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Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California

Read up on what's new in our favorite wine country south of the border

Baja's wine country has a treasure trove of fine dining at every turn, in addition to its impressive wines. As the Valle reawakens, its current of creativity is as strong as ever. The new experiential concept **Natal Basque** feels like a hidden speakeasy in nature, offering rustic experiences like forest bathing, medicinal plant workshops, and pop-up chef dinners under the stars. At **Villa Torel**, chef Alfredo Villarueva commands the open-air kitchen with relaxed ease. Sip mezcal and Santo Tomás reds and nibble on local ruby tuna with rhubarb or roasted carrots in a duck demi-glace on the terrace. The openhearted spirit of Valle culture abounds at **Lechuza Vineyard**, where friendly dogs greet guests and owner-winemakers Adam and Kristen share their unfiltered sauvignon blanc, velvety 2016 cabernet, and refreshing estate nebbiolo. A trip up the hill to **Sierra Vita** reveals epic

views of the valley's patchwork and the mountain Sierra Blanc. Equally delicious is chef Sandra Vazquez's pozole, which harkens to her family's Michoacán heritage and pairs nicely with the winery's crisp chenin blanc. At **Primitivo**, choose your protein—duck, fish, octopus, or beef—then savor a five-course sustainable feast under the lantern-lit, 300-year old white oak. Newcomer **Bruma Wine Garden** nestles under the canopies, a buzzworthy spot with picnic-style panache for mushroom truffle pizza, fresh oysters, and vinos from the estate.

Time to rest: The brand-new **Parra del Valle Hotel Boutique** charms with spacious, architecturally impressive rooms, ambient fireplaces, shower terraria, and thoughtful textile touches. Take a dip, lounge at the pool bar, and enjoy morning cappuccinos and chilaquiles at their **La Botella Bistro**.



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Sierra Vita

This 12-acre vineyard specializes in petit syrah, merlot, grenache, and malbec varietals