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Ledgewood Creek Vineyards and Winery By Thom Elkjer

Ledgewood Creek is closer to the town of Napa than much of the Napa Valley appellation. Yet the winery and vineyards lie in Solano County's Suisun Valley -- terra incognita for most people. Next time you're in Napa, however, you should make the short trip and put Ledgewood Creek on your personal wine map. The wines are good, the people are welcoming, the prices are outstanding, and you can picnic almost all year 'round if the weather cooperates (daily 11-5, 707-426-4424, www. ledgewoodcreek.com). When you visit, you may well hear about how the vineyards get a favorable balance of warm inland temperatures and cool maritime effects from nearby San Francisco Bay. You're also likely to hear about the slew of medals Ledgewood Creek has been winning at major competitions....