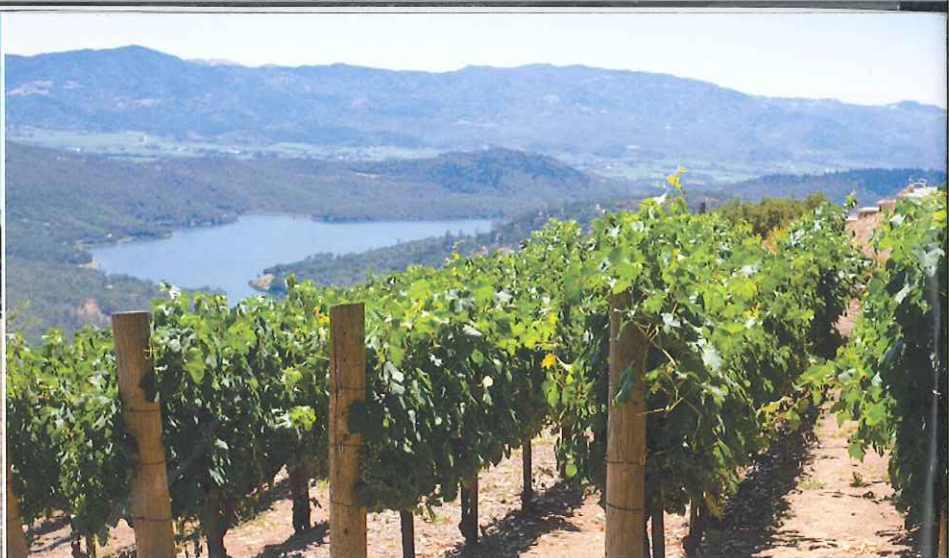




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Mark Weldon is CEO of NZX. Airpoints member since 2002.

## Mark Weldon talks about *San Francisco*

### **You'll always want to eat at:**

Bix in North Beach has the greatest burger I have ever eaten;

a black truffle cheese burger.

### **You'll really know you're in San Francisco when:**

You see a menu in a restaurant that names the farm from which every ingredient has been sourced, and then you find out that the menu changes daily.

### **My San Francisco best kept secret is:**

49 Geary Street. Some of the best photography galleries in the world are hidden away in this rabbit warren.

### **Favourite quirky San Francisco trivia:**

Many of the best restaurants in San Francisco allow BYO. If you've spent a day in wine country, call

ahead, and you're almost certain to be able to bring your bottle with you.

### **San Francisco attraction you still enjoy:**

The San Francisco MOMA. It has a beautiful sculpture garden with great coffee.

### **Essential San Francisco**

### **purchase not available elsewhere:**

Zinfandel. Amazing, big, tasty, red wine that excels in Sonoma County.

### **Biggest myth continues to be:**

That it is a long way away. From Auckland it's just one flight.

### **Favourite day trip is still:**

Sonoma County. Stay in Healdsburg at the Healdsburg Hotel, and spend time in the beautiful wine zones of Russian River, Dry Creek Valley, and Alexander Valley.

### **My best advice for anyone visiting San Francisco:**

San Francisco is a great sports town. Check the internet, and see the Giants play if it's baseball season.

### **Most inspiring building, architecture, or place:**

The California Academy of Sciences building with a living roof that has become its own ecosystem supporting native bird and plant life.

### **State of mind after 3 nights:**

Happy and healthy – on account of all of the good eating, drinking, and vitamin D.

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