

Guest Information

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Wine

Terragena is a working vineyard and winery. If you would like to explore our handcrafted wines, please consider scheduling a tasting by contacting us. Our tasting fee is \$10 per person to taste all of our available wines. We gladly credit this fee towards the purchase of two or more bottles of our wine. All tastings include an optional vineyard and winery tour. Houseguests receive a 5% discount on all wine purchased during their stay, on top of any other discounts. Our allocation list members receive an additional 10% off all wine purchases, and there is a 10% discount on all cases of wine as well. You can purchase Terragena wines from us during your stay or on our website: www.terragenavineyard.com

Access

Boundaries. Please stay inside our tall fence when walking around Terragena Vineyards. This fence is there to keep wildlife, particularly deer, out of the vineyard. Outside of the fence, the terrain becomes much more difficult and it is quite easy to accidentally wander onto a neighbor's property. For your safety and for the sake of our relationships with our neighbors, please stay within our fence. You are welcome to walk around anywhere within the fence, of course at your own discretion and at your own risk. Please be mindful of steep inclines, fallen tree branches, and flora and fauna. There are many critters located on our property, including birds, frogs, insects, and snakes. Rattlesnakes are around in the warm season, though they tend to stay away from humans. If you hear or see one, stay away. Most snakes on the property, however, are harmless garden snakes. Please respect the animals by giving them space. Please also respect the privacy of the caretaker who lives in the yurt and stay away from the yurt clearing unless they invite you to visit.

Directions. You will receive detailed directions by email prior to your arrival. Do not use Google Maps or any other GPS navigation to attempt to reach the property. These programs typically try to take you up the shortest or fastest route, which in our case entails crossing private roads to which we do not have gate codes. Our directions will take you up on a main county road that is in relatively good repair.

Gate. You will receive a gate code by email prior to your arrival. Use this code to unlock the metal gate at the top of our paved driveway. Please make sure the gate closes behind you, as you found it. To open the gate as you leave, press the button on the driver's side before you reach the gate. **Never leave the gate open;** if a deer gets into the vineyard, it could irreparably damage the grape vines!

Amenities

Books. You'll find a large and diverse selection of books upstairs. Chris and Nickie have acquired these over the years. Many are well-loved, some never read. Feel free to borrow any you wish, but please leave them in here the same condition you found them.

Coffee. You will find complimentary locally roasted coffee in the kitchen. We provide an electric grinder and French presses for your use. Instructions for the use of these devices is printed on cards next to them. We use French presses rather than electric coffee makers in order to reduce electricity use.

Dishwasher. In order to conserve electricity, please run the dishwasher during the day, when power is provided by the sun. Please select the appropriate cycle, but make sure that the "heat dry" option is turned off. The heat dry setting uses a lot of electricity and, in our experience, doesn't really dry the dishes, anyway. To allow dishes to dry, open the dishwasher after it has finished its cycle and let the dishes drip-dry. It will go faster if you make sure that no "puddles" of water are sitting on top of coffee cups, bowls, etc.

Eco-Friendly Electricity. The entire property is "off grid," though you may have noticed transmission power lines as you drove up our driveway. We do not connect to these power lines. Instead, our power comes from solar panels, which you can see just down the hill to the south, in the southern vineyard. These panels charge a set of batteries that allow the house and yurt to receive power throughout the night. In case of power usage greater than that stored in the batteries, a back-up propane generator automatically turns on to recharge the batteries and provide immediate power to the house and yurt. This generator is located in the shed near the solar panels. Please do not touch anything in this shed; if anything appears to not be working properly, please call us or the caretaker. To conserve electricity please minimize use of high-energy devices, such as hair dryers and the microwave. Please attempt to use appliances such as the washer and dryer and the dishwasher during the day, when the sun is providing plenty of power. NOTE: Occasionally the power "blinks," turning

off and on again one or two seconds later. This is nothing to be concerned about, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Fireplaces. There are two fireplaces in the house – one in the living room and one in the master bedroom. Both are large enough to heat the house, and it is easy to overheat the master bedroom. *The fireplaces are only for use in the wintertime* after the rainy season has started; otherwise, burning a fire poses a wildfire risk. You will find firewood and kindling on the south side of the porch and fireplace tools and firestarters near the fireplaces. Please note that working with a fire can be dangerous and you do so at your own risk. Please keep fireplaces closed while burning a fire, and do not overload the fireplaces. Instructions for the fireplaces can be found on the coffee table in the living room. Please read instructions carefully before starting a fire. Note that when the fire is very hot, a fan will turn on automatically to blow air across the top of the fireplace and to heat the house. This fan is controlled by the switches to the left of the fireplaces; please leave these switches alone.

Games. You'll find a small selection of board games and cards upstairs. Feel free to use these and leave them for the next guests. Additionally, the coffee table upstairs opens to allow for puzzle or game space.

Hats. In case you didn't bring your own, feel free to borrow one of the many straw hats located in the hall closet near the front (West) door of the house. The sun is strong in the summer, and we wouldn't want you to get burned.

Heat and cooling. It gets quite chilly in the winter and hot in the summer in this area. The house is equipped with central heating, controlled by a thermostat in the downstairs hallway. Please do not set the heater for higher than 66 degrees Fahrenheit. Any additional heating of the house in the winter can be accomplished by burning a fire in the main fireplace in the living room. You may notice that the house has air-conditioning units; however, these are not for general use and have not been prepared for your use. Instead, to cool the house in the summer we recommend using the ceiling fans and opening the windows when it cools down a night. Keep the windows closed once the weather heats up during the day, and the house should stay cooler than outside.

Kitchen. The kitchen contains dishes, pots, pans, utensils, and basic supplies you may need. Because we do live here, you may find food of various kinds on the shelves and in the fridge and freezer. Please leave this stuff alone, but feel free to use the following: salt, pepper, cooking oil, sugar, coffee, and tea. We will clear shelves in the fridge, freezer, and pantry for your use. Note: please do not use the dishes in the display cabinet in the living room or beer steins and other items displayed on the open shelves in the kitchen. You should find all the dishes and serving trays you need in the kitchen cabinets.

Pond. The pond on our property is used for vineyard irrigation and is completely filled each winter by rainwater. When full, the pond is up to 14 feet deep. You're more than welcome to swim or float in it, though of course this is at your own risk. There are pool towels in the

hall closet in the house. Please use these rather than the bath towels when going to swim in the pond. You can also find floats in the pump shed next to the pond; feel free to use these in the pond and replace them when you're finished. You'll find wildlife around the pond, including tadpoles, frogs, and water skimmers. Please respect this ecosystem and do not add any chemicals to the pond by dumping anything in it. Swimming in the pond is a great way to cool down in the summer, and you're welcome to bring floats, beach chairs, and other supplies with you to make your swim enjoyable and relaxing. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Smoking. There is no smoking of any kind inside the house. If smoking outside, please stay away from open doors and windows. Please also make sure that you dispose of ashes and completely extinguish cigarette butts safely. Never throw cigarette butts on the ground, and be careful with ashes as well, as these pose a high wildfire risk in the dry season.

Television, movies, Netflix, and videogames. There is a "Smart TV" located in the entertainment area upstairs. It does not have cable or satellite, but it can connect to Netflix wirelessly. Turn on the TV and press the "Home" button to get to the premium screen. Use the arrow buttons to move the button selection over to Netflix and press the center button to select. Click on "Terragena Guest" to access our guest profile. To watch DVDs, turn on the DVD player to the left of the TV. The DVD player has a "touch" system instead of buttons – simply touch the display on the DVD player showing the "button" you want, or use the DVD player remote control. Set the TV input to HDMI1. The TV is HD and 3D compatible. You will find 3D glasses in the top drawer of the coffee table against the banister in this room. We have a wide selection of movies that you are welcome to watch, though we don't promise that these are all "good" or suitable for all audiences. To play videogames, set the TV input, and turn on the videogame system. Turn on the motion sensor bar for the Wii located on top of the chest underneath the TV. Controllers are located next to the Wii. There is a small selection of games located on the shelves. Please keep the TV, DVD player, and videogame system off when not in use to conserve power.

Toiletries. Complementary bars of locally crafted soaps are located in each bathroom. The large bottles of shampoo and conditioner located in the bathrooms are for your use, but please leave them when you check out. We also provide makeup-removing towelettes; please do not use our towels to remove makeup. If you require anything else, please feel free to ask.

Trash, compost, and recycling. There are trashcans located throughout the house, and extra trashbags are located in the tall pantry cabinets to the left of the fridge in the kitchen. We also recycle and compost. Please put all rinsed (clean) plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles, metal cans, and broken-down cardboard in the wicker basket next to the trashcan in the kitchen. A compost bin is located underneath the sink in the kitchen. Please place all food scraps, soiled paper napkins, and paper plates (without a plastic coating) in this bin. Please do not include meat/fish scraps in the compost, as these tend to attract scavengers and larger meat-eating critters to our compost pile. If the trash, compost, or

recycling bins need to be emptied during your stay, there are larger bins located between the garage and the house. The yellow and black bin is for recycling, and the bucket with a lid is for compost. If these larger outside bins need to be emptied during your stay, please contact us or the caretaker.

Water. The tap water in the house is spring water pumped up using a highlifter pump (that uses no electricity or gas!) from a natural spring located on our property. We drink it, bathe in it, and use it for cooking.

Washer and dryer. Feel free to use the clothes washer and dryer located in the laundry room across from the half-bath downstairs. Please use the laundry soap and dryer sheets located in the laundry room. Please try to use these appliances during the day when power is provided by the sun. It also helps to run the washer and dryer when the dishwasher is not running, so as to minimize the strain on the power system.

Activities Nearby

Humboldt Redwoods State Park (~15 minutes away). <http://humboldtredwoods.org/> This beautiful state park is home to the last remaining old-growth redwoods in California. It's great for hiking, picnicking, and taking pictures. Drive up or down the Avenue of the Giants, which you took from highway 101 to get to our property, to see the redwoods, or stop at one of the groves for a walk or hike. There is a visitor's center near the Burlington Campground, which is north of Meyer's Flat on the Avenue of the Giants. Printouts of the trail map are located in the Guest Information binder; feel free to take one. You can also purchase more detailed maps at the visitor's center.

Eel River (~15 minutes away). The closest public access to the Eel River is at the Hidden Springs campground, which is just to the North on the Avenue of the Giants (you probably passed it when you drove from Meyers Flat to Terragena Vineyards). There are other access points as well, and more information about swimming in and visiting the river can be found on the Humboldt Redwoods State Park website. The river is popular for swimming when it's hot outside in the summer, typically May or June through July or August. After the end of July or beginning of August, the river may start to develop algae that makes it uncomfortable for swimming. Do not drink the river water, especially when the river is low!

Fishing. The Eel River is great for fishing. See further information at the Humboldt Redwoods State Park website and printed in this binder.

Kayaking. There are various spots to kayak on the rivers around Terragena Vineyards. Please see <http://eelriver.org/touring/> for more information.

Wineries and Wine Tasting. The closest winery to Terragena Vineyards is the Elk Prairie winery, which you likely passed on the way to our property. It is located on Dyerville Loop

road, just ten minutes Northwest of Terragena Vineyards. The Elk Prairie vineyard is known for its excellent Pinot Noir. For more wineries and their locations, see the map from the Humboldt Wine Association in your Guest Information book or at www.humboldtwine.org/humboldt-county-winemakers-map/. Note that many of these wineries require reservations for tastings. Also, please be careful when navigating the roads after wine tasting!

Restaurants Nearby

by location

Miranda

Avenue Café (Miranda, ~ 30 minutes away). Good for pizza, burgers, breakfast, and beer. This restaurant is very casual and family-friendly. See their website for hours and menus: <http://www.avenuecafe.biz/>

Garberville/Redway

Cecil's New Orleans Bistro (Garberville, ~45 minutes away). Great New Orleans inspired food from a chef who moved to the area from New Orleans (like Chris and Nickie!) many years ago. Full bar. Good for a nice dinner. <http://garbervillebistro.com/>

Flavors (Garberville, ~45 minutes away). Great salads, teas, and coffee.

Deb's (Redway, ~45 minutes away). Ice cream, shakes, and burgers with a diner atmosphere. Good for lunch and casual dinner.

Eel River Café (Garberville, ~45 minutes away). Good diner breakfast and lunch.

Fortuna/Scotia

Eel River Brewery (Fortuna, ~45 minutes away). The first organic brewery in America, this spot has great beer and food. It's good for lunch and dinner, and it has an excellent outdoor "beer garden" seating space with activities like horseshoes to keep you amused. Good for families and large groups. <http://eelriverbrewing.com/>

Eureka/Arcata

Brick and Fire Bistro (Eureka, 1 to 1.5 hours away). A great little bistro with everything from great seafood to wood-fired pizzas. Good for lunch or dinner or a romantic evening. Nice wine list. Reservations recommended. <http://www.brickandfirebistro.com/>

Café Brio (Arcata, ~1.5 hours away). If you're up in the Eureka/Arcata area, this is a nice place for breakfast or lunch. Excellent pastries.

The Larrupin Café (Trinidad, ~2 hours away). This place has a lot of local fame, particularly for their sauces that are bottled and served throughout the area. Their food gets fantastic reviews, and we've heard it's a great date-night spot. It's quite a bit north of the property, but the drive is beautiful! If you plan to spend a day in the Eureka/Arcata area, this might be a great evening dinner plan. Reservations highly recommended.
<http://larrupin.com/index.html>

You can find other Eureka/Arcata restaurants on yelp or other websites.

Nearby Necessities

Groceries. The closest "corner store" to buy milk, eggs, etc is located in Myers Flat, about 20 minutes from the house. They have fairly limited hours, so stop by during the daytime. There is a larger store in Miranda, about 30 minutes away, with somewhat longer business hours. Larger grocery stores are located in Redway (Shopsmart), Garberville (Ray's), and Fortuna. The Co-Op in Eureka is great for local produce, if you happen to be up that way. There are also local farmer's markets in Garberville and Miranda on specific days of the week.

Pharmacy. There are limited pharmacy products in the stores in Miranda and Garberville. Full pharmacies are located in Fortuna and Eureka/Arcata.

History and Winery Information

Chris and Nickie left New Orleans and moved onto this rural, raw Northern California timberland. At that time, there was no water or power system, no dwelling, and no vineyard. They began by living in a tent, and then a trailer, while building the yurt. They finished the yurt while living in it, and spent the next couple of years creating the off-grid water and power systems, getting married, and having the main house built. Nickie then went back to graduate school and began a PhD program at UC Berkeley. While Nickie was in school, she lived primarily in the Bay Area and Chris split his time between the Bay and at Terragena Vineyards, designing and creating the pond and terraced vineyards that you see today. The vineyard was finally planted in 2013 with the help of many friends, and we expect our first full grape harvest in 2017.

Currently, Terragena Vineyards Winery produces wine from several vineyards other than our own because our vines are still so young. We also really like the wine we can make from vineyards in other regions because they vary so much – we source grapes from both Anderson and Alexander Valleys, which have dramatically different climates and landscapes from each other and from Terragena Vineyards. Chris studied winemaking at UC Davis and

started making wine in 2011. In addition to making Terragena wines, he works with other wine makers to produce several wine brands, focusing mostly on high-quality pinot noir.

Terragena currently offers several wines for tasting and purchase. For a complete list of available wines, please see our website at terragenavineyard.com. Terragena wines are available directly from the winery and select California retailers and restaurants.