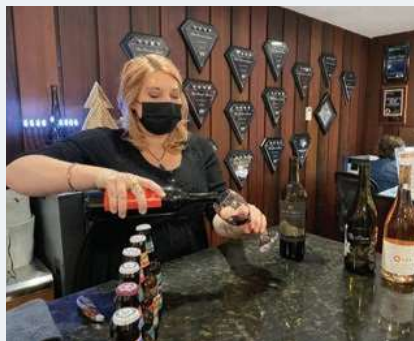




Weekend Adventure: Brewery Gulch Inn, Mendocino

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Nestled in a clearing ringed with redwoods and pines and perched back from the dramatic cliffs of Smuggler’s Cove, this contemporary inn is reached via a short rural drive that leads past a two-acre woodland garden of native plants. Upper floor guest rooms have an ocean view filtered through tall pines.



Wine tasting

Check-in occurs at a handcrafted redwood desk topped with granite in a reception area paneled with eco-salvaged redwood. The public area beyond, known as the Great Room, has a 14-foot-high ceiling and a dramatic, gigantic, freestanding steel-and-glass-paneled wood-burning fireplace. It is the perfect place to relax with a good book, and it is where guests gather for the wine hour.

Breakfast is eaten at one of several massive dining tables at one end of the Great Room, where diners enjoy a spectacular view and choose from a menu that might offer a brioche French toast or a classic bacon and eggs (the Millionaire’s bacon is salty, sweet and spicy—a don’t-miss). Alternatively, breakfast can be delivered to your room.



Room interior

The complimentary wine-tasting hour includes a boxed tray of heavy appetizers that is generous enough to stand in for a light dinner. Beer from local breweries is also an option. All this and 100% pure, sweet well water comes out of the taps, too!

Pandemic update: During this period when we are emerging from shutdown, we need to carefully consider activities to feed our spirit. Always visit a destination’s website to check current pandemic regulations and schedules.

Brewery Gulch Inn: 9401 Hwy. 1 N., 1 mile south of Mendocino, (800) 578-4454, (707) 937-4752; www.brewerygulchinn.com.

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View from the deck



Appetizer tray

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