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Agriculture is Monterey County's No. 1 industry. The fertile Salinas Valley is now the Salad Bowl of the World. Blessed with a long growing season, the Valley produces much of the world's lettuce, broccoli, spinach, strawberries and other foods.

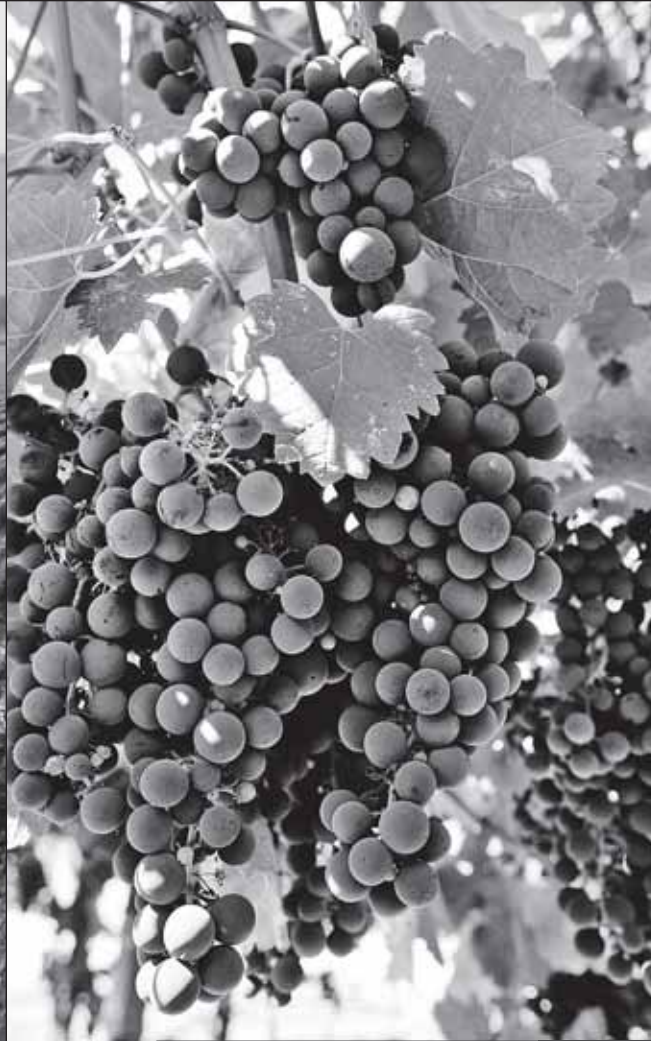


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In the past 25 years, winegrapes and wine have become part of Monterey County's agricultural quilt and have led, in part, to an acceleration of a spin-off industry, ag tourism, featuring vineyard and wine-tasting tours.

stop and sip

Some Monterey County and Salinas Valley wine-tasting rooms:

CARMEL VALLEY AREA

- **Bernardus:** 5W Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, 659-1900.
- **Chateau Julien:** 8940 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 624-2600.
- **Heller Estate/Durney Vineyards:** 69W Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village, 659-6220.
- **Ventana Vineyard and tasting room:** 2999 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Monterey, 372-7415.

MONTEREY AREA

- **A Taste of Monterey No. 1 tasting room:** 700 Cannery Row, Monterey, 646-5446.
- **Baywood Cellars:** 381 Cannery Row, Monterey, 645-9035.
- **Bargetto Winery:** 700 Cannery Row, Monterey, 373-4035.
- **Culinary Center of Monterey:** 625 Cannery Row, Monterey, 333-2133.

SALINAS VALLEY

- **A Taste of Monterey No. 2 tasting room,** 127 Main St., Salinas, 646-5446.
- **Cloninger Cellars Vineyards and tasting room,** 1645 River Road, Salinas, 675-9463.
- **Hahn Estates tasting room,** 37700 Foothill Road, Soledad, 678-2132.
- **Blackstone Vineyards and tasting room,** 800 S. Alta St., Gonzales, 675-2481.
- **Scheid Vineyards and tasting room,** 1972 Hobson St., Greenfield, 386-0316.