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## California Wine Country: Vintners Inn in Santa Rosa Combines Rustic Elegance With Destination Dining

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While Santa Rosa suffered greatly during the recent northern California fires, the beautiful [Vintners Inn](#) was spared and is now one of the many local businesses contributing to help others recover and rebuild. A destination unto itself for luxury lodging en route to Sonoma's most storied wineries, Vintners Inn is also home to [John Ash & Co.](#), one of the region's top fine-dining restaurants.



*The peaceful grounds of Vintners Inn in Santa Rosa, California.*

Four accommodation types include generous rooms and suites as large as 940 square-feet. We stayed in an Upstairs Fireplace Suite, with a comfortable sofa bed for our two kids, a large seating area and a 42-inch TV. Vaulted ceilings added to the sense of spaciousness. A California King for the grownups was appointed with a feather bed top and plush linens.

The bathroom, also quite large was outfitted with an oversized bathtub-shower combination. There's also a refrigerator large enough for storing snacks and, of course, having chilled bottles of wine at the ready. One of the loveliest features of the property is the new breakfast, lunch and weekend brunch restaurant, River Vine Café, whose stellar beignets will get everyone out of bed and over to the warm, welcoming dining room.



*Courtesy of Vintners Inn.*

*Beignets at River Vine Cafe, the breakfast, lunch and brunch restaurant at Vintners Inn.*

Dinner at John Ash & Co. is a must. Executive Chef Thomas Schmidt offers both a la carte and tasting menus around Sonoma County's seasonal bounty. The dining room is a bit fancy for small children, but don't fret: The bar offers an opportunity to experience the menu in a casual setting.

A full menu of spa services is available for in-room treatments.

Service is a hallmark of the Vintners Inn experience. Each staff member, from the front desk folks to the servers at each dining venue to the bell staff, is a consummate multi-tasker with your comfort in mind. They're also a wealth of knowledge about local activities, wineries, things for kids to do, and shopping. Vintners Inn combines the intimacy of a bed-and-breakfast experience with the luxury of a top-tier hotel. And it's an ideal base for exploring Sonoma County. Through the end of the year, the property will donate

10 percent of all bookings of their popular Rise Up Sonoma package, which includes a \$50 restaurant credit and VIP passes to Ferrari-Carrano Vineyards and Winery.

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