



## Winery Review - Kenzo Estate



**Types of Wines:** Mostly red wines, but they also make a nice Sauvignon Blanc

**Charge for Tasting:** Yes

**Winery Tours:**

**Wine Price:** Reds start at \$75

### **Kenzo Estate Review**

Wine Quality: **Very good**

Tourist Experience: **Serene and refined**

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Kenzo Estate is the surroundings, well off the casual Napa visitor's path, sitting 1,500 feet in the mountains above the town of Napa.

Tasting options include flights of Kenzo's four wines, named not for the grapes that go into them but instead for a color: their Rindo wine takes its name from a flower that blooms in Japan at the same time as the Napa grape harvest. You can choose from a one-ounce or two-ounce pour of each.

Even more fun - and highly recommended if you'd rather concentrate on the quality of your wine country visit than on the number of places you can pack into a day - for a small extra cost, when you reserve in advance (which is the only way to visit), order sandwiches from Yountville's Bouchon restaurant to pair with your wine-tasting.

During the cooler months, tastings are poured in the small, elegantly-appointed tasting room. In the summer, things move outdoors onto a charming patio - or under a pergola next to the vineyard.

Owner Kenzo Tsujimoto thinks his winery's location is perfect for making great wines, with a fortuitous mix of terroire and expert workers. Perhaps more famous as the chairman of Japan's Capcom Group, he has a deep appreciation for wine and strives to produce the finest vintages as well as a memorable visitor experience.

Interestingly, Kenzo Estate is better-known in Japan than in the United States, with production lagging demand for their wines in Tsujimoto's home country. In the USA, your best bet for finding their rare vintages is to visit the winery, where they always keep a supply on hand. Sign up for a Preferred Membership during your visit and you'll get a host of great benefits, including advance notice of new releases and invitations to members-only events.

It's a long-ish drive from the Napa Valley to Kenzo. If you've never been to the area before and want to maximize what you can see, it may take up more time than you'd want to spend on a single visit. If you've been before or are looking for something different, make it the focal point of your day. Once you get to their scenic location, you'll want to linger.

**Getting to Kenzo Estate**

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[Kenzo Estate Website](#)

Kenzo is located east of downtown Napa, about 6 miles out of town.