

Restaurants we recommend in the area and why:

Underwood Bar & Bistro: This is our favorite local hangout, featured in Wine Spectator in 2008. Definitive California Wine Country Cuisine in a quaint space in downtown Graton. Fabulous patio seating on the side and in the backyard, too, but the bar seating is way fun! Great fusion menu with a Mediterranean influence. Good wine list. Cocktails, too. Trendy attire. Moderate to high prices. 5 minutes to Graton.

<http://www.underwoodgraton.com/>

Hazel: This restaurant opened up in Fall 2015 and has quickly become one of our favorites. It is located in the cute town of Occidental, 10 minutes away from the B&B. The starters are amazing and the wood-fired ovens produce fantastic pizzas. Save some room for dessert - the pot de crème is fantastic!

<http://www.restauranthazel.com/>

K&L Bistro: Shabby-chic exposed brick setting in an old building in downtown Sebastopol, K&L offers up-to-date Sonoma Cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere with wonderful, friendly service. Casual attire and moderate to high prices. 15 minute drive in Sebastopol. http://www.opentable.com/rest_profile.aspx?rid=2389

Zazu: Very eclectic flavor stylings in a modern, industrial atmosphere, Zazu offers some selections that, although familiar, will surprise and delight you. They were featured in Wine Spectator in 2008. More recently, Chef Duskie appeared on *Next Iron Chef* on FoodNetwork. Casual chic attire, prices are moderate to high. A 15 minute drive in the new Barlow building in Sebastopol. www.zasurestaurant.com

The Farmhouse: Situated in the country in Forestville, this elegant French restaurant has all the elements of a five-star dining experience. Perfectly prepared cuisine, expert service and a beautiful dining room. Attire is dressy, service is formal, and prices are high and worth every penny. 15 minute drive in Forestville.

<http://www.farmhouseinn.com/restaurant.html>

Lowell's: All earth-friendly, all the time. This cozy bistro, featuring organic and locally provided ingredients to their delicious, Italian-influenced menu, is housed in a totally environmentally-conscious building, with reclaimed water, solar energy, permeable concrete and non-toxic paints and building materials. Love your Mother Earth, and love your dinner at the very same time. Organic wine list. Attire is West Sonoma County (casual funky) and the prices are moderate to high. 15 minutes away in Sebastopol. www.peterlowells.com

Drake's: At the Bodega Bay Lodge, the Duck Club has a fabulous picture window which looks out on the bay, and you can watch the sun set over Bodega Head while you dine. A wonderful menu featuring fresh seafood selections and grill. An extensive wine list. The atmosphere is elegant, but casual, and the prices are moderate to high. 30 minutes away on the water in Bodega Bay. <http://www.bodegabaylodge.com/hotel-dining.html>

John Ash & Company: A well-established wonderful Wine Country dining experience awaits you at John Ash. Dine inside the beautiful restaurant, or out on the lovely covered patio by the vineyard. Delicious and thoughtful cuisine served with impeccable style in a most appealing setting. Attire is dressy and the prices are moderate to high. 25 minutes away in Santa Rosa. <http://www.vintnersinn.com/dining/johnash.asp>

River's End: A most outstanding view of the Pacific Ocean. Fabulous cuisine with that Wine Country flair and a very friendly atmosphere can be found at this great family-run restaurant. This one is a bit farther away, but absolutely worth the drive! Good wine list, plus full bar – with that stunning view! Dress code is casual and the prices are moderate to high. 50 minute drive in Jenner by the Sea. www.ilovesunsets.com