

Vineyard	Wines	Wine	Exper	Purchase(s)	Comments
Chalone	Chards, Pinots	★★½	★★½	2013 Estate Grenache 2103 Estate Pinot – Magnum	Located in the middle of nowhere – almost to West entrance of Pinnacles National Park. Used to be large winery, but “went boutique” with new owners. Whites weren’t very good, but Pinots and the Grenache were nice. Great view and deck from tasting room.
Wrath	Chards, Pinots	★★★★	★★★★	2014 3 Clone Chardonnay – Qty 2 2015 Tondré Pinot 2014 KW Ranch 2015 115/667 Pinot 2015 Pommard 4/777 Pinot	Simply awesome Pinots. We tasted 7 different Pinots and had a hard time limiting our purchase to just four. Each one was unique and outstanding. The Chardonnay was arguably the best that we’ve had in California so far (including Paso) – reminiscent of the very best of Chalk Hill, Robert Young, and Martinelli. The icing on the cake was our host poured a gratis glass of the chard and sent us onto their deck to sip while overlooking the Salinas valley vineyards. Wine heaven.
Odonata	Whites, reds	★★	★★	2014 Machado Creek Petite Sirah 2017 River Skimmer Viognier	Near Wrath on the west side of the Salinas valley near Soledad. Small but comfortable tasting room in their production building – it reminded me of up-and-coming Finger Lakes wineries. Very knowledgeable server with good, relatively inexpensive, but not great wines. They had a couple of Rieslings (one of which was sparkling) that weren’t very good. We bought the best of what we tasted.
De Tierra	Chard, Pinots	★★★★	★★★★	2016 Rosé 2015 Five by Five blend 2014 Russell Estate Pinot	Nice tasting room in the middle of Carmel. Very knowledgeable server who poured us almost everything they had. The Five by Five blend (consisted of 5 different grapes) that was very good. The whites were uber crisp and would pair nicely with grilled tractor tire.
Folktale	Chard, Pinot, blends	★★★★	★★★★½	2015 Estate Pinot 2016 La Mistral Joseph’s Blend	The most unusual of all the tasting rooms we visited in Paso or the Central Coast. The facility is essential an outdoor adult play ground with lawn games and a large restaurant size patio with tables and couches. The pour half glasses, sell quality food, and encourage to stay for a while. Wines were interesting with some unfiltered blends. It used to be a 100K+ cases until new owner took it over a few years ago. He turned it into a boutique winery with something less than 15K cases. We were tasting the first 2 years of their “new” wines.

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Restaurant	Location	Meal	Food	Exper	Comments
Cork and Plough	King City	Dinner	★★	★★	Had favorable reviews on Trip Advisor and was advertised as the best that the Greenfield area had to offer. The food and service were mediocre at best. We waited forever for our server to arrive, but she apparently made up for it by delivering our dinner nearly simultaneously with our appetizer. Cold food and lousy wine. Don't put this one on your list.
Mission Ranch	Carmel-by-the-Sea	Dinner	★★★½	★★★½	The place is set in a great location – overlooking both a sheep pasture and the Pacific Ocean. We were forced to listen to an excellent jazz piano player while waiting for a table. We ate outside (with the great view) on a perfect night and had a great bottle of Wrath Pinot that was to die for. The service and the dinner were outstanding. The hotel and restaurant are still owned by Clint Eastwood.

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