



# Napa Valley's Charm Lives On

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The sins of progress have barely touched one of the world's most prestigious wine regions. Once a sleepy, laid-back hideaway where the residents of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga smugly enjoyed the fragrant air, tended their vines and quietly celebrated one of the planet's most attractive settings, the valley today remains the home of farmers and winemakers working the land and vines hand in hand. Wineries are still mostly family-owned and -operated, some appearing like grand estates plucked from the French countryside.

New on the Napa hotel scene is the stylish R Inn Napa, tucked away in the heart of downtown. Sean Heffran and his family, with great attention to detail, have created a distinctive boutique property modeled after small European hotels. Totally unique to Napa, the R Inn Napa is a perfect fit for those wishing to explore the delights of downtown.

The artistic Heffran family converted a historic 100-year-old building into an urban oasis with five loft suites, 10 stylish rooms and a spacious two-bedroom bungalow with full kitchen, serene for a romantic rendezvous. Keypad door codes, baths with heated stone floors, open European showers, deep soaking tubs, heated Toto Washlet bidet toilets and adjustable beds grace the sleeping rooms while a European-style courtyard with a large vintage sign from a salon in the south of France sets the mood. An attractive 10-seat dining room is ideal for enjoying the creativity of Napa chefs. Complimentary breakfast is served on weekends with open access to the pantry 24/7.

## WHEN YOU GO

The R Inn Napa is a calm, relaxing oasis and a splendid place to rejuvenate the spirit. No smoking, no pets and no children under age 18: [www.rinnnapa.com](http://www.rinnnapa.com).