

Must-Have Organic Wines from Northern California

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California has an abundance of exceptional wines, and discovering new favorites is an exciting mission. Sommeliers and wine enthusiasts worldwide are inspired by wines that showcase distinct characteristics in a subtle and refined manner. This piece focuses on my selection of the highest-quality organic wines from six wineries in Northern California—they are a must-try for any wine lover.



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Hamel Family Wines, a family-owned winery, is known for its commitment to organic farming. They produce small-batch wines using premium fruit grown in Sonoma Valley and Moon Mountain District Estate Vineyards. It all started in the early 2000s when Pamela and George Hamel, Jr. planted grapes behind their home in Sonoma. The couple is still at the helm and has a dedicated and intensively qualified team keeping their vision alive.



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The 2018 Isthmus, a Bordeaux blend, is a wine that demands attention. It displays a sleek tannic structure while giving rich black fruits and Christmas spices a voice. (\$90) Also made in an old-world style, the Isthmus 2019 has silkier tannins perfectly balanced with bright and courageous acidity.

The Nuns Canyon series is Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant, presenting pepper notes, leather, and coffee. While 2018 offers cherry pie notes (\$160), 2019 shows wild berries and figs (\$160). These wines pair well with grilled meats, aged cheeses, and dark chocolate desserts.

Tours of the winery and cave and seated tastings are welcome by appointment.

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