



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **2008 SUMMER WINE EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

#### **Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, *Kelseyville***

*Saturday, June 28, 2008*

Sixth-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 30 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries. Tasters vote on their favorites. Live music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts (CLPA).

Sponsored by CLPA and the Kelseyville Business Association. Tasting is \$15 per person and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. 21 years and older. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street, downtown Kelseyville. (707) 277-8172, [www.clearlakeperformingarts.org](http://www.clearlakeperformingarts.org).

#### **Lake County Wine Adventure, *Countywide***

*Saturday-Sunday, July 26 – 27, 2008*

At the fourth-annual Wine Adventure, “wine adventurers” enjoy sampling award-winning Lake County wines, mouth-watering hors d’oeuvres, prepared by local purveyors, in addition to barrel tasting and winery tours in some locations. Hosted by the Lake County Winery Association. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Purchase of a two-day Adventure Ticket for \$25 includes a commemorative wine glass, winery map, and tasting at all participating wineries. Event-goers may leave their Adventure Tickets with the last winery they visit to be entered into a raffle for several prizes. Adventure Tickets may be purchased at participating wineries or online. (707) 279-2927, [www.lakecountywineries.org](http://www.lakecountywineries.org).

#### **A Taste of Lakeport, *Lakeport***

*Friday, August 22, 2008*

Eleventh-annual event features food and wine tasting by local wineries at various Lakeport businesses. Live music and street dancing begins at 8:00 p.m. Presented by the Lakeport Main Street Association to benefit the revitalization of downtown. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street at Museum Park, Lakeport. Free admission. (707) 263-5752.

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**ONGOING**

**Tulip Hill Winery Concerts in the Garden**

Monthly summer event series includes wine and food pairing followed by live music amid the beauty of the Tulip Hill Winery gardens. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic and a blanket. Monthly lineup: June 21: Twice as Good; July 5: David Neft; August 16: The Mark Weston Band; and September 20: Austin and Owens. Wine and food pairing held from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (cost \$5 for general public, free to wine club members); concert begins at 5:00 p.m. (concert entry fee of \$10 includes limited wine tasting). Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road at Highway 20, Nice. (707) 274-9373, [www.tuliphillwinery.com](http://www.tuliphillwinery.com).

**Tuscan Village Summer Concert Series**

Live music by Lake County's finest performers, great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts every Friday evening through October. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. Tuscan Village, Main Street, Lower Lake. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free admission; limited seating. (707) 994-3354.

**Moore Family Winery Concerts in the Vineyard, Kelseyville, CA**

Moore Family Winery presents Concert in the Vineyard Series from June through October 2008. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; concert begins at 7:00 p.m.. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair for your picnic. Wine and food available for purchase. (Children 12 and under are free.) Admission: \$10.00. 11990 Bottlerock Road, Kelseyville. Information (707)738-0507. [www.moorefamilywinery.com](http://www.moorefamilywinery.com)

A growing season with long warm days and cool nights, red volcanic soils, hillside and valley vineyards, and the moderating influence of California's largest natural freshwater lake all contribute to the region's growing reputation for producing ultra-premium winegrapes and award-winning wines. Many new wineries and tasting rooms have opened, several by well-known winemakers from other winegrowing regions. Along with next-door-neighbor world-famous wine regions Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino, Lake County is part of the North Coast AVA. Within Lake County, five other AVAs exist — Clear Lake AVA, Benmore Valley AVA, Guenoc AVA, and the recently approved Red Hills AVA and High Valley AVA.

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or [www.lakecounty.com](http://www.lakecounty.com).

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