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# NORTH OF THE CITY

FROM GLAMPING IN GUERNEVILLE TO DRESSAGE IN NICASIO, TIPS FOR LIVING THE GOOD LIFE ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE GOLDEN GATE.

## Eat

### BEER GARDEN

**Brewsters Beer Garden**  
229 Water St. N. (near E. Washington St.), Petaluma, 707-981-8330

Petaluma just boosted the North Bay's brew pub scene with a beer garden that doesn't cater exclusively to beer geeks. Brewsters offers innovative beer beverages like Maui coconut porter infused with nitro cold-brew coffee. The menu has barbecue and 30 local craft beers, but also salads and wine and cocktails. There's a bocce court, a fire pit, live music, and a playground. **Runner-up:** Hop-Monk Tavern, multiple locations



Single Thread Farms

### SPLURGE RESTAURANT

**Single Thread Farms**  
131 North St. (at Center St.), Healdsburg, 707-723-4646

Set aside an entire night for the dining experience at the new Single Thread Farms (about \$300 per person). The evening starts at the rooftop gardens for an aperitif, then moves down to the (fancy) living room-inspired dining area for an 11-course set meal. Expect dishes like Japanese tagine with scallions, leeks, and black cod, or beef strips cooked over eucalyptus bark. **Runner-up:** the Restaurant at Meadowood, St. Helena

### BRUNCH

**Sam's Social Club**  
1712 Lincoln Ave. (near Brannan St.), Calistoga, 707-942-4969  
Since opening two years ago, Sam's has become a favorite brunch spot for Napa winemakers and chefs. Dishes include thin-crust pizza with an egg and Calabrian chili cream; a geyser-fed water feature bubbles on the sprawling, sunny terrace, and low-slung chairs around fire pits are perfect for foggy mornings. **Runner-up:** Bar Bocce, Sausalito

### WINERY PICNIC

**Liana Estates**  
2750 Las Amigas Rd. (near Duhig Rd.), Napa, 707-302-1160

One of Napa's newest wineries, Liana Estates makes vineyard picnicking easy. The 100-acre rustic-chic winery is tucked off Highway 12 in easy-to-overlook southern Carneros Valley, which offers views of San Pablo Bay. Its popular picnic program (\$120 per person) arranges spreads with ingredients sourced from its neighbors, including deviled farm eggs from nearby Las Amigas, artisan cheeses and charcuterie, seasonal bruschetta, and housemade olives. For dessert, there's a special cupcake pairing. **Runner-up:** Ram's Gate Winery, Sonoma

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### JUICE SHOP

**The Nectary**  
6760 McKinley St. (at Laguna Park Way), No. 1st, Sebastopol, 707-829-2697  
After 20 years in the vegan food and herbal wellness industry, owner Gia Baiocchi opened the Nectary, the place to go in Sebastopol if you want an enzyme-rich wellness shot or a superfood latte. Drinks include the Golden Mylk Latte, made with cold-pressed turmeric, ginger juice, housemade cashew milk, and honey, and the Hardcore, an alkalizing blend of local kale, chard, cucumber, celery, ginger, parsley, and lemon. **Runner-up:** Juice Alley, Larkspur



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### GROUP DINING

**Two Birds/One Stone**  
3020 St. Helena Hwy. (near Byrd Hill Ln), St. Helena, 707-302-3777

Two Birds/One Stone, inside an iconic stone Napa County building, features yukitori with a California twist. Small plates like silken tofu garnished with sea grapes (\$11) or savory Japanese pancakes with green onion and sambal mayo (\$16) complement cocktails that use ingredients like Japanese plum liqueur. Big tables with comfy couch seating are perfect for communal dining. **Runner-up:** Terrapin Crossroads, San Rafael

## Shop

### BOOKSTORE

**Point Reyes Books**  
11315 Hwy. 1, Point Reyes Station, 415-663-1542  
The new owners of this beloved Point Reyes Station new and used bookstore, two Green Apple Books alums, have preserved its quirky spirit. There's a hefty section devoted to local authors, chandeliers and books dangle from the ceiling, and the front is crammed with kitschy gifts for bibliophiles like matchbooks illustrated with famous book covers. It also hosts readings by authors like