



COUNTY OF LAKE

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2010 CALENDAR OF WINE EVENTS LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ONGOING

Historic Family Ranch Day Trip, Clearlake Oaks

April through October, by reservation only

Guests' journey begins with a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history and wildlife. The ride ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Spectacular wildflowers are the highlight during April. Eleven Roses Ranch. (707) 998-4471, www.elevenrosesranch.com

Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake

Fridays, year round

Live music every Friday evening by area performers. Great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during nice weather; inside during other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. \$5 suggested donation. Tuscan Village, Main Street. (707) 994-3354, www.terrillcellars.com

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

First Saturday of each month

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café hosts the owner and/or winemaker of one of the great Lake County wineries whose vintages are featured on the wine list on the first Saturday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake

First Friday and Saturday of each month

On the first Friday and Saturday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winery as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also will be featured. Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

First Friday Fling, Lakeport

First Friday of each month

A reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery; student gallery open. Music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine featuring a different Lake County winery each month, is offered. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

Fondue Friday, Upper Lake

Second, third, fourth, and fifth Friday of each month

On the second, third, fourth, and fifth Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) will offer a selection of fondue pots by 24-hour advance reservation, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from more than two dozen Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines each week, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, Kelseyville

First Thursday of the month, May through August

On the first Thursday of each month, Stephanie Cruz-Green, sommelier and owner of Focused on Wine, will offer a specialty wine tasting served with tasty tidbits and wine education pointers. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112, www.focusedonwine.com

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

Saturday and Tuesday, May through October

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, olive oils, cheese, arts and crafts, and handmade soaps. Live music. Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tasting room opens with the market. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-4211, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Tulip Hill Winery Concert in the Garden Series, Nice

Select Saturdays, May through September

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden May 15, June 12, July 3, August 14, and September 11. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Includes wine tasting with food pairing with admission. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Select Saturdays, May through September

The Moore Family Winery hosts a family-friendly concert in the vineyard series on Saturdays in the summer. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine, food, and soft drinks available for purchase. \$10 per person. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

WINE TOURS

Lake County Wine Tours, Countywide

Year round by reservation

Guests taste award-winning wines at a variety of tasting rooms, as well as out in the vineyards amid spectacular views of Clear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Tours include comfortable seating in a 16-passenger motor coach, a knowledgeable guide, all tasting fees, and a gourmet lunch to further stimulate the palate. Reservations required. (707) 998-4471, www.lakecountywinetours.com

Langtry Estate & Vineyard Tours, Middletown

Tuesday – Saturday, year round

Guided tours of the historic vineyard travel to the higher elevation of Tephra Ridge for spectacular views of Guenoc Valley. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Includes picnic-style lunch in the vineyard and wine tasting. \$45 per person. 48-hours advance reservations required. Langtry Estate & Vineyards, 21000 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown. (707) 987-2385, www.langtryestate.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice

Saturdays year round

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Vines, Mines, and Wines at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

Year round by reservation

Hop into the Six Sigma Ranch Pinzgauer for the rugged accent to the high-altitude Diamond Mine Vineyard (Lake County “diamonds” are often found glittering in the volcanic soil). Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma Winery releases. Advance reservations required, weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 12 people. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake

Year round by reservation

Join winegrower Gregory Graham on a one hour tour of his vineyards and gain first-hand knowledge of the area and what makes his particular vineyards so special. Then it’s back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. Weather permitting; advanced reservations required. Free. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995 3500, www.ggwines.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the lake. Tours include deluxe seating for eight in a 21-foot pontoon boat with canopy and a knowledgeable guide. Tours are customized to guest specification. Wildlife and nature, wine tasting, fishing, or sightseeing. Indian Beach Resort, 9945 E. Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-3760, www.theindianbeachresort.com

Tallman Hotel Wine Touring Package, Countywide

Year round by reservation

Guests of the hotel can enjoy this five-hour limousine tour with a personable and knowledgeable driver. Guests can choose a guaranteed private tour or a shared tour with others, up to eight guests total. Book the tour and a room by contacting the hotel. Gratuity to driver not included. Add picnic lunch box for \$20 per person. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or www.tallmanhotel.com

FEBRUARY

Crab Boil at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

February 6, 2010

Prepare to get messy at the second-annual Crab Boil. Fresh hot crab, potatoes, corn, and artichokes are served straight from a giant pot to your table. Dinner includes salad, pasta, French bread, and a glass of wine. Wine by the bottle and glass will be available for purchase. Silent auction items for bidding and a live pie auction will benefit the Cobb Elementary School and The Cobb Elementary Garden Project. Live music and dancing to follow. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets \$65. 21 years and older. Reserve by January 27. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Venetian Carnival Masquerade Party at Rosa d’Oro Vineyards, Kelseyville

February 12, 2010

Wear a mask and enter the contest at the annual Venetian Carnival Masquerade Party, held in the tasting room of Rosa d’Oro Vineyards in downtown Kelseyville. Guests will enjoy food, winetasting, and fun. Prizes awarded for costumes, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. Rosa d’Oro Vineyards, 3915 Main Street. (707) 279-0483, www.rosadorowine.com

Wine & Chocolate, Lakeport

February 13, 2010

Fourth-annual benefit for programs and activities of the Lake Family Resource Center. Taste ultra-premium Lake County wines – everything from pear champagne to award-winning Syrah and Port – and luscious chocolates

masterfully paired by certified sommelier Stephanie Cruz-Green, who will lead workshops on wine sensory and pairing food with wine. The event features live music, a silent auction, olive oil tasting, and wine store. Tickets: \$35 advance; \$40 at door. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Mt. Konocti Growers, 2550 Big Valley Road. (707) 262-1611, (888) 775-8336.

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Release Party, Nice

February 20, 2010

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

MARCH

Pruning and Pastries at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

March 6, 2010

Six Sigma Ranch and Winery hosts the third-annual "Pruning 101" from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Vineyard manager David Weiss leads a hands-on winter pruning demonstration. \$15 per person; pastries, coffee and juice will be served. Reservations suggested. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Wine Tasting and Art Show, Clearlake

March 13, 2010

Eighteenth-annual event featuring wine by local vintners, exhibitions by local artists, and live music. Sponsored by the Park Study Club; a benefit for the club's scholarship fund. \$20 per ticket. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call for information and location. (707) 995-9316.

Kelseyville Olive Festival, Kelseyville

March 21, 2010

This celebration of locally grown olives will introduce guests to the olive oil and olive products produced from Lake County olives. This family-friendly event features an olive pit spitting contest, as well as olive oil tasting workshops by a certified olive oil taster, food demonstrations, and wine tasting. Presented by Rosa d'Oro Vineyards and the Kelseyville Wine Company and hosted at the Kelseyville Olive Mill and Winery, which is located on a 10-acre olive orchard (formerly the St. Gregory Olive Farm) with 3,000 olive trees. A benefit for the programs of the Lake Family Resource Center. Admission is free, \$10 for wine tasting. Kelseyville Wine Company, 5625 Gaddy Lane, Kelseyville. (707) 279-2995, www.kelseyvilleolivemill.com

Festival of Tulips, Nice

March 27, 2010

Sixth-annual event will feature wine, food, and entertainment set amid Tulip Hill Winery's gardens blooming with 30,000 tulips imported from Holland. Admission includes a Tulip Hill wine glass for unlimited tastings, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from several upscale Lake County restaurants, live music, winery tours, barbecue and dessert, and demonstrations. Winery tours will be given and guests will get a chance to explore the crush pad, cellar, and bottling room as the tour guide explains the winemaking process. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

APRIL

Historic Family Ranch Day Trip: The Wildflower Tour, Clearlake Oaks

April 1 – 30, 2009 by reservation only

Wildflowers are the highlight of April's daytrips as guests experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon

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ride that meanders through a historic family ranch rich with history, wildlife, wildflowers, and other flora and ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Eleven Roses Ranch. (707) 998-4471, www.elevenrosesranch.com

MAY

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

May 15, 2010

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers while enjoying live music in the garden. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

JUNE

Release Party at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

June 5, 2010

Taste the new releases from Six Sigma Ranch and Winery at this party on the Six Sigma crush pad. Great wines paired with tasty food. Reservations suggested. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 297-2927, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

June 12, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Lavender Festival at Ceago Vinegarden, Nice

June 26, 2010

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Ceago Vinegarden is harvested and distilled. Join the festivities at Ceago on the shore of Clear Lake and home to the tasting room of Ceago Vinegarden, the organic and biodynamic wine label of Jim Fetzer. The lavender is used to produce essential oils, soaps, and more – all for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. Ceago Vinegarden, 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Lakeport

June 26, 2010

Seventh-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 40 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. This year's venue will be shaded Library Park, on the shores of Clear Lake. Live music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tasting is \$15 per person in advance, \$20 day of event and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

JULY

Tulip Hill Winery Red, White & Blush Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, *Nice*

July 3, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Music Festival at Moore Family Winery, *Kelseyville*

July 10, 2010

Set high in the mountains of the Red Hills AVA, the Moore Family Winery hosts a music festival surrounded by stunning natural scenery. Enjoy a variety of live music including blues, rock, and soul along with a variety of foods, arts and craft vendors, and wine tasting. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure, *Countywide*

July 24 – 25, 2010

Sixth-annual Wine Adventure offers guests a chance to explore the "New" Wine Country of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample distinct "high-elevation" award-winning wines from a limited number of Lake County participating wineries and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. During this two-day, passport-style event, many locations feature barrel tastings, entertainment, winery tours, wine and food pairings, and other fun and sustainable wine activities. At the end of the Lake County Wine Adventure route, participants are eligible to enter a raffle drawing. The purchase of a two-day Wine Adventure ticket includes a logo wine glass. Designated drivers encouraged. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. (800) 595-WINE (9463), www.lakecountywineries.org

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, *Upper Lake*

August 5 – 8, 2010

Fourth-annual four-day blues festival in which acclaimed musicians take turns each night on the hotel veranda, performing for a full crowd in a garden setting. A delicious barbecue dinner is served and each night of the festival is sponsored by a different Lake County winery with tasting available. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, *Nice*

August 14, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Taste of Lakeport, *Lakeport*

August 20, 2010

Thirteenth-annual winetasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event and feature hors d'oeuvres and wine at the many tasting stations. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street, Lakeport. (707) 263-8843, www.lakeportmainstreet.com

SEPTEMBER

Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake

September 11, 2010

Fifth-annual event features bluegrass performances plus demonstrations and vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art in the Barn, food, beer and wine garden with Lake County wines, children's activities, and musician

workshops. Sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce; benefit for science, history, and performing arts programs for local schools. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, 8853 Highway 53 at Anderson Ranch Parkway. (707) 994-0958, www.andersonmarsh.org

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

September 11, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Harvest Education at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

September 18, 2010

The Six Sigma Ranch vineyard team, lead by winemaker Matt Hughes, will lead a hands-on harvest education on the Six Sigma crush pad. The event is followed by a light lunch served with Six Sigma wines. \$25 per person. Reservations suggested. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Release Party, Nice

September 18, 2010

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

OCTOBER

People's Choice Wine Awards, Lake County

October 2, 2010

Premier wine competition showcasing Lake County wines and wines made from Lake County fruit. In the first round, a panel of prestigious wine industry experts from across the country presides as judges to nominate their selections for the best wines in a variety of categories. "The people" participate in a fun and informative blind tasting at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery to determine the winners. Event-goers have the opportunity to taste, judge, and vote for wines by casting ballots in a variety of categories. An event not to be missed by fine wine lovers. Designated drivers encouraged. (707) 355-2762, (707) 994-4068, www.lakecountywineries.org

Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville

October 9 – 10, 2010

Fourteenth-annual festival famous for its grape-stomping competition for kids and adults, as well as its Vineyard Run for Literacy — a certified 5K/10K run and 5K walk amid autumn-colored vineyards and orchards. Held the second weekend each October, various musicians will perform live both days. Visitors taste the wines of Steele's extensive collection and enjoy the 4-H Club's barbecue, as well as a myriad of vendor booths with plentiful food, fine art, arts and crafts, and other unique souvenirs and gifts. A kids' corner features a storyteller and face painting. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Vineyard Run for Literacy held Sunday. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 279-9475, www.steelewines.com

Lake County Wine Auction, Lake County

October 16, 2010

Sponsored by the Lake County Wine Alliance, the 11th-annual Wine Auction gala, a benefit for the arts, health, and community of Lake County, is a must-attend event with live and silent auctions, wine and gourmet foods from local purveyors, and music. Black-tie is encouraged. Additional winemaker and dinner events are scheduled the Friday before the gala. The Wine Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; \$125 per person. For tickets and information, contact (866) 279-WINE, www.winealliance.org

NOVEMBER

Tulip Hill Winery Food and Wine Pairing, Nice

November 20, 2010

Celebrate autumn by sampling world-class wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

DECEMBER

Tulip Hill Winery Open House and Food & Wine Pairing, Nice

December 11 – 12, 2010

Holiday open house at Tulip Hill Winery includes tasty holiday treats, as well as a sale on wines and merchandise. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road, Nice. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Though Lake County is still often referred to as “The Undiscovered Wine Country,” its grape-growing history dates back to the late 1800s with Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino as its next-door neighbors. The influence of the area’s temperate climate combines with the terroir imparted by its distinct volcanic soils to produce ultra-premium winegrapes that have attracted the interest and investment of several famous winemakers. Visitors will experience these award-winning wines poured in casual tasting rooms that reflect the area’s friendly, relaxed lifestyle. Lake County is part of the North Coast AVA, and within Lake County, five other AVAs exist — Clear Lake, Benmore Valley, Guenoc, and the recently approved Red Hills and High Valley AVAs.

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, 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

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