Hole of the

No. 7
The Course at Wente Vineyards
Livermore Valley, Calif.
California Dreamin'

Look at this splendid view of the seventh hole of The Course at Wente Vineyards. What was that saying in that old commercial? Oh yeah, "It doesn't get any better than this."

And to think that people get to play golf in this setting and that a superintendent, Glenn Matthews, gets to tend turf in it.

But long before there was golf in this California valley, there was wine. The Wente Vineyards was created in the late 1800s and continues its success more than 120 years later. But now there is golf to go with the vineyards, specifically this 18-hole design by Greg Norman.

The course's holes play through the vineyards, and the site contains more than 200 feet of elevation change. The par-3 seventh hole is downhill, and golfers should be wary to select the appropriate clubs. Tee shots have been known to play about a club short because of the wind blowing from the left.