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2009 SUMMER WINE EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Concert in the Vineyard Series, *Kelseyville*

Saturday, May 23, 2009

The Moore Family Winery kicks off the Concert in the Vineyard Series with the Lake County Diamonds on May 23. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine and food available for purchase. \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Luau on The Lake, *Lower Lake*

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Set amid the Rolling Knolls Vineyard of Shannon Ridge Vineyards & Winery with stunning views of Clear Lake, event goers will dine on an array of island food, enjoy traditional Polynesian dancers, a fire eater display, pig roast buffet, music, and more. A benefit for the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce fireworks display. The Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction during the event, proceeds support operations. Tickets \$50. (707) 994-3600, www.clearlakechamber.com, www.lakeportchamber.com

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

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Experience the Flamenco-style guitar stylings of Austin and Owens in the lush gardens at Tulip Hill Winery. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. with music from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy! \$10 per person includes wine tasting and food pairings. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard Series, *Kelseyville*

Saturday, June 13, 2009

The Moore Family Winery continues the Concert in the Vineyard Series with the Fargo Brothers. Doors open at

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5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine and food available for purchase. \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Kelseyville

Saturday, June 27, 2009

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. New this year will be the addition of a home brew competition. 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 in advance, \$20 at the door, 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. (707) 277-8172, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org.

Lavender Festival at Ceago, Nice

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Ceago is harvested and distilled. Join the festivities at Ceago, 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 which are for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. Ceago, 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

Red, White, Blush, and Blues and Concert in the Garden at Tulip Hill Winery, Nice

Saturday, July 4, 2009

The all-star band Dr. Rocket will be on stage featuring Ms. Taylor P. Collins, Levi Lloyd, Randy McGowan, Joost Vink, and Pamela Arthur, set amid the gardens at Tulip Hill Winery. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. with music from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy! \$10 per person includes wine tasting and food pairings. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Saturday, July 25, 2009

End the day of wine adventuring in Lake County at The Moore Family Winery at the Concert in the Vineyard Series featuring the Lake County Blues All Stars. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine and food available for purchase. \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure, Countywide

Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26, 2009

Fifth-annual adventure gives guests a chance to explore "The Undiscovered Wine Country" of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample award-winning Lake County wines from more than 20 participating wineries plus mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres during this two-day event, which is held at wineries and tasting rooms throughout Lake County. Many locations offer barrel tastings, entertainment, and winery tours. After visiting participating wineries, wine "tourists" become eligible for a raffle drawing. Purchase of two-day Adventure Ticket, \$30, includes tasting at participating wineries and a logo wine glass. (800) 595-WINE (9463), www.lakecountywineries.org

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

Saturday, August 15, 2009

The Concert in the Garden series continues at Tulip Hill Winery with the Fargo Brothers. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. with music from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy! \$10 per person includes wine tasting and food pairings. Series continues until September, 2009. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

A Taste of Lakeport, Lakeport

Friday, August 21, 2009

Twelfth-annual wine tasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which also features hors d'oeuvres at the many tasting stations, as well as live music and dancing. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses, music begins at 8:00 p.m. in Museum Park on Main Street. 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. (707) 263-8843, www.lakeportmainstreet.com

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Saturday, August 22, 2009

The Concert in the Vineyard Series at Moore Family Winery continues with Bill Noteman and the Rockets on August 22. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine and food available for purchase. \$10 per person, children 12 and under free. Series continues through October, 2009. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

ONGOING

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, Kelseyville

First Thursday of the month

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. 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112.

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

First Friday of the 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. 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 the month

On the first Friday and Saturday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winemaker as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also will be featured. LCWS pours wines from 19 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. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

Fondue Fridays, Upper Lake

Second, third, and fourth Friday of the month

On the second, third, and fourth Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) offers a selection of fondue cheese pots, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from 19 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. 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake

Friday evenings

Live music, great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during summer; inside other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. 16175 Main Street. (707) 994-3354, www.terrillcellars.com

Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville

First Tuesday of the month

The Saw Shop Gallery Bistro features a local or regional wine paired with a special menu highlighting the wine. Dine al fresco on the wrap-around porch or inside where walls of the circa-1902 building are festooned with local art. Saw Shop Gallery Bistro, 3825 Main Street. (707) 278-0129, www.sawshopbistro.com

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

Every Saturday in May through October

Local producers offer their freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, cheeses and crafts. Live music, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tasting room opens early with the market. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-4211, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

TOURS

A Taste of Lake County Wine Tour

Enjoy picturesque views of Clear Lake during a private vineyard tour and tasting, sip wines straight from the barrel during a fun and informative winery tour, and stop for lunch at a local favorite. Private charter wine tours available, giving visitors a chance to explore hidden treasures. (707) 987-1920, www.aeroshuttleservice.com

Lake County Wine Tours

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 and Vineyard Tours

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. 21000 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown. (707) 987-2385, www.langtryestate.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours

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

Historic Family Ranch Day Trip

Guests travel on a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history and wildlife. Fun for all ages, the ride ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler. Complimentary Lake County wine served. Advance reservations required. April through October. Eleven Roses Ranch, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-4471, www.elevenrosesranch.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.

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