



WINE
TOUR OF
**NAPA
VALLEY**



WELCOME!

Thank you
for joining us.

We are so pleased you are here for this exclusive tour of California wine country. As a member of our Lifetime Giving Societies, you are among the most passionate and dedicated of Miamians. We are thrilled to spend these next few days with you at Vista Collina at the Meritage as we explore a curated selection of Napa Valley wineries together.

We are also delighted that Jack Keegan, Miami University's own wine expert, is our guide for the weekend. Jack has personally selected this itinerary based on his extensive knowledge and expertise. His connections to Miami alumni and friends in the wine industry make this experience even more special.

We're looking forward to tasting great wines, enjoying delicious foods and sharing a Miami experience together.

Love and Honor,

Greg

Gregory P. Crawford
Miami University President

Renate

Renate J. Crawford
University Ambassador

OUR ITINERARY

Thursday, May 19

5:30 P.M.

Welcome reception and dinner
Rooftop Terrace (Vista Collina)

Drink in the view along with the wine and get to know your fellow Miamians and wine enthusiasts.

We're delighted to have Miami alumnus and wine-maker Eric Donaldson '05 join us for a special tasting of sparkling wines. Eric is with LVMR Sparkling Cellars in Lodi, California, and is a specialist in sparkling wine. - Jack

Friday, May 20

6:30-7:45 A.M.

Breakfast
Salon I (Meritage)

7:45 A.M.

Meet in the Vista Collina lobby to depart for our day of touring and tasting

8-9:15 A.M.

Demptos Cooperage Tour

Barrels play an important role in the flavor profiles of many wines. We'll learn more about how Demptos combines tradition and innovation to meet the expectations of wine-makers all over the world.

Demptos has been making barrels since 1825, and they were the first cooperage to open in Napa. We will see Master Cooper Will Jamieson, a proud Scotman, and his team hand craft these barrels. - Jack

10 A.M.-1:50 P.M.

Hall St. Helena Winery

Hall is truly a one-of-a-kind winery, located in the charming town of St. Helena. With the vineyards as the classroom, Jack will lead us through a Viticulture 101 session, followed by a winery tour with the Hall staff, lunch in the Founder's Cellar and wine tasting.

There's more than one masterpiece here, from its notable contemporary art collection to its highly regarded cabernets. Hall Winery is unique. Of course you know that right away when you meet Barry Foo Foo. - Jack

2-4 P.M.

Frog's Leap Winery

We'll do a walking tour and wine tasting in the vineyard, followed by a casual reception to give you plenty of time to explore on your own.

Frog's Leap has a wonderful history in Napa Valley and is known for not only its wines but its wonderful gardens and commitment to innovation and the environment. We are lucky enough to have Miami alumna Jessica Hague '00 on site who will help show us around. Founder John Williams has been making wine for 40 years, and it shows. - Jack

4:30 P.M.

Return to Meritage Resort and Spa

6:30 P.M.

Dinner

Vineyard Terrace (Meritage)

Saturday, May 21

6:30-8:30 A.M.

Breakfast

Salon I (Meritage)

8:30-9:20 A.M.

Vineyard yoga hike

Meet at the entrance to the Estate Cave (Meritage)



9:50 A.M.

Meet in the Vista Collina lobby to depart

10:30 A.M.-1:40 P.M.

Round Pond Estate

Enjoy an exclusive tasting and tour of the vineyard, gardens and olive grove, followed by lunch served in the Arbor Gardens.

Started in the 1980s by the McDonnell family, now in its second generation, Round Pond Estate is in the coveted Rutherford appellation. Not only will we be able to taste their hand-crafted wines, they also have their own olive orchard and fantastic vinegars. Our lunch will be in the Arbor Garden surrounded by vineyards. This will be a treat for all the senses! - Jack

2-4 P.M.

Shifflett Estate

Take a step back in time at this historic property. Originally a family owned ranch, the history of Shifflett is as inspiring as it is unique.

This vineyard is a partnership of five siblings who have come together to preserve this special property that has been in the family since 1942. The vineyard is planted in all five Bordeaux varieties and cabignon blanc. We will be greeted by Jeffrey Shifflett, whose daughter went to Miami. - Jack

4:20 P.M.

Arrive back at the Meritage Resort and Spa

5:45 P.M.

A Conversation with President Crawford
Salon I (Meritage)

6:30 P.M.

Dinner

Estate Cave Cellar (Meritage)

Sunday, May 22

6:30-8:30 A.M.

Breakfast

Salon I (Meritage)