Tasting of 1976 in a blind tasting format.



VINEYARD DECK



GRAND RESERVE SUITE LIVING ROOM

BALCONY VIEW



CHAIRMAN SUITE BEDROOM



PICNIC



WHERE TO EAT + STAY + PLAY



SPA

Featuring a full resort calendar with family-friendly activities, you have no need to leave the grounds. Yoga, Vineyard hikes, painting and cooking classes oh my. In the summer they feature the Blue Note Concert Series where the balcony rooms of the Grand Reserve have a front row seat. Think sitting on your balcony in your bathrobe, wine glass in hand and enjoying a live performance. In the winter, the same space is converted into a winter wonderland, complete with ice skating rink and the largest tree lighting in the area. This event typically features a celebrity keynote speaker and attracts thousands of people for an evening of fun while showcasing local businesses, nonprofits and youth performance groups.

Need to explore? The Meritage offers a free shuttle service to downtown Napa where an eclectic collection of restaurants, tasting rooms and elegant shops beckon. Another iconic experience that dates back to the mid twentieth century is the Napa Valley Wine Train. This luxurious train experience has the complete package with charcuterie, welcome sparkling wine and a full wine and cocktail menu to choose from, complete with a gourmet 3-course meal.

AH SPA

No trip to the Meritage can be complete without a visit to Spa Terra. The purchase of any treatment comes with unlimited access to the jacuzzi, sauna and Serenity Lounge and includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine to set the mood. This spa is built 40 feet under the vineyard and emanates a very special energy. If you go, be sure to ask a spa attendant to take you to the Sound Experience, a location in the Spa with a tile compass on the ground. When standing on the compass, make a sound – any sound, and you will experience a deep sensation of your own sound – think like a sound bath vibration. This can only be had while standing on the compass. Step off the compass and sing – while you’ll sound lovely, the space won’t sing back to you. >>

While there’s no shortage of bed and breakfasts, hotels, and resorts in Napa Valley and the surrounding area, consider dog-friendly 322-room Meritage Resort and Spa and its luxurious sister resort on the same campus, the 145-room Grand Reserve at the Meritage, situated below the iconic Grape Crusher sculpture, which holds pride of place as the beacon of Napa Valley.

The Grand Reserve offers complimentary champagne on arrival, a welcome bottle of on-property vineyard Trinitas wine and other bespoke amenities. It also offers incredible views of the Village Garden, the host location for concerts and other family friendly amenities throughout the year.



WINE CAVE



TRINITAS CELLARS

SIP & SAVOR

The Meritage features a host of tasting and dining options right on property. Trinitas Cellars known for its Chardonnay and Cabernet features the resort’s signature winery using grapes right on the property.

Gen7 and Anarchist are two additional tasting spaces featuring bold wines and eclectic artwork and unusual varietals.

Meritage offers an assorted selection of dining options; from coffee and pastries to rustic Italian food made with locally sourced ingredients, from a more robust Napa Valley culinary experience to grab and go and complete in room dining, there’s something for everyone.

Looking for sports entertainment? The Meritage has that too – check out the Crush Lounge. Complete with 6 lanes of bowling, this is not your average bowling alley. Featuring craft cocktails and American cuisine, this is the perfect place to watch the game or get your own game on.

A bonus to the Meritage experience is their commitment to the community, partnering with organizations like Boys and Girls Clubs, Toys for Tots, Always Dream Foundation, Leaven Kids among others. Pride of ownership is evident in this private family-owned resort. The hospitality harkens back to an old-school experience. Luxury and amenities aside, it is the feel-good sensation that will stay with you long after you leave the Meritage. ❖



GEN7



CRUSH LOUNGE