

Directions to Salamandre Wine Cellars from the North

Address: 108 Don Carlos Drive, Aptos, 95003.

Phone: 831-685-0321 (answering machine)

1. From Santa Cruz, exit off Hwy 17 and follow Hwy 1 South toward Watsonville
2. Exit Hwy 1 on Exit 435, State Park Drive, Aptos. .
3. Turn LEFT at the stoplight at the end of the off-ramp. Resist the temptation to turn right to Seacliff State Beach if it's a sunny day.
4. Cross back over the freeway and turn RIGHT on Soquel Drive. It's a major intersection with stoplights. There's a shopping center with a Safeway and a gas station on your right.
5. Go through 2 more lights, pass under the railroad tracks, and pass the fabulous Café Sparrow on your right. You'll shortly arrive at the brand new stoplights at Trout Gulch Road in Aptos Village. A Starbucks on your right claims the turf once the proud dominion of a Terrible Herbst gas station on your right. Behind that, you'll find Akira, a fine Japanese restaurant. No, Dorothy, you're not in Kansas anymore.
6. Turn LEFT on Trout Gulch Road, bumping across the tracks as you turn.
7. Drive approx 1/8 mile then turn LEFT again on Cathedral Drive. Landmark is US Post Office.
- 8. This is important. Mark your odometer at the Post Office.**
9. Go exactly 1.1 miles up serpentine Cathedral Drive and slow down as you approach a sharp hairpin turn to the left. *Don't do that!* Instead, leave the beaten path and turn RIGHT on Don Carlos Drive. There is no sign, but at least it's paved.
10. A rack of mailboxes also marks the road; the largest mailbox has Shoemaker written on it. If you look carefully, right behind the mailboxes, there is a white mileage marker which says 1.05.
11. Starting with the driveway marked 108, you can park in 4 consecutive driveways on your LEFT.
12. If you miss Don Carlos Drive, you start passing mailboxes marked in the 800's and will wind up 0.4 miles up the road at the Monte Toyon Camp, where you can turn around and sheepishly make another try.