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Santa Barbara Wine Route: 10 Spots to Sip and Savor

Alma Rosa winemaker Samra Morris shares the Santa Barbara County hot spots that remind her of home.



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[Santa Barbara](#) reminds Alma Rosa winemaker Samra Morris of her childhood in Bosnia. “The marine influence on the vines of the [Sta. Rita Hills](#) allows me to make wines that remind me of the coastal Old World wines I grew up drinking—with minerality, lots of acidity, and a distinct salinity,” she said.

There’s plenty to do in the region, from a visit to Old Mission Santa Barbara to a dive into Lake Cachuma. You could also head to Butterfly or Tajiguas beaches in Montecito.

“Any visit to Santa Barbara wine country should include a seated [tasting](#) at the [Alma Rosa Ranch House](#),” Morris says, “where you can experience our breathtaking 628-acre estate tucked in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills firsthand while tasting our top wines.”

Here, Morris shares her favorite spots to stop in and around the beachside region.

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“We offer the option to book a guided walking tour of the vineyards with your tasting and I would encourage visitors to do so. [Our estate](#) is vast and encompasses a variety of elevations and terrains—the views are simply stunning.”