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Napa Valley Wine

納帕葡萄酒

Where does the best wine in the world come from? France? Italy? If you ask many people, they will tell you that the best wine comes from Napa Valley, in Northern California.

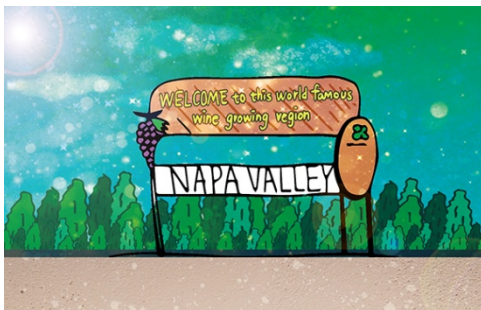
全世界最美味的紅酒來自

Napa Valley is just a short drive from San Francisco, making it a great place to spend a day outside the city. The most popular activities are the wine tastings. About 4.5 million people visit every year to **sample** some of the **outstanding** wines made there.

納帕山谷離舊金山很近，於是納帕就變成一個市民的單日旅遊好去處。最受歡迎的旅遊活動便是紅酒品嚐。每年約莫有四百五十萬人來納帕品嚐山谷所生產的出色酒品。



Wine making in Napa Valley began in 1858, but the **region** did not become famous until 1976, when some of its wines won the top prizes in a Paris wine tasting **competition**. From then on, more and more people learned about Napa Valley, and the wine became a major part of the economy.



納帕紅酒釀造始於 1858 年，但一直到 1976 年納帕某幾支紅酒在巴黎國際葡萄酒競賽上獲得金牌後，這個產區才出名。之後便有越來越多人知道納帕山谷，而葡萄酒也成為這個地區主要的經濟來源。

Today, there are more than 400 places making wine in Napa Valley, and 30% of all wine in the United States is **produced** there. So if you're thinking of visiting Northern California,

why not **stop by** for a drink?

今日，山谷中有四百多處釀酒地點，百分之三十的美國葡萄酒也產於納帕山谷。所以如果你想要拜訪加州北部，為何不順道過來喝一杯呢？

1. sample (v) to try something 取……的樣品；品嚐；體驗

Some stores will let you sample the food before you buy it.

有些店可以在購買之前先品嚐味道。

2. outstanding (adj) very good 顯著的；傑出的

Ruby thought the movie was outstanding.

Ruby 覺得這部電影很出色。

3. region (n) an area in the world or a country 地區，地帶

This region of Italy has the best food.

義大利這個地區的食物最好吃。

4. competition (n) an activity where people try to win against others 競爭，角逐

Many schools have English competitions for their students.

許多學校會為他們的學生舉辦英文比賽。

5. produce (v) to make or create 生產；製造

The artist produced a beautiful painting.

這名畫家創作了一幅美麗的畫作。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns句型解析

1. From then on (phr) after or in the future 從那時起

Tom and Michael met in school, and from then on, they were best friends.

Tom和Michael在學校相遇，從那時起，他們變成為了好朋友。

2. stop by (phr) to visit for a short time 串門子；串門兒

My uncle stopped by my house for dinner.

我舅舅來家裡串門吃晚餐。

Exercise 課後練習題

1. We should go to that restaurant to _____ some new types of food.

我們應該要去那家餐廳品嚐一些新菜色。

2. The boy's mother was very proud of her son's _____ work.

這位媽媽對於兒子的傑出作品感到非常驕傲。

3. When I visited Japan, I only stayed in one _____ of the country.

我去日本時，只待在一個地區旅遊。

4. The team celebrated after winning the swimming _____.

這隊伍贏得游泳比賽後便去慶功了。

5. The boss asked Melody to _____ some new ideas for the company.

這位老闆要求Melody為公司發想一些新點子。

6. Gerald was in a car accident, so _____ he always drove very carefully.

Gerald曾出過車禍，所以從那之後，他開車總是非常小心。

7. If you have time, you can _____ the supermarket to buy some bread.

如果你有時間的話，可以順道去超市買些麵包。

解答：

1. sample
2. outstanding
3. region
4. competition
5. produce
6. from then on
7. stop by

Comprehension Questions 閱讀理解

1. What is the author's opinion about Napa Valley wine?

- a. It is not as good as wine from Europe.
- b. It is difficult to find a place to try it.
- c. It is some of the best wine in the world.
- d. It is the author's favorite kind of wine.

2. Which of the following is true according to the article?

- a. Napa Valley wine became popular after competing against French wine.
- b. Napa Valley has been famous for wine for hundreds of years.
- c. Napa Valley produces almost all the wine from the United States.
- d. Napa Valley only has a few places that make good wine.

解答：

1. 作者對於納帕山谷的葡萄酒看法為何？

- a. 不如歐洲紅酒一般美味。
- b. 很難找到地方品嚐。
- c. 是世界上最美味的紅酒之一。
- d. 作者最喜歡的紅酒種類。

2. 下列關於內文的敘述，何者正確？

- a. 納帕葡萄酒在比賽上打敗法國葡萄酒後就出名了。
- b. 納帕葡萄酒已享譽盛名上百年。
- c. 全美國的紅酒幾乎都產自納帕山谷。
- d. 納帕山谷只有幾處製造美味葡萄酒。



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