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One Heck of a Trip

"Waatch yer step!" yells the grip person as he quickly ushers passengers onto the cable car intended to whisk you up or down the steep streets that are San Francisco's claim to fame. His voice is gruff, the rules of the ride are clear "No pulling the rope!," "don't get in the way" and "don't try to get on if the car is full." Still, no visit to San Francisco is complete without taking a cable car ride, especially when a heart-pumping walk up to the top of one of the city's legendary steep hills is too daunting a task.



Powering Through the Powell-Mason Line

From the Powell/Market turntable, this car runs up and over Nob Hill and down to Bay Street and Fisherman's Wharf. Two of the newest ventures to open up along this route are The Parlor and the Buena Vista Carneros Tasting Room.



For a slower change of pace and a chance to taste northern California's best wines without making the trek to the Napa and Sonoma areas, head to the year-old Buena Vista Carneros Tasting Room inside the Boudin Bakery at Fisherman's Wharf. One of the state's oldest wineries established in 1857, Buena Vista Carneros is now considered a Historic Landmark. If making it to the property in Sonoma isn't possible, you can watch the Boudin bakers make their famous sourdough bread using a recipe from 1849, then head upstairs to Buena Vista's dark-wood and marble bar to sample their award winning Syrahs, Chardonnays and Pinots while taking in the activity of the Wharf and beautiful Bay views.