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Imagine a little trip to a romantic wine country, filled with stunning views, delectable wines, tasty treats, and friendly staff but without the plane ride. Sonoita Vineyards has all of the above and it's only a short one-hour drive from Tucson!



Sonoita Vineyards offers a plethora of award winning wines from bold to fruity, making it the perfect place for all types of wine lovers. The Tasting Room is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For just \$8 per person, guests will receive a souvenir glass and a tasting featuring a selection of wines for the day. Reservations are not required, and there are personnel on hand to give you a detailed history and description of your favorite wines.

Along with a day of wining and dining, guests will enjoy the breathtaking views of the vineyard, rolling grasslands, and nearby mountain ranges. If you wish, you can pack a picnic lunch of cheeses and crackers and enjoy them on a blanket on the property. This picnic and wine experience is perfect for a romantic day date with your special someone. Guests who visit on the weekend will have access to a menu, which changes weekly, to order lunch or snacks while wine tasting.

Private tours are also available for groups of 10 or more at \$15 per person. The winemaker, Fran Lightly, will give a one-hour guided tour of the winemaking process specifically to your group. A detailed wine tasting of at least 7 wines will follow the tour. Groups can also opt for the tour, tasting, and catered lunch at \$29 per person. This package includes tasting, tour, and a lunch by a local caterer in the private Vintage Room.

Whether you are in need of some R&R with your special someone, something to do with a group of friends, or a beautiful venue for a special event, Sonoita Vineyards has it all. Grab a friend or two and plan your trip now!

www.sonoitavineyards.com.