



COUNTY OF LAKE

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2011 SUMMER WINE EVENTS LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

JUNE

Release Party at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

June 4, 2011

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. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 297-2927, www.sixsigmaranch.com

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

June 11, 2011

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. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Cattails & Tules, Lower Lake

June 18, 2011

Gregory Graham Winery & Vigilance Vineyard & Winery will host this 1st annual wine and food pairing festival showcasing specialty restaurants and chefs pairing their signature dishes with fine wines. Chefs will compete in five categories and attendees will have a chance to vote for their favorite. Proceeds benefit Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association & Konocti Regional Trails. Vendors and raffle. \$40 per person. 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 13633 Point Lakeview Road & 13888 Point Lakeview Road, Lower Lake. (707) 994-3500 & (707)994-9656, www.ggwines.com or www.vigilancewinery.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Lakeport

June 25, 2011

Eighth-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 sets the mood with plentiful food from local purveyors available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15 per person in advance; \$20 day of event. Includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

June 25, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to The Sons of Champlin with Bill Champlin of Chicago playing on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lavender Festival at Ceago Vinegarden, Nice

June 2011(exact date TBD)

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 which are for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

JULY

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

July 2, 2011

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. Music by TLC featuring Mojo, Neft, and Dubois. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Music Festival at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

July 10, 2011

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. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

July 30, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure Weekend, Countywide

July 30 – 31, 2011

Seventh-annual Wine Adventure offers guests a chance to explore many wines and wineries of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample distinct high-elevation award-winning wines from participating wineries and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. During this two-day, passport-style event, many locations also 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, all participants are eligible to enter a raffle drawing. The purchase of a two-day Wine Adventure ticket includes a logo wine glass, tasting booklet, adventure map, and a weekend of fun in fabulous Lake County. Designated drivers are encouraged. \$35 advance/\$40 day of the event. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Countywide. (707) 355-2762, www.lakecountywineries.org

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, *Upper Lake*

August 5 – 7, 2011

Fifth-annual 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. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

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

August 13, 2011

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. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Taste of Lakeport, *Lakeport*

August 19, 2011

Fourteenth-annual wine tasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which 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. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. \$25 advance/\$30 at the door. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-8843, www.lakeportmainstreet.com

Concert in the Vineyard, *Kelseyville*

August 20, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

SEPTEMBER

Concert in the Vineyard, *Kelseyville*

September 3, 2011

The final event in the Moore Family Winery concert in the vineyard series. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Food and wine available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

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

September 10, 2011

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. A benefit for Operation Tango Mike featuring music by Twice as Good. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Harvest Education, *Lower Lake*

September 10, 2011

The Six Sigma Winery, Ranch & Vineyard team will lead a demonstration on "Harvest 101". The event includes various hands-on harvest techniques followed by a light lunch served with Six Sigma wines. \$25 per person. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Lake County Wine Auction, Nice*September 17, 2011*

The Lake County Wine Alliance will hold its 12th-annual Wine Auction gala, a benefit for the arts, health, and community of Lake County with live and silent auctions, wine and gourmet foods from local purveyors, and music. Black-tie is encouraged. The Wine Auction begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday; Grand Tasting ticket for \$75 includes wine and food tastings in the gardens and silent auction, 3-6 p.m. Grand Tasting and Auction Reserve ticket for \$150 per person includes reserved seating for served dinner, the live auction and dancing. Ceago Vinegarden, 5115 East Highway 20, in Nice. For tickets and information, contact (866) 279-WINE, www.winealliance.org

ONGOING**Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake***Fridays, year-round*

Live music every Friday evening by great performers. 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. Main Street. (707) 252-8444, www.terrillcellars.com

Fondue Friday, Upper Lake*Year-round by reservation*

The Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) offers a selection of fondue pots by 48-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 ten wines, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030, (707)293-8752.

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. Advance reservations required. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995-3500, www.ggwines.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. Choose from 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. 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or www.tallmanhotel.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice*Year-round by reservation*

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered by reservation only. Admission is free. 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. Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma releases. Weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 10 people or \$25 per person. Various other tours available Monday through Friday. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year-round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the water. 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

Langtry Estate & Vineyards Tour, Middletown

Tuesday through Saturday, year-round, weather permitting

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

Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville

First Tuesday of each month

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

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

Select Thursdays 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 Friday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake

First Friday and Saturday of each month (except January)

On the first Friday 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 are featured. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person. 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 with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

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

Saturdays, May through October

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. Live music. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

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 5:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine, food, and soft drinks available for purchase. \$15-\$30 per person. Kids 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Tulip Hill Winery Concert in the Garden Series, Nice

Select Saturdays, June through September

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. Includes wine tasting with food pairing and admission. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (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.