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**MATANZAS CREEK WINERY LAUNCHES SELF-GUIDED VINEYARD TOUR**

This walking adventure teaches guests about winemaking from vine to glass

SANTA ROSA, Calif. - Matanzas Creek Winery recently introduced a new self-guided vineyard tour to show guests the agricultural side of winemaking. This walk among the vines allows wine lovers to see the different stages of grape-growing throughout the year, learn about sustainable farming practices and experience the natural beauty of the Matanzas Creek property.

The tour begins in the tasting room, where visitors check in and receive a map and a detailed guide with points of interest marked along the way. Stops include a block of merlot grapes grown for Matanzas Creek's popular Bennett Valley Merlot, a training vineyard with vines at a very young stage of development and the winery's breathtaking lavender field, which has 4,500 individual lavender plantings. The walk is less than a mile in length and is designed for all ages and levels of wine experience.

Guests may participate in the vineyard tour daily during the tasting room hours of 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The walk is complimentary, but a \$5 tasting fee - which includes samples of 4-6 wines served at the end of the walking tour - will apply. No reservation is required, and you must be 21 or older to taste wine.

The vineyard tour is part of the Sonoma Vineyard Adventures program, which was developed by the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission. To learn more, visit [www.sonomavineyardadventures.com](http://www.sonomavineyardadventures.com).

Matanzas Creek Winery is located at 6097 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa, about an hour north of San Francisco. The winery is known for its crisp sauvignon blancs, luxurious chardonnays and fruity, earthy merlots. For more information, visit [www.matanzascreek.com](http://www.matanzascreek.com) or call (800) 590-6464.