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*For those who live in Napa Valley –
and those who wish they did...*

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An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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Halls to buy Venika property?

The *Yountville Sun* reports that Craig and Kathryn Hall, whose Hall Financial Group recently bought La Residence Inn in Napa, are buying the Venika International property in Yountville.

Mike Reynolds, general manager of the Hall Winery here acknowledges that they're looking at the property but says no deal has been closed.

The property next to shuttered PJ Steak includes a permit for a 20-unit inn, a small café, commercial space and two employee apartments.

The property is owned by the D'Ambrosio family.

The P.J. Steak building next door remains empty and for rent by owner Philippe Jeanty.

The Halls, of course, own a large winery in St. Helena due for demolition and a new winery. They also have a small winery in the Rutherford hills and considerable vineyard acreage in Napa and Sonoma counties.

Polenske of Blackbird buying Burgundy Inn

The *Yountville Sun* also reports that Michael Polenske, the owner of Blackbird Vineyard, is buying Burgundy Inn in Yountville.

There's no confirmation at this point.

Oxbow Market signs new tenants; nearly full

Oxbow Public Market, which is scheduled to open this fall, has signed three new tenants -- Whole Spice, Tillerman Tea and Kitchen Library.

The Market has now reached agreement for over 90 percent of its available space.

Whole Spice is owned and operated by husband and wife team Ronit and Shuli Madmone of Petaluma.

Nearly 30 percent of their spices are certified organic. From the usual to the exotic, allspice to vanilla, and ajowan to zhug, Whole Spice will also offer a broad scope of salts and mushroom powders.

Owner David Campbell of Tillerman Tea will be assisted by director of education David Wong.

Tillerman Tea will offer a limited selection of rare loose-leafed teas in addition to a special "house flight" of five teas: green, oolong, black, jasmine and pu-erh. They will have a limited and fine quality selection of traditional teapots, cups, infusers and tea making paraphernalia.

Photographer Steven Rothfeld brings his dream to Oxbow Public Market in the form of Kitchen Library. It will offer new titles, cookbooks, fiction and periodicals as well as leather-bound journals and boxes, linens and comestibles.

Previously announced market tenants are:

- Ria bistro
- Long Meadow Ranch
- Roli Roti grilled meats and poultry
- The Fatted Calf charcuterie and butcher shop
- The Model Bakery artisan breads and pastry
- The Oxbow Wine Merchant and Wine Bar
- The Oxbow Cheese Merchant
- Taylor's Automatic Refresher
- Anette's Chocolate Factory
- Pica-Pica Venezuelan foods
- Culina culinary antiques
- Three Twins Organic Ice Cream
- The Olive Press olive oil

There's no word yet, however, on a key missing link, a seafood market. That seems vital, both for uncooked and prepared fish and shellfish

If you haven't been by lately, it's very impressive with the structural steel of the roof up.

Oxbow Public Market will feature a diverse mix of local food vendors, artisan cafes and farm stands.

For information About the Oxbow Public Market, contact Steve Carlin at 963-1345 or visit www.oxbowpublicmarket.com.

Farmers' market at Stanley Lane

Speaking of vegetables and fruit, the new produce stand at Stanley Lane is a nice place to buy produce, too. It's nice and seems much cheaper than the big Farmers Market, though the Farmers Market has a wider choice and more offerings, of course.

It's distinct from the existing store, which remains open.

The produce stand is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Margrit and Julie

An awkward moment ensued Friday morning at KVON, where I have a talking version of NapaLife every Friday morning from 9 to 10 a.m.

When I arrived just before 9, I ran into Julie Flynn Silver, the author of the House of Mondavi, who had just completed recording a session for later that morning with Jeff Schectman.

I greeted Julie, having complained about some of the book, but warned her that Margrit Mondavi was about to arrive for my program to talk about the upcoming concerts and art exhibition at the winery.

I like them both, but it was an awkward moment. Instead of sneaking out, Julie chose to say hello to Margrit, apologizing for causing her pain.

Margrit agreed, but was as gracious as you would imagine. Her photo could be by the definition of "lady" in the dictionary.

Julie is a very nice person, too, and I know she didn't want to hurt anyone in the book but felt she had to tell the story.

For what it's worth, someone very close to the situation confirms it's absolutely accurate as far as he knows, but he wishes Julie had left part of it out.

Cameo Cinema endangered?

In one of the more depressing developments of late, Cameo Cinema's lease will expire in December and owner Charlotte Wagner has decided not to renew it.

The Cameo is one of the cultural gems of the valley, screening critically acclaimed, first-run movies as well as art films. It would be great if some generous benefactor would take Charlotte's role, for I doubt it's financially viable on its own.

Perhaps a nonprofit group could be formed to take it over. It would be criminal to turn it into yet another shoe store or antique parlor.

Downtown Napa development

In hopefully more promising developments, George Altamura has announced tentative plans to raze part of the Napa Town Center and Merrill Building he owns to replace it with mixed retail, residential and office space. He would keep the attractive façade of Merrill's on First Street.

This is all dependent on how other projects downtown do, however. It won't happen tomorrow.

Those in the know have been exasperated that Altamura, who owns much of downtown, has been sitting on so his property instead of putting it to good use so this is very hopeful.

Speaking of downtown, construction on the new parking structure behind the jail and the riverfront project should start this week. Kiss parking spaces goodbye – but remember that the garages on Pearl and Clay almost never fill up.

Foothill café open for take out

Until it opens July 10, Foothill Café is open for take-out six days a week, closed on Sundays. The phone number is 257-2270.

Lucy expanding to Thursday

Lucy Spangler-Gore of the former Café Lucy is expanding her Friday night Relish ~ La Traiteur takeout to Thursday.

The offering will be a little different. The Thursday night menu will be a "Box du Jour," a single special dish with a salad for \$18.

She will keep the Friday menus varied with the same format, but with fewer items.

You pick up the food at 1755 Industrial Way, Suite #28 (just off California) from 5 to 7 p.m. She accepts cash and checks only.

Call 257-7219 at the kitchen, but it's better to email cafelucy@aol.com or fax 254-0371 to get the menu and place your orders.

Cygnets delight Embassy Suites staff and guests

The two pairs of swans at the Embassy Suites hotel have both had cygnets this spring.

The black swans had babies about 2 months ago and the white swans hatched about a months ago.

All of the cygnets are still grey and fluffy and staying close to mom and dad. They're all receiving tons of attention and are the most photographed cygnets on the planet at the moment!

The parents are protective but are enclosed behind low vegetation so they don't attack, a scary proposition. The Romans used to swans and geese

as watch “dogs” and I got a nasty bruise from one once to my daughters’ great amusement.

The hotel was completely renovated last fall.

If you want more information, call 253-9540 or go to www.napavalley.embassysuites.com.

Or stop by to see the swans.

Liberals drink?

Mick Winter and Lauren Coodley have formed the Napa Valley chapter of Drinking Liberally, a national organization with 212 chapters in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

The inaugural gathering will be tonight, June 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Buckhorn Grill in downtown Napa.

The Drinking Liberally website (www.drinkingliberally.org) says the group is an informal, inclusive progressive social group. Drinking Liberally gives like-minded, left-leaning individuals a place to talk politics. You don’t need to be a policy expert and this isn’t a book club - just come and learn from peers, trade jokes, vent frustration and hang out in an environment where it’s not taboo to talk politics. And non-alcoholic drinks count.

Needless to say, I’d also be happy to mention a conservative counterpart if one exists.

New jazz venue in Sonoma

The Ledson Hotel on Sonoma’s historic plaza has a new lounge featuring casual seating around the interior’s ornate fireplace and fixtures. It offers a menu of small plates to accompany Ledson wines or a cocktail.

It also features music at times.

On July 7, Sonoma Jazz + is presenting Claudia Villela live at the lounge for shows at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25. This is a part of the new Live at the Ledson Lounge series of jazz presentations.

The Ledson Hotel and Harmony Lounge is at 480 East First St. on Sonoma Plaza and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will soon be open until 10:30 pm on music nights. For more information call 996- 9779 or see www.ledsonhotel.com for schedules.

Community prayer breakfasts to start month

A community-wide prayer breakfast is held at 7 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at The Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave., Napa.

This non-denominational gathering is open to anyone and everyone who values faith in their lives. Local clergy members will offer invocation and blessings on a rotating basis, and inspirational speakers will do short, uplifting talks to send guests out to start each month on a high note.

A hearty buffet breakfast will be available and the cost is \$15 per person in cash or check only.

The community prayer breakfast has being organized by lay persons Joe Turner and Kate King as a way to bring faith into people’s lives on a regular basis. “Some people, for whatever reason, don’t make it to a weekly church service,” said Turner. “This offers an alternative that is non-threatening and offers some fellowship in a quick format that allows business people to be in their workplace by 8 a.m.”

July 2 is the first Community Prayer Breakfast and will feature a local Erna Stevenson as the speaker. Pastor Ed Hart from First Presbyterian Church in Napa will officiate the invocation and final blessing. Seating is open, but for an estimated count for food serving purposes, reservations are appreciated. Call 224-6344 with questions or to reserve a spot.

News for Napa’s wine community

Forum hopes to become “MySpace” of wine

Wine & Spirits Industry Forum has launched the first Social Network for the Wine and Spirits Industry, which enables industry professionals to make new contacts, market their products and services, develop new business opportunities and stay informed of industry news and events.

WSIF is a collaborative effort of industry and technology experts who plan to create a global community through business social networking. Membership is free and open to anyone working in or providing services to wine and spirits companies.

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Among the features provided by WSIF are the ability to complete a business profile and read the profiles of others; to send messages to other members and invite them to become contacts; to post commentary, pictures and videos; to list free classifieds and job openings; to create a group for members with common interests to blog; to use "VisualSpace" to identify members to meet; to read and post news and events; and many other features.

Donna Prescott trained at London-based Wine and Spirit Education Trust, and worked for several high technology firms in Silicon Valley.

Register free at wineandspiritsindustryforum.com.

Joe Ciatti leaves wine brokerage to new partners

Founder Joe Ciatti has left wine brokerage Joseph W. Ciatti Co. to focus on a wine real estate investment trust. Ciatti acquired the firm in 1976.

Partners Greg Livengood and John Ciatti bought Joe Ciatti's share of the company, and Livengood is now president.

Chris Welch, Glenn Proctor and John White, who were already grape or bulk-wine brokers with the company, are also partners.

Joe Ciatti and Richard Schell, former publisher of *Wine Business Monthly*, started Vintage Wine Trust in San Rafael in 2004. They have invested \$143 million in buying vineyards and wineries, primarily in sale-leaseback transactions.

First U.S. Wine M.B.A. Program Launched

Sonoma State University has launched the nation's first Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in wine business.

Mack Schwing is director of the Wine Business Program at the Santa Rosa university.

He expects the program, set to begin this fall, to attract mid-level managers, such as marketing, finance and sales directors, who are already working in the wine industry.

The program will consist of 10 basic courses, which a typical student could complete in two years.

The program is funded through a public-private partnership with sponsors including Diageo, Korbel, Gallo, Girard, J. Lohr, and the Wine Institute.

Go to www.sonoma.edu for more information.

Students interested in fall 2007 classes should register by July 13 by contacting Linda Nowak at 664-3954 or linda.nowak@sonoma.edu.

Fresno State Winery creates wine for Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's stores in the San Joaquin Valley now sell wines made at Fresno State Winery by enology students including a Special Selection Merlot made just for TJ's.

It also sells 2006 San Joaquin County Pinot Gris from Duarte Vineyards and a Rhone-blend, Eclipse.

Fresno State has the only winery on a university campus in the United States licensed to bottle and sell its student-produced wines, though I think Napa Valley College is considering the move.

Trader Joe's began carrying Fresno State's student-made wines in Fresno and Clovis in January 2005.

It added the Modesto more recently.

For more information on the university winery, call 559.278.WINE.

Screw caps make up 17% of sales at Wine.com

Wines using screw cap closures made up 17.5 percent of wine sales at Wine.com for the 12-month period ending May 31.

More than half, 53 percent, were white wines and 41 percent were red, with rosé and dessert wines accounting for the rest.

The top four wine regions leading the screw cap trend were Australia (39 percent), California (24 percent), New Zealand (20 percent), and France (5 percent).

Wine.com features a section devoted to wines using screw cap closures, nearly one third of which are rated 90 points or higher by professional wine critics and publications such as *Wine Spectator*, *Wine Enthusiast*, Robert Parker and Stephen Tanzer.

Wine.com is the nation's largest online wine retailer, and it is the world's most visited wine website, according to research conducted by comScore Media Metrix.

For more information, visit www.Wine.com.

Events this week

Napa Valley Museum Kid's Camp

The Napa Valley Museum is holding Kid's Camp Tuesdays June 26 through August 7. It's for kids from kindergarten to fifth grade in different classes. The cost is \$10 per session.

Reservations are required. Call 944-0500.

The Napa Valley Museum is at 55 Presidents Circle in Yountville.

For information, visit www.napavalleymuseum.org.

***The Garden of the Finzi-Continis* at Cameo Cinema**

One of the masterpieces of cinema, *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, will be presented as part of the art series at the Cameo Cinema Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. only.

Master storyteller Vittorio de Sica set his last great film in the small Italian town of Ferrara during World War II. *The Finzi-Continis*, a wealthy Jewish family, live in a castle surrounded by a beautiful garden. While the garden creates the family's physical barrier to the outside world, an elaborate series of psychological barriers allow the family to avoid thinking about the fascists who rule the country beyond their gates. But like all Italian Jews, the Finzi-Continis cannot escape the effects of the war raging around them, and the times eventually catch up to them.

It's presented by the Cameo Cinema and Nimbus Arts. The ticket price is \$4 for all.

Cameo Cinema is at 1340 Main St. in St. Helena. The web site is www.cameocinema.com and phone number is 963-9779.

Hungarian winemakers talk on Tokaji wine

Two of Hungary's top winemakers, Elizabeth & Miklos Pracser (wife and husband) will present a free talk on Hungary's most famous wine, Tokaji, on Wednesday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at Silverado Vineyards (6121 Silverado Trail, Napa).

The two vintners, who began their wine careers in Tokaj in 1974, will speak about Hungary's greatest wine, Tokaji, a wine that two centuries ago was the most famous in the world.

Elizabeth is winemaker and manager of the family's 40-acre estate, Elizabeth Cellar. Miklos is general manager of Degenfeld Estate, one of Tokaj's most prestigious estate wineries.

The Degenfeld wines are imported in the USA by local importer, Louis Kapcsandy, Jr., of Grand Cru Imports, in Yountville.

They will talk about Tokaji's past, Tokaji under Communism, and Tokaji's renaissance today. A tasting of wines will follow.

The talk is part of the couple's first visit to California, where their daughter, Hajnalka Pracser, is interning with Foster's Wine Estates Americas.

Seats are available for the talk on a reservation-only basis. To make reservations, call Michelle Jackson at Silverado Vineyards 257-1770, extension 3, or email her at mjackson@silveradovineyards.com.

Summer tastings at Back Room Wines

The construction downtown and the Chefs' Market are playing havoc with businesses like Back Room Wines, so I particularly encourage you to enjoy one of Dan's weekly tastings.

He'll offer 2004 Clos St. Jean Chateaneuf du Pape Thursday, June 28 from 3 to 6 p.m.. The cost is \$10.

The subject is outstanding wines from Washington Friday, June 29. Dan says: "Big Cabs, sexy Syrahs, lovely whites." It's \$20.

Back Room Wines is at 974 Franklin St., Napa. The phone number is 226-1378 and web site is www.backroomwines.com.

The 2nd Annual Napa Valley L'Chaim Weekend

Jewish Vintners and winemakers from the Napa Valley and beyond will gather to rejoice in their agricultural roots at the second "L'Chaim Weekend" from Friday June 29 through Sunday July 1.

This three-day celebration of Jewish wine, cuisine, camaraderie and history will occur at locations throughout the Napa Valley with all proceeds benefiting several Napa Valley nonprofit charities, including Napa Valley Center for Jewish Culture, The Table, Congregation Beth Sholom, the Jewish Historical Society of Napa Valley and the Napa Valley Museum.

It begins Friday, June 29 with an evening wine reception at a private St. Helena country estate.

Guests will enjoy exclusive winery open houses on Saturday, June 30, followed by the grand gala at the Culinary Institute of America on Saturday evening, and a farewell Sunday brunch at the Napa Valley Museum.

The main event, the Saturday evening Gala at the Culinary Institute, will include a walk-around wine tasting, a lavish dinner feast with vintner-hosted tables, a silent auction and an extraordinary live auction featuring many surprises.

"This is a joyous celebration of roots, culture and wine, creating an extraordinary feeling that permeates every event during L'Chaim's three days," stated event chair Dick Wollack.

For more information on the second annual Napa Valley L'Chaim Weekend, visit napavalleycjc.org. Tickets are \$500 per guest for the entire weekend package of events.

For more information, contact Sandi Hyman at: sandihyman@comcast.net. or 968-9944.

Lavay Smith at Opera House

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, considered one of the top swing and jump blues bands in the country, perform at the Napa Valley Opera House on Saturday, June 30 at 8 p.m. The sultry vocals of chanteuse Lavay and her all star eight-piece band feature some of the finest musicians available, consisting of four horns, guitar, piano, bass and drums. Tickets are \$35 and \$30.

Napa Valley Opera House, 1030 Main St., Napa, 226-7372, www.nvoh.org

Future events

Midsummer music workshops

Napa Valley Music Associates is holding midsummer music workshops for all ages July 2 through Aug. 10.

The classes and instructors are:

- Recorder Ensembles, Daniel Celidore
- String Ensembles, Kineko Barbini
- Vocal Ensembles, Vaida Falconbridge
- Flute Choirs, Jane Lenoir
- Drumming Circles, Susan Jette
- Composing Together, Katrina Wreede

They're six-week sessions in small groups at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Tuition is \$120 per ensemble and registration fee is non-refundable \$15.

Also available are individual oboe, flute, violin/viola, guitar, voice, piano, brass and harp classes.

Get information at .napavalleymusicassociates.org.

For registration and audition information contact Napa Valley Music Associates at 252-8671.

Catalán Festival at Gloria Ferrer

Gloria Ferrer Caves and Vineyards celebrate the unique spirit of Catalonia and the heritage of the Ferrer family at the 15th Annual Catalán Festival July 21 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is one of my favorite events in all of Wine Country, featuring Catalán food and culture with the delicious Ferrer sparkling and still wines, but it always sells out, so get tickets now.

Admission is \$40 for adults, \$32 for youth under 21 and children under five are free.

Gloria Ferrer Caves and Vineyards is at 23555 Highway 121 in Sonoma. Call 933-1999 or go to www.gloriaferrer.com for details.

Wine Library to feature Cab at annual tasting,

On Sunday, August 12 the Napa Valley Wine Library will hold its 45th Annual Wine Tasting for members of the organization. This year the tasting is of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet varieties and blends and is organized by appellation of the wine poured. The Tasting is in the Oak Grove of Silverado Resort in Napa from 5 to 7 pm.

About 95 Napa Valley wineries will pour their Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carménère, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot and proprietary blends at "A Selection of Cabernet Varieties from Napa Valley Appellations."

Raymond Cheese will again provide local artisan cheeses, Bouchon Bakery is donating a selection of breads baked that day, and Crystal Geysir is donating its still and sparkling water.

The Wine Library was the first to offer wine education classes in Napa Valley, and established a library of popular and technical wine-related works at the St. Helena Public Library. It also undertook to collect oral histories of local winegrowers and winemakers and to publish a members magazine documenting the wine history of Napa Valley. All these activities continue today. The library collections have grown steadily over the years and are used by historians, interns, authors, winegrowers and winemakers alike. Although many other organizations are now involved in wine education, the Annual Tasting of the Napa Valley Wine Library continues to be the single best opportunity to taste the wines of Napa Valley.

Membership in the organization is \$50 per year and includes the Annual Tasting (membership is \$60 the day of the Tasting). To join, visit www.napawinelibrary.org or write Napa Valley Wine Library, P.O. Box 328, St. Helena, CA 94574 or call 963-5244.

Sonoma Salute to the Arts

Sonoma Salute to the Arts, a showcase of the culinary, winemaking, visual, performing and literary arts, will celebrate its 22nd anniversary the weekend of Aug. 3, 4 and 5.

The Salute Celebration opening night gala will be held Friday evening, Aug. 3.

The salute to the arts food, wine, and art will be held in Sonoma Plaza on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5, with food and wine from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., music and art from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Big Night, the salute to the arts live auction and Italian Feast, will be held on Saturday evening, Aug. 4 at fancy new Jacuzzi Family Vineyards south of Sonoma cross from Cline Vineyards.

The sponsoring Arts Alliance has contributed more than \$600,000 to Sonoma arts and cultural organizations and programs since its inception.

For information and tickets, call 938-1133, or visit salutetothearts.com.

James Bond weekend at Clos du Val

Join winemaker John Clews and Clos Du Val for a 007 James Bond-themed party celebrating the winery's 35th anniversary and the release of its reserve-tier wines, the 2005 Reserve Chardonnay and 2004 Reserve Pinot Noir.

It will be held Saturday, Aug. 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. The party will feature wine, dining, and entertainment including new releases and library wines, casino tables and dancing.

Featured wines (and films) include: 2005 Reserve Chardonnay, 2004 Reserve Pinot Noir and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon from the 1977 (*The Spy Who Loved Me*), 1995 (*Goldeneye*), 1997 (*Tomorrow Never Dies*) and 2001 (*Die Another Day*) vintages.

Guests are encouraged to choose a current or vintage Bond character (*Goldfinger*, *Diamonds are Forever* or *Casino Royale*) and dress the part.

The cost is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple.

Clos Du Val is at 5330 Silverado Trail.

For more information or to RSVP, call 261-5203. The web site is www.closduval.com.

Sonoma celebrates 15th Labor Day Weekend

The 2007 Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction Weekend is scheduled for Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31 to Sept. 2). The event is sponsored by Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Foundation.

The celebration includes:

- Palate, a new party showcasing Sonoma Valley's fanciest food and wine
- Friday, Aug. 31 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa. \$200.
- Taste of Sonoma Valley Saturday, Sept. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Depot Park, Sonoma. \$45.
- Winemaker dinners at private homes and wineries throughout Sonoma Valley Saturday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. \$160.
- 15th Annual Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction in a new venue at Cline Cellars Sunday, Sept. 2. \$500

For more information or tickets, call 935-0803 or visit www.sonomavalleywine.com.

Cooking classes at RustRidge

RustRidge B&B, Winery and Ranch hosts its first guest chef cooking event Oct. 26 through 29.

Kansas City chef Gary Hild will conduct a series of cooking classes using fresh seasonal ingredients from local farmers and RustRidge's own garden.

Hild is currently Executive Chef at Unity Village, a spiritual retreat near Kansas City.

RustRidge B&B/Winery is in Chiles Valley in the hills east of Rutherford.

Call 965-9353 or visit www.rustridge.com.

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All telephone numbers are in area 707 unless otherwise indicated.

Often, children's and members' tickets are available.

Copia is at 500 First St. in Napa. 259-1600. www.copia.org.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

Daily Winery of the Week at Copia. Zinfandel. Tasting. 10 am-4 pm

Saturdays Winery of the Week at Copia. Zinfandel. Meet the winemaker. Free winetasting 12- 2 pm.

Daily Winetasting 101: Know Before You Go. 10:15-10:45 am. Wine Country Passport free. \$15. Copia.

Daily Winetasting 102: Taste, Quality & Price. 1-1:30 pm. Free Wine Country Passport. \$15 including admission.

Daily Crazy for Crème Fraîche. 11-11:30 am & Fri/Sat/Sun 3-3:30 pm. Free with admission. Copia.

Daily Wine Spectator Tasting Table. The "R's" of Zinfandel. 11:30 am-4:30 pm. Prices vary. Copia.

Daily Introduction to Wine and Food Pairing 12 - 12:30 pm & 3 - 3:30 pm Mon/Wed/Thurs. \$15. Copia.

Daily Killer Zinfandels. 2-2:25 pm. Included with admission. Copia.

Tuesday Napa Farmers Market . 7:30 am-noon. Copia. 252-7142.

Fri/Sat/Sun Wine Blending Workshop. Talk, demonstration and hands-on activity. 2:45-4 pm. \$60 includes admission/\$10 extra person. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. 259-1600.

Friday Night Flicks. Come early and enjoy a complimentary taste of wine from 7:15 - 7:45 pm. Jumpstart your weekend with a prix-fixe Dinner and a Movie with a glass of wine in Julia's Kitchen for \$29; \$7 for the movie at 8 pm.

Friday Taste of Copia Lunch. Zinfully Elegant Barbeque. \$45. Copia.

Friday-Monday. Cooking demos at the Culinary Institute of America. 1:30 and 3:30 pm Fri. & Mon. plus 10:30 am Sat. & Sun. \$15. 2555 Main St., St. Helena. www.ciachef.edu. 967-2320.

Friday Vista Dome Car Napa Valley Vintners Luncheons. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.wine-train.com.

Saturday Napa Farmers Markets. 8 am-noon. Copia. 252-7142.

First Tuesday of each month. Open forum at CIA. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 967-2320. www.ciachef.edu.

CONTINUING ART EXHIBITS

July 13 through August 12 Perspectives from Three Continents. The Napa Valley Museum. The Napa Valley Museum is in Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle. 944-0500.

www.napavalleymuseum.org

Through July 14 CCA Alumni at di Rosa Preserve Gatehouse Gallery. www.dirosapreserve.org. 226-5991. di Rosa Preserve, 5200 Carneros Hwy, Napa.

Through August 1 Acrylics by Eva Mautner. www.evamautner.com. Stave Wine Lounge, 1149 First St., Napa. 259-5411. www.stavewinelounge.com.

Through Sept. 30 Planting Roots, Reaping the Harvest: The Contribution of Italian Immigrants and their Descendants to the Napa and Sonoma Wine Industry. Copia.

Through Sept. 30 Hungry Planet: What the World Eats. Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio. Copia.

CONTINUING MUSIC

Wednesday Philip Smith and The Gentlemen of Jazz - big band/jazz. 6:30-9:30 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Thursday Alternating between Leo Cavanagh Trio and McShade - acoustic guitars and bass. 6:30-9:30 pm Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Friday Pianist Don McCarroll - jazz. 5:15-8:15 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Friday Philip Smith and The Gentlemen of Jazz - big band/jazz with drums. 8:30-11:30 pm. Uva

Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Sunday Mimi Fox - jazz. 6:30-9 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

JUNE

24 Bubble Bash. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.

24 Taste of Copia Brunch. Here Comes the Sun. Interactive cooking demo, brunch with cocktail. 11 am-12:15 pm. \$35 includes admission. Copia.

24 Quick Cuisine: Easy Summer Entertaining. Cooking demonstration and late light lunch with wine. 2-3:15 pm. \$35 includes admission. Copia.

24-27 Riesling Rendezvous. Ste. Michelle Winery and Seattle, WA. info@rieslingrendezvous.com.

25 Fajitas for the Candy Hughes Memorial Kids Fund at Cope Family Center. Locos Tex-Mex Grill, 1040 Main St. 6:30 pm. \$45. Mandy Page. 252-1123. mpage@copefamilycenter.org.

26 Napa Valley Grapegrowers vs. Napa Valley Vintners softball. Napa Valley Grapegrowers. 944-8311. www.napagrowers.org.

28 Summer-Fun Thursday Tasting #4. Clos St. Jean 2004 Chateauneuf du Pape. 3-6 pm. \$10. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.

29 Outstanding Washington Wines. \$20. 5-9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.

28 Iron Butterfly Outdoor Concert. 30 pm. \$25. Copia.

29 Steve Sando of Rancho Gordo. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.

29-July 1 The second annual L'Chaim weekend with Jewish vintners and winemakers. 986-9944.

29 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.wine-train.com.

- 29 Friday Night Flick: The Tales of Hoffman. 8 pm. \$7 Fee taste of Zinfandel from 7:15 - 8 pm. Copia
- 29 Taste of Copia Lunch. Zinfully Elegant Barbeque. Cooking demo, garden talk and lunch with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45 with admission. Copia.
- 30 Preservation Hall Jazz Band and fireworks display. 7 pm. Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville. www.robertmondaviwinery.com.
- 30 Exam for Wine & Spirit Education Trust Advanced Certificate Course at Copia. 8:30-11 am. \$1095. 265-5884. wset@copia.org. visit www.copia.org/wsetinfo.
- 30 Taste of Copia – Zinfandel Madness! Walk-around wine and barbeque tasting. 12-3 pm. \$45. www.copia.org/zin. Copia.
- 30 Leo Cavanagh Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 30 Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. nvoh.org.
- 30 – July 4 -- Napa County Fair. Napa County Fairgrounds. Calistoga. \$7. 942-6333
- JULY**
- 1 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 4 Fireworks Express Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 5 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 4 Celebration of the Declaration of Independence. Remember the Constitution!
- 6 Peter Pakh of the Grill at Silverado. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 6 First Friday at di Rosa Preserve. Art by CCA artists, DJ Kaya, view projections of June First Friday. 7-10 pm. \$10, first drink free 226-5991. janet@dirosapreserve.org. www.dirosapreserve.org.
- 6 & 7 Hot Dog Weekend. Classic dog, kraut dog or chili dog with a glass of our suggested wine. \$12. 5-9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa. 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 7 Dianne Reeves. 7 pm. Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville. www.robertmondaviwinery.com.
- 7 Bop Till You Drop Swing & Foxtrot 8 pm \$25. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 7 Grgich Hills 30th anniversary. Saturday Night Fever. 7 pm Grgich Hills Estate. \$97. 7 pm. 963-2784. www.grgich.com.
- 7 Mimi Fox Trio. 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 9 Benefit golf tournament. Napa Chamber of Commerce. 226-7455. www.napachamber.com.
- 9 Second annual golf tournament benefits the Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types. Napa Valley Country Club. \$150. Dinner tickets alone \$5. 256-9721. diggermos@aol.com.
- 10 Kids in the Kitchen Class - Beyond Pepperoni cooking class. Cakebread Cellars. \$75. patk@cakebread.com. 1-800-588-0298 ext. 240.
- 11 Kids in the Kitchen Class - From Garden to Plate - cooking class. Cakebread Cellars. \$75. patk@cakebread.com. 1-800-588-0298 ext. 240.
- 11 Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau 2007 Annual Dinner. Chardonnay Golf Club. 5:30 pm. \$65. www.napavalley.org. 226-5813.
- 11 Slurps & Sips at Vintners Collective. featuring Vinoce Vineyards. 3-5 pm. \$50. 255-7150. doug@vintnerscollective.com. Vintner's Collective, 1245 Main St., Napa.
- 12 Planting Roots Exhibition reception. 6-7:30 pm. Copia.
- 12 Queen Latifah. 8 pm. Napa Valley Opera House \$93. www.nvoh.org. 226-7372.
- 12 Vivendo de Pão: Brazilian Carnival Music & Dance Extravaganza. Copia Outdoor Concert. 7:30 pm. \$25.
- 12 Tuscany Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 13 M Party: wines that start with the letter M. Marsanne, Muscadet, Mourvedre, Merlot, Muscat. 5 pm. \$15. Sacks will accompany. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 13 Will Wright of the Bounty Hunter. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 13 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 13 Proof by David Auburn. Dreamweavers. Gala opening with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine. 8 pm. \$20. Dreamweavers Theatre, 1637 Imola Ave., Napa. 255-LIVE (5483). www.dreamweaverstheatre.org.
- 13-14 San Francisco Circus Impressions. 7 pm plus 2 pm on 14. \$25. SF Circus will offer three days of workshops. Email evy@nvoh.org or call 226-7372. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 14 Bastille Day: Vive la France.
- 14 Noh Theater. 600-year old Japanese dance and music. 2:30-6:30 pm. Clos Pegase. \$100 (415) 331-5049. info@npoinfusion.org..
- 14 Herbie Hancock. 7 pm. Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville. www.robertmondaviwinery.com.
- 14 Proof by David Auburn. Dreamweavers. Date Night: Two for one admission. 8 pm. \$20. Dreamweavers Theatre, 1637 Imola Ave., Napa. 255-LIVE (5483). dreamweaverstheatre.org.
- 14 Perspectives from Three Continents. Gallery talk with artists Ana Corbero, Donna Long and Seiko Tachibana., 2 to 4 pm. Free with admission. Call 944-0500 for reservations. The Napa Valley Museum is at 55 Presidents Circle in Yountville. 944-0500. www.napavalleymuseum.org.
- 14 Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Olive oil and guitar. Free. 10 am-4 pm. 205 Jim

- Oswalt Way, American Canyon. www.cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 14 Taste of Copia Walk-around Tasting: Pinot in the Garden. www.copia.org.
- 14 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 14, 15 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 15 ArtisTree. Lucky Junk. Families create art of found objects. 9:30-11 am. Children 4 to 10 and adult companions. \$15 for family. di Rosa Preserve, 5200 Carneros Highway, Napa. 226-5991. www.dirosapreserve.org.
- 15 Proof by David Auburn. 2 pm. \$20. Dreamweavers Theatre, 1637 Imola Ave., Napa. 255-LIVE (5483). dreamweaverstheatre.org.
- 15 Madam Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini. Pocket Opera Premiere. 2 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 15 Red, White & Bubbles. Tastemaker Dinner. 65/\$95. Director of Vineyards Rick Aldine. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.
- 15 Carneros Half Marathon. Cuvaison Carneros Estate winery in Napa, to Sonoma Plaza. 933-1769
- 16 Taste of Copia Walk-around Tasting: African-American Vintners. www.copia.org.
- 18 Taste of the Nation at Silverado Resort benefits Share Our Strength. Golf plus reception \$200 12 pm. Reception only \$100. 5 pm. Silverado Resort. 877-268-2783.
- 18-19 Organic Winegrowing Conference. Napa Valley Grapegrowers. Frog's Leap. www.napagrowers.org. 944-8311.
- 19 Lobster bake; 6:30-9:30 pm. \$50, \$70 with wines. Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar, The Lodge at Sonoma, 1325 Broadway, Sonoma. 931-2042. www.carnerosbistro.com.
- 19 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 20 Centennial Salute to Gene Autry Riders In The Sky. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 20 Fun Summer Sparklers. \$10. 5-9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 20-22 Proof by David Auburn. Dreamweavers Theatre. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm. \$20. Dreamweavers Theatre, 1637 Imola Ave., Napa. 255-LIVE (5483). www.dreamweaverstheatre.org.
- 21 Monotype print workshop for ages 9 and up with local artist Diane Brinker. 10 am-noon. \$15. The Napa Valley Museum is at 55 Presidents Circle in Yountville. www.napavalleymuseum.org. 944-0500.
- 21 Los Lobos Concert Robert Mondavi Winery, Oakville. www.robertmondaviwinery.com.
- 21 Jackie King Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. uvatrattoria.com.
- 21 & 22 15th annual Catalán Festival. Gloria Ferrer Winery. 11 am-4 pm. \$40. 23555 Highway 121, Sonoma. 933-1999. www.gloriaferrer.com.
- 21 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 22 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 24 Napa Valley Classic - Equestrian Show Food, wine tasting and silent wine auction benefiting the Youth Grants Council. \$15-\$30. 4-9:30 pm. 942-4222.
- 26 Pure Ecstasy. Copia Outdoor Concert. 7:30 pm.
- 27 Under Twelve Buck A Bottle Wine Tasting. \$10. 5-9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 27 Matt Mermod of Bleaux Magnolia. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 27 or 28 Seafood grilling class. Cakebread Cellars. \$175. patk@cakebread.com. 1-800-588-0298 ext. 240.
- 27-29 Proof by David Auburn. Dreamweavers Theatre. \$20. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm. Dreamweavers Theatre, 1637 Imola Ave., Napa. 255-LIVE (5483). www.dreamweaverstheatre.org.
- 28 Paul Mehling. 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 28 & 29 Wine Adventure Weekend Lake County Wineries. (800) 525-3743. www.lakecounty.com.
- 30 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.

AUGUST

- 2 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 2 Tommy Castro. Copia Outdoor Concert. 7:30 pm.
- 3 Dippity Do - Wines with Dips to Match. \$15 Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 3 First Friday at di Rosa Preserve. Artworks by nine artists from Napa, Solano, and Sonoma. Hip hop theme. 7-10 pm. \$10, first drink is included. 226-5991, janet@dirosapreserve.org. www.dirosapreserve.org.
- 3 Julie Logue-Riordan. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 3-5 Sonoma Salute to the Arts. Sonoma Plaza and other locations. 938-1133. salutetothearts.com.
- 3 & 4 9th Annual V Wine Celebration. winecelebration.com. 963-0611.
- 4 Napa Valley Opera House Gala. 603-2333.
4. Midsummer Madness Barrel Tasting party. Clos Pegase.
- 4 Star-gazing in the Napa Valley Museum Meadow with retired state park ranger Stuart Alexander, 9-10:30 pm. Free. The Napa Valley Museum is at 55 Presidents Circle in Yountville. www.napavalleymuseum.org. 944-0500.
- 4 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

- 4 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 5 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 5 Rep. Mike Thompson pasta dinner. Zinfandel Lane Ranch, St. Helena. 5-7 pm. mshut1@aol.com. 967-9292.
- 6-26 Music in the Vineyards. www.musicinthevineyards.org. 258-5559.
- 6-8 New York Wine & Food Competition. Copia.
- 9 Alsace, Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 10 Rieslings from Around the World. \$15. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 10 Vine Village benefit. Chardonnay Golf Club Friday. 255-4006. mkereson@vinevillage.org.
- 10 & 11 Catch & Cook- Cakebread Cellars Salmon Fishing & Cooking Class. Fishing and cooking \$275, fishing \$100, cooking class \$175. 800-588-0298 patk@cakebread.com.
- 11 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 11 Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. A grand art gala. Free. 10 am-4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. 552-5199 cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 11 Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore. Lamplighters Music Theatre. 8 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 12 Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore. Lamplighters Music Theatre. 2 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 15 Muscular Dystrophy Association "Jailbird" Fund-Raiser. Bayleaf Restaurant, 2025 Monticello Rd., Napa. 257-9720. info@bayleafnapa.com.
- 16 Pagani Ranch dinner with Ridge, St. Francis, Berthoud, Wellington and David Noyes wineries. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$65, \$80 with wine. Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar, The Lodge at Sonoma, 1325 Broadway, Sonoma. 931-2042. www.carnerosbistro.com.
- 16 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 16 Michael and Blue Suede. Copia Outdoor Concert. 7:30 pm.
- 17 Wines from Spain with Michael Hutchinson of Olé Imports. \$10. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 17 Disco with the Queen. Golf, tennis and nighttime fun. Silverado Resort. 251-1882.
- 17 Joe Salerno of Piccolino's. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 17 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 17 American Style Tango & Cha Cha. \$25. 8 pm. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St. Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 17 30th Annual Day for the Queen . Tennis and golf tournaments, luncheon, fashion show, evening barbecue and dance. Benefits Queen of the Valley Hospital. 251-1882.
- 18 Don McCarroll Quartet 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 18 Best Of The San Francisco International Stand-Up Comedy Competition. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House, 1000 Main St., Napa. 226-7372. www.nvoh.org.
- 19 Family Farm League potluck and seed exchange. Rutherford. 1-4 pm. lassa@commongreens.com. 321-8094.
- 19 ArtisTree Landscape Painting. Families create watercolor landscape paintings. 9:30-11 am. Children ages 4 to 10 and adult companions. \$15 for family. di Rosa Preserve, 5200 Carneros Highway 121, Napa. 226-5991. www.dirosapreserve.org.
- 19 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 19 Harvest Preview with Newton Vineyard. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Winemaker Stephen Carrier. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.
- 19 30th Annual Day for the Queen. Golf, tennis, evening BBQ and dancing. \$55 to \$250. 7 am - 11 pm. Silverado Resort and Country Club. 251 1882.
- 23 Greg Kihn Band. Copia Outdoor Concert. 7:30 pm.
- 24 Marie Simmons of the Fig Board. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.
- 24 Back Room Blow Out XXIII. Four local winery owners/winemakers and one wine importer. Robert Foley Vineyards and Retro Winery. \$15. 5-9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 24 Vineyard owners seminar. Meadowood. Napa Valley Grapegrowers. 944-8311. www.napagrowers.org.
- 24 Hospice of FUNd Golf Tournament. Chardonnay Golf Course. BBQ lunch. \$150. 7:30 am. 258.9080.
- 25 Hands Across the Valley. Benefit supporting vital local food programs. Great food, wine and spectacular live entertainment. Trincherro Family Estates Zinfandel Ranch. \$125. 6 -11 pm. 226.6136.
- 25 Swing 7. 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 25-26 Defending the Caveman by Rob Becker. \$25-\$55. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 27 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 31 Greg Johnson of Zinsvalley. Cooking demo. Chefs' Market. 6:30 pm. Downtown Napa.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 6 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 7 Jackie King Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 8 Kent Cohea Quartet 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 8 Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Carne asada BBQ. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. www.cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 8, 9 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 11-12 Taste of Copia Walk-around Tasting: Edible Gardens Festival
- 12 Ramadan begins
- 13 Rosh Hashanah
- 13 Yountville, Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 14 Vineyard Owners Seminar. Napa Valley Grapegrowers. Meadowood Resort. 944-8311. www.napagrowers.org.
- 14 Artists' Reception & Wine Auction & Art Raffle for Arts Council Open Studios Tour. Free. 6-9 pm. Robert Mondavi Winery. Arts Council of Napa. 257-2117. valley.artsCouncilnapavalley.org.
- 15 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 15 Fete Elivette. Spring Mountain Vineyards. 2-6 p.m. \$50. 967-4188 springmountainvineyard.com
- 15 "Fête Elivette," Spring Mountain Vineyards, St. Helena. springmountainvineyard.com.
- 16 Red Sky at Night. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Chandon's viticulturist Katey Taylor. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.
- 16 Mark Nadler - In a Nutshell. 5 pm. \$20-\$50. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 16-18 Camp Schramsberg Fall harvest workshop. Schramsberg Vineyards. 942- 6668 www.schramsberg.com.
- 20 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 21 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 21 Garden to Kitchen cooking class. Cakebread Cellars. \$175. patk@cakebread.com. (800) 588-0298.
- 21 2nd annual heirloom tomato dinner. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$50, \$70 with wine pairings. Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar, The Lodge at Sonoma, 1325 Broadway, Sonoma. 931-2042. www.carnerosbistro.com.
- 22 Yom Kippur
- 22 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. uvatrattoria.com.
- 22-23 Open Studios Tour. Arts Council of Napa Valley
- 27 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 29 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 29 Leo Cavanagh Quartet 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 29 Paula Poundstone. 8 pm. \$25-\$55. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 29-30 Open Studios Tour. Arts Council of Napa Valley
- OCTOBER**
- 4 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 5 Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico. 7 pm. \$20-\$50. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 6 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 7 Family Fun Excursions Luncheon Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 6 3rd Annual Hands on Harvest at Fantesca Estate & Winery. \$175. 968-0890. fantesca.com.
- 6 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 8 Columbus Day
- 11 Ramadan ends
- 12 Economic Outlook Napa Chamber of Commerce. 226-7455. www.napachamber.com.
- 12 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 13 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 13 Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Music, massage and Merlot. Free. 10 am-4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. 552-5199. www.cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 13 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 13, 14 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 14 Benise - Nights of Fire! 5 pm. \$45-\$100. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 18 Salt dinner - the first ever. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$50, \$70.00 with wines. Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar, The Lodge at Sonoma, 1325 Broadway, Sonoma. 931-2042. www.carnerosbistro.com.
- 18 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 19 Spring Mountain Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 20 Sixth annual art auction at di Rosa Preserve. 226-5991. www.dirosapreserve.org.
- 20 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 21 Slow Food Sojourn. Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 21 Paint the Town Pink. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Rosé sparkling wine with winemaker Tom Tiburzi. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.

- 26 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.wine-train.com.
- 26 A Taste Tour of Italy. \$15. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.back-roomwines.com.
- 27 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 27 Leo Cavanagh Quartet 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.1-2 Napa River Festival. Friends of the Napa River. Napa Expo. 254-8520. friendsofthenapariver.org.
- 28 Music from the Crooked Road. 5 pm. \$25-\$55. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 30 Valley Winegrape Expo. Copia. Napa Valley Grapegrowers. www.napagrowers.org. 944-8311. www.tasteofthenation.org.
- 30 Napa Valley Winegrape Expo sponsored by Napa Valley Grapegrowers. Copia. 944-8311. visit www.napagrowers.org.
- 31 Halloween
- NOVEMBER**
- 2 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 3 Varietal Voyages Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 3 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 3 Napa County Land Trust Feast of Eden. Castello di Amorosa (Daryl Sattui's castle).
- 9 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 9 Portugal Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 10 Slow Cooking class. Cakebread Cellars. \$175. (800) 588-0298 ext. 240. patk@cakebread.com.
- 10 Second Saturday. Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Chocolate and desserts. Free. 10 am-4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. 552-5199. www.cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 10, 11 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 11 Savvy Entertaining. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Wine-maker James Kress. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.
- 15 38th Annual Foundation Dinner for Queen of the Valley Hospital. \$75. 6 pm. Silverado Resort and Country Club. 251-1882.
- 16 Back Room Blow Out XXIV \$15 From 5 to 9 P.M. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. backroomwines.com.
- 16 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 17 Slow Food Sojourn. Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 22 Thanksgiving On The Wine Train. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 23 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 25 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.wine-train.com.
- 24-25 Evita. \$45-\$125. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- DECEMBER**
- 1 The Elves and the Shoemaker. 11 am. \$10. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 1 The Second City – Improv Master Class. 1-3 pm. \$50, limited to 16 students. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 1 The Second City – Dysfunctional Holiday Revue. 7 pm. \$25-\$55. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 1 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 1 Early Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Holiday art show. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. 552-5199. www.cartlidgeandbrowne.com.
- 2 Share Chandon. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Sparkling Winemaker Tom Tiburzi. étoile at Domaine Chandon. www.Chandon.com. 204-7529.
- 5 Hanukkah begins
- 7 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 8 Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 8 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 8, 9 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 9 The Oak Ridge Boys – Christmas Cookies Holiday Show. 5 pm. \$50-\$75. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org
- 10 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 12 Hanukkah ends
- 14 Bring Your Favorite Bottle Night, Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.back-roomwines.com.
- 14 Stags Leap Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 15 Slow Food Sojourn. Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 15 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 16 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 17 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 21 Gluwein! \$3/glass. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 21 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.

- 22 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.
- 22 Leo Cavanagh Quartet 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 24 Jackie King Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 29 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration! Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. www.winetrain.com.

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