

# Gold Country Wine Driving Tour

The Shenandoah Valley wine country in Amador County is one of the little known treasures of the Gold Country. Established in the late 1800s, during the Gold Rush, vineyards were started as an alternative to panning for gold.

With over forty wineries and acres of vines, there are great varieties to choice from. Most wineries are open from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

We have picked wineries that represent the different wines such as Zinfandel, which the valley is best known for, Sangiovese, Ports, and Barbera. You can stop at any that you wish.

Please show your Triumphet 2018 badge, and thank them for being a part of our tour.

When tasting, wineries will have a flight that they have picked for tasting that day, usually whites to reds to sweet – Moscato. Courtesy says that after getting your wine and a taste, step back and let others in. Hopefully others will do the same.

Some wineries charge to taste unless you buy some, but there are a lot that are still complimentary – no fee.

We start from the hotel, up Jackson Rd. to Plymouth (entry way to Shenandoah Valley) and back.

*Mileages are approximate. Reset your ODO to zero.*

Mileage	Directions
1.0	Left turn out of the hotel onto Harvard St.
.2	Left at light onto Arden Way
1.4	Continue on Arden Way at intersection (Arden Way lane at Exposition)
1.7	Right onto Howe Ave.
4.9	After Hwy 50 interchange, left onto Folsom Ave. Get into right lane.
5.4	Bear right onto Hwy. 16 East, Jackson Road towards Jackson
14.3	Continue straight at Sunrise on Hwy. 16 towards Jackson
35.7	Continue straight at light towards Plymouth onto Hwy. 49. (Hwy. 16 ends)
38	Right turn at Shenandoah Rd. (round-about) towards River Pines and Fiddletown
39.5	Right onto Shenandoah School Rd.

*There are a lot of opportunities for different wineries. We have picked ones that represent a variety, and you may wish to skip some or visit others; stop as you wish.*

- 39.8 Right into Bella Piazza Winery (Old Vine Zin and Pinot Gris – \$5 fee per person)
- 40 Exit right onto Shenandoah School Rd.
- 41.6 Right into Terra d’Oro Winery (Zinfandel, Barbera – no fee)
- 41.8 Exit right onto Shenandoah School Rd.
- 42.8 Left into Cooper Winery (no fee)
- 43 Exit left onto Shenandoah School Rd.
- 43.8 Right onto Shenandoah Rd. (no sign – Karmere Winery sign)
- 43.9 Right into Karmere Winery (Sparkling Wine, Zinfandel – no fee)
- 44 Exit right onto Shenandoah Rd.
- 44.9 Left onto Steiner Rd.
- 45.9 Right into Deaver Winery (Zinfandel, Ports – no fee)
- 46 Exit right onto Steiner Rd.
- 46.1 Right into Renwood Winery (Zinfandel – \$5 fee)
- 46.1 Exit right onto Steiner Rd.
- 48.1 Right onto Shenandoah Rd. at stop sign
- 49.5 Right into Vino Noceto Winery (Sangiovese, Frivolo – no fee)
- 49.5 Exit right onto Shenandoah Rd.
- 51.3 Left onto Hwy. 49 towards Jackson / Sacramento (round-about)
- 54.8 Continue straight at light onto Hwy. 16 – Jackson Rd.

*If you have time you may want to visit Amador City and Sutter Creek while you are here.*

*There are directions from this point and back below.*

- 74.9 Continue straight at Sunrise on Hwy. 16 – Jackson Rd.
- 82.9 After RR tracks, left onto Folsom Blvd. (Get into right lane)
- 83.5 Right onto Howe Ave.

- 83.6 Continue straight over Hwy. 50
- 86.8 Left onto Arden Way
- 86.9 Bear right at “Arden only” – Arden Way
- 87.8 Continue straight at Hwy. 160 Downtown sign
- 88.2 Right onto Harvard
- 88.3 Right into hotel parking lot.

***Directions to Amador City and Sutter Creek from Hwy. 16/49***

*Left at light onto Hwy. 49 towards Jackson*

*Left at turn off to Amador City / Sutter Creek (Old Hwy. 49)*

*Drive through Amador City and Sutter Creek on Old Hwy. 49*

*Right onto new Hwy. 49, back to intersection Hwy. 16 / Hwy. 49, left at light. Continue above.*