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Once thought of as the only true American grape, Zinfandel has recently been traced back to Croatia. Still, this intense red varietal is happiest growing in nearby Dry Creek Valley, a 6,300-acre strip of gorgeous vineyard land at the northern tip of Healdsburg. Characterized by a revelation of blackberry flavors and aromas, Zin goes great with barbecue, pasta and more. While three Rs still reign—Ravenswood, Ridge and Rosenblum—we'd rather runneth our cups over with newcomer **Bella Vineyards** (*left*). Looked after by Scott and Lynn Adams (whose vineyard-designate wines are named after their daughters), Bella is made from vineyards in both Dry Creek and Alexander Valley. Lily Hill and Belle Canyon are available at PlumpJack. Or stop by the tasting room (9711 West Dry Creek Rd., Healdsburg, 707-473-9171, www.bellawinery.com).