

PRESS PAUSE

Rural Morgan Hill is a relaxing getaway with wineries, boutiques and farm-to-table fare

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Some of Santa Clara Valley's best wineries are in and around Morgan Hill

Just a 30 minutes' drive southeast of downtown San Jose, the city of Morgan Hill embraces its agricultural past, inviting visitors to unplug and relax or use it as a base to explore the Bay Area.

WINERIES

Santa Clara Valley boasts nearly 30 wineries, many in and around Morgan Hill. Allegiant passengers won't want to miss Guglielmo Winery, which has been owned and operated by the same family for three generations. Flights are \$15 per person, and the winery often hosts concerts and special events. guglielmowinery.com

Also in Morgan Hill, Lightpost Winery showcases the wines of French winemaker Christian Roguenant and co-winemaker Sofia Fedotova. Although the tasting room is in an industrial park, its wines transport tastebuds to the world's greatest wine regions. lightpostwinery.com

FARMS

While San Jose embraced high-tech, Morgan Hill stuck to its agricultural roots, and some farms, like Andy's Orchard, have been family-owned for nearly 100 years. Andy's Orchard



Morgan Hill has a farmers market every Saturday morning



The Running Shop and Hops has more than 50 taps

has a store where you can purchase goods and offers farm tours. andysorchard.com

Morgan Hill is also known for its u-pick cherries and fresh mushrooms, which are available at the Saturday morning farmers market. Look for Koophaus Apiaries' honey and cinnamon creamed honey, both James Beard 2023 Good Food Award finalists, at the markets, too. koophausapiaries.com

DOWNTOWN

Local produce makes Morgan Hill's downtown dining stellar. Headed by a Michelin-starred chef, Odeum is a must for special occasions. Nearby, Craft Roots serves a completely plant-based menu, and MOHI Farm features fresh ingredients on its breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktail menus.

While downtown, spend time exploring local boutiques and public art. The Running Shop and Hops, with its extensive tap list, and family-owned Kelly Brewing Company are great places to get a beer, while Ladera Grill features an award-winning wine list.

MORE TO DO

Outdoor adventurers can hike trails in Rancho Cañada Del Oro Open Space Preserve and Uvas Canyon County Park while other visitors can golf, road cycle, horseback ride, fish and even skydive at San Martin Airport. Learn more about Morgan Hill at visitmorganhill.org.