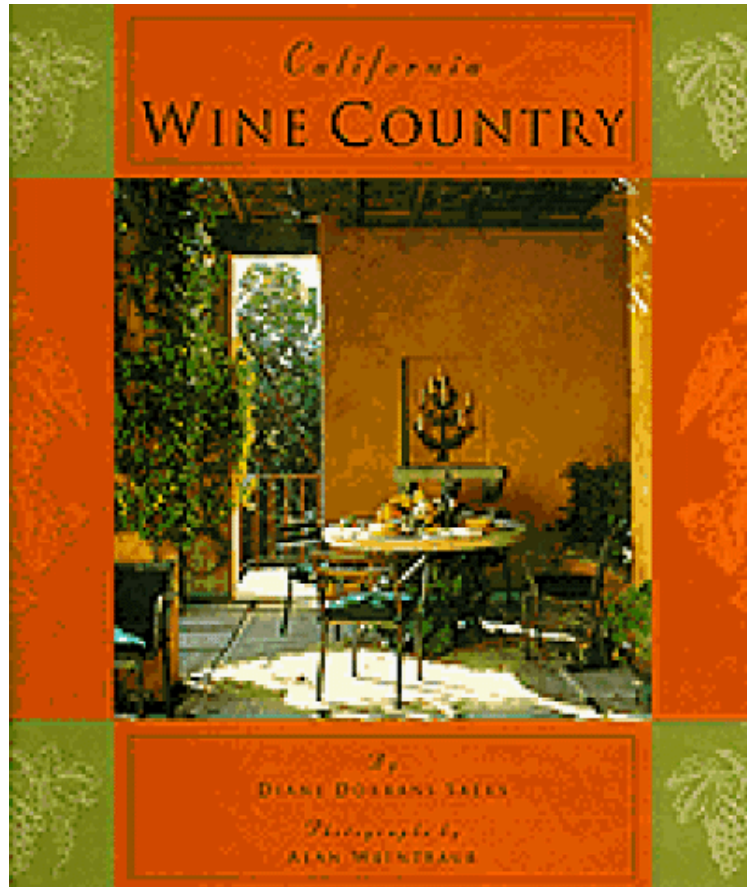


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Diane Dorrans Saeks : California Wine Country: Interior Design, Architecture, and Style before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised California Wine Country: Interior Design, Architecture, and Style:

10 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Nice start - but barely a beginning By James Preston Ms. Saeks did a reasonable job, but the book is close to worthless if you want to design your house in a recognizable California Wine Country style. Katya and I suggest developing a color palette from the book, but after tens of hours of studying it we can not determine a quantifiable style. Consider this book as a raw first start; a survey of modest importance. The interiors are all over the map. The only commonality is their location in California. Worth buying - yes, but only to understand the diversity possible. Is a more serious study necessary - yes. California wine country is a combination of Tuscan, Provencal, and Spanish Colonial/Early California, with Asian influences. Themes and moods vary. Pretty much freestyle designing. However, certain rules will give you a recognizable style. We're working on it.- Jim and Katya Preston 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By dezinig-diva There were a few pages that were cut out of it, but other wise ok 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Still good ideas for the home! By

Burlingtonian Beautiful photos. I bought it because it has several photos of my bed in it that was used for the photo shoot :)

The first book to celebrate Wine Country lifestyle and interiors, California Wine Country offers an intimate tour of the ease and elegance that prospers amidst the vineyards and lush hillsides of the California wine-growing regions. Best-selling style writer Diane Dorrans Saeks walks the personal, memorable, and inspiring homes and hideaways of more than twenty-five Wine Country homeowners -- including an apple orchardist, a painter, a chef, an architect, and a gardener -- as they enjoy the seasonal splendor of outdoor dining, vine-covered vistas, sun-dappled interiors, and the spectacular surroundings of a region where lifestyle marries landscape. One of the most popular travel destinations on the West Coast, the Sonoma-Napa countryside is esteemed for its natural beauty and casually luxurious way of life. Throughout the region, and from the Anderson Valley to the vineyards of Santa Barbara, uniquely decorated homes are treasured for their architecture, seclusion, and unparalleled setting. Saeks visits nearly thirty such houses, including a renovated farmhouse and barn; a rustic family home amidst a walnut orchard; and a dreamy lakeside "tent" home in Sonoma. With more than two hundred beautiful color photographs, California Wine Country brilliantly captures the spirit and flavor of the Wine Country way of life.

.com True to the sense of bounty and calm that the California wine regions convey, Diane Dorrans Saeks writes, "Wine Country life is private, peaceful, undisturbed. Rural bliss soothes the mind. The Wine Country encourages simple wonder and gratitude." The inhabitants of the idyllic properties presented in California Wine Country must feel grateful indeed. This unbelievably seductive book of heavenly hideaways is divided into five sections: "Classic," "Poetic," "Rustic," "Collectors," and "Weekends." The Santa Ynez, Russian River, and Alexander Valley regions are explored, as well as the more well-known Napa and Sonoma areas. Saeks sought out creative people--artists and art dealers, designers, restaurateurs--whose houses range from a splendid Venetian villa near Calistoga to a 12-by-16-foot tent (furnished with antiques) on the edge of a peaceful Sonoma lake. The interiors are magazine-perfect (not a cell phone or fax machine in sight) and true to the prevailing architecture, whether angular and austere or funky adobe. There is a Mediterranean-inspired lushness in every photograph: grapes spill from the vines covering a patio, rambler roses cover a wooden gate, and doorways invariably open onto hillside vistas complete with blue sky. The directory at the book's end includes design and furnishings stores, as well as bookstores with good design sections, kitchen equipment stores, and restaurant, hotel, and winery recommendations. By Cathleen Medwick Diane Dorrans Saeks and photographer Alan Weintraub spent almost a year researching this understandably convivial book. Wine country has become a chic address for vintners as well as for fast-rooting nongrowers. House styles range from a hand-hewn barn whisked from the New Hampshire hills to the Santa Ynez valley to a colonial Australian farmhouse in Los Olivos. Interiors, whether rustic or refined, inevitably offer a place to sit and drink in the glories of the land. This book takes us on a tour of some of the unique homes in the California Wine Country. With gorgeous photos by Alan Weintraub and an introduction by Robert Mondavi, we explore the interiors of 25 retreats. California Wine Country About the Author Diane Dorrans Saeks is the California editor for Metropolitan Home, the interior design editor for PaperCity, the San Francisco correspondent for W and Women's Wear Daily, and a frequent contributor to national and international design publications. She Alan Weintraub has published his photographs in numerous architectural and design publications. Robert Mondavi is the founder of Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville, California.