

Wild Coyote

Those seeking a mystical, quiet retreat should head for Wild Coyote, a hilltop winery and bed & breakfast that owner/winemaker Gianni Manucci designed and built to provide his guests a spiritual haven.

Modeled on traditional adobe homes in the Taos region of New Mexico — the beams used to complete the inn were even brought in from the region — the five “casitas” finished in October 2005 are named for Native American tribes.

The New Mexico-style rooms are identical but for their unique touches —

vases, mirrors and other pieces of art, hand selected and brought to the winery by Manucci and his wife. Their rich colors complement the stucco and plaster buildings, the leather chairs and bright bedspreads.

A complimentary bottle of wine is in each room, and guests are treated to a breakfast of fresh fruit, cereal, yogurt and a hot dish such as eggs benedict or French toast.

Fireplaces provide warmth in the winter, and on warm days guests can relax on a private patio overlooking the vineyard or in the hot tub, located steps away from the rooms, the winery and the tasting room. And Manucci gives guests full access to his 40 acres, to wander through the vineyard or hike to the top of his hill.

What you'll pay: Sunday through Thursday, \$225 a night; weekends, \$275 a night and major holidays, \$325 a night. During wine festivals, only club members can reserve a room.

When to book: Call at least a month in advance; it's easier to book a room during the week. A two-night minimum is required on weekends and during major holidays.

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TRADITIONAL ADOBE HOMES in the Taos, New Mexico, region provide inspiration for the rooms at Wild Coyote.



THE PRIVATE PATIO overlooking the vineyards provides a relaxing spot to enjoy a glass of wine.



AUTHENTIC TOUCHES add to the ambiance at Wild Coyote.