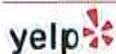


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# The Caves at Soda Canyon

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Michael F.  
Burlington, Canada  
0 friends  
3 reviews

★★★★★ 8/30/2014

Our group of 5 visited The Caves on 8/28 and it was the highlight of our visit to Napa! Our host Rachael was amazing, and we also got to meet one of the founders of The Caves, Ryan Waugh- he tells the best stories!!

We lived trying wines from different winemakers all in one place and just love the vibe of the place! Looking forward to returning next time we are in Napa!! Chill it and kill it!!!!



Ray C.  
San Francisco, CA  
90 friends  
19 reviews

★★★☆☆ 4/13/2015

I've lived in the Bay Area for close to 10 years and spend a lot of time up in Napa. I've probably visited upward of 100 wineries and at this point I keep trying new places hoping to discover a gem. This weekend I tried the Caves at Soda Canyon and unfortunately it was a complete miss.

Arriving at The Caves I had high hopes, the place had a look of authenticity and a view of the surrounding canyon to die for. However, you enter and check-in to a small section of that cave that is essentially their office which is a mix of Home Depot lighting and Ikea(ish) furniture. Looking around the entire thing was beige stucco. At that moment we should have run. We didn't.

The check-in process was friendly and quick and because we arrived late our guide was ready to go. We crossed the parking lot and went through two heavy doors which the guide bragged about being 700lbs. I still have no idea why we would care or what the implication of the weight of a door is on wine. Once through said doors my heart sank. Machinery was pushed up to the side of the cave and more industrial lighting illuminated endless beige walls.

The first stop is the shrine to the families who make wine in said caves. Four large pictures of four random families, none of which inspired me to enjoy the warm white wine we were about to sip. The guide went on and on, bragging about each family and their money and some of their background to the point where I kind of felt the families might want to consider a restraining order against this guy. Very Single White Female. At one point he mentioned that Bill Gates (who is a personal friend of the frizzy haired blond women in one of the pictures) made some phone

calls to get her a 2017 Maserati. So if you see a woman pretending to drive a pretend Italian sport car around Napa, that's Bill Gates' friend. Wave to her as you drive buy in your real car.

We walked through the rest of the caves and ended up at 3 pieces of out door furniture that was on sale last month at Costco. We sat while we sipped average wines while forced to listen to the guide vomit more stupidity about how you can see Coit Tower from one side of the mountain (which is geographically impossible) and how the families have plans to turn The Caves into a vegas-style winery complete with infinity pools, commercial kitchens and other nonsense that belongs at a hotel in Miami Beach, not at a winery in Napa.

The point in which the guide told us that one of the wine makers had a revolutionary idea to use Zinfandel as the base for his wine (Don't tell the people at Paraduxx) was the point we all just wanted to run as fast as we could. Goddam those 700lb doors.

If you're at a loss for places to visit, save yourself the disappointment and go to Round Pond or Cade.



**Aaron T.**  
Easton, PA  
203 friends  
433 reviews  
Elite '15

★★★★★ 9/18/2014

1 check-in  
Listed in Out and About in Napa Valley, CA

If you're looking for a post-apocalyptic hideout, this is the perfect place: a cave, steel reinforced, heavy doors, and most importantly lots and lots of wine!

We stopped here as part of a private tour and the place is very interesting. A rocky hillside, not well adapted for growing, but an unlikely location for a conglomeration of 4 different families to combine their resources and produce wines. The 4 labels produced here today are Waugh Family, Patland, Lobo, and Buonchristiani.

This modern, man-made cave was dug out of the mountain 6 feet a day using machinery to become what it is today, and they are still expanding. I'm sure in a few years, this location will be even better with the plans that were shared by our wine guide.

The property also boasts a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside, making it a wonderful location for photos of the mountains and valleys.

The basic your cost \$40 a person and was reserved for us in advance. There are two pricier options available on their web site. The tour included a tour of the cave and 5 different tastings. Bottles were strategically placed around the cave, giving me the feeling of a lab mouse hunting out a reward of wine in an underground maze.

Our tour guide was very friendly and insightful walking us through the history of the property, the family wineries that participate at this location, the future plans for the property, and the wines and winemaking process.

The location is a feat to see! The wines were good and the view of the surrounding landscape was magnificent. Public service announcement: don't drink and drive; there's a higher likelihood you will meet a fiery death, Wile E. Coyote style, after driving off a steep embankment on the windy road that leads to this venue.



**Tori B.**  
Palm Harbor, FL  
21 friends  
30 reviews

★★★★★ 8/24/2014

Absolutely love this place and the wine. On our honeymoon to napa my husband and we ran into one of the owners of flex wine tours and she arranged for us to have a tour at the Caves at Soda Canyon. After having an amazing breakfast at ABC in downtown Napa we headed out to explore the world. We had reservations at the Caves. I was giddy with excitement all morning just knowing that I was going to be on top of a mountain in a wine cave. We arrived after a windy ride up to the caves to be welcomed by a glass of wine and some yummy snacks. The view was absolutely breath taking and Chris the house wine expert was more like an old friend. He welcomed us with open arms and invited us in like he had known us for years. I haven't even started talking about the wine yet

every bottle was better than the next. Can't wait to go back to Napa and visit this place again.



Tim A.  
Hemdon, VA  
0 friends  
2 reviews

★★★★★ 3/17/2014

Our group of 4 visited The Caves on 3/13 and had a fantastic experience. Not only was the wine top notch, but the hospitality and the view were second to none! Seriously, you could see from San Pablo Bay all the way to St. Helena. We visited approximately 15 wineries on our trip, and the hospitality here was by far the winner. We were fortunate enough to spend time with both Ryan and his wife, Crystal, who exemplify the down to earth approach to wine making at the Caves, and they really presented their story and philosophy well.

One to keep an eye on, and will be a must visit on our next trip.



Natalie W.  
Tampa, FL  
0 friends  
1 review

★★★★★ 1/23/2014

First to Review

My husband and finally took a trip to wine country and The Caves at Soda Canyon was definitely our favorite! Given that the place was a cave the overall environment was inviting and fresh. Almost every staff member had smile on their face and the owners Ryan and Crystal were super friendly. Our tour guide was also really knew his stuff about wine and was very personable. The tour ended outside on the patio and it was such a beautiful view. Overall I would highly recommend the place, also you must try the zinfandel!!

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2 other reviews that are not currently recommended

### From the business

#### Specialties

The Caves at Soda Canyon were founded by the owners of one of our winery partners, Ryan and Crystal Waugh of Waugh Cellars and Six Degrees out of pure passion and love for wine. The Caves are quickly becoming the most popular destination in Napa Valley for wine lovers who are looking for quality wine, quality people and quality experiences.

#### History

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#### Meet the Business Owner

 Crystal W.  
Business Owner

After attending Texas A&M with a degree in Marketing and Business Administration, Crystal entered the executive training program at Neiman Marcus, located in Dallas, Texas.

She quickly moved up the ladder and was eventually promoted to Head of the college recruiting program. At the end of her 12 years with Neiman Marcus, she was managing the careers of 500 employees. Since 2005, Crystal has played an invaluable role in the success of Waugh Cellars and Six Degrees, coordinating all private tastings for the wineries as well as managing the Friends of Waugh Cellars wine club and the yearly allocation release of Six Degrees.

She is also the founder and director of hospitality at The Caves.

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