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NEW BARRELS, BOTTLES & BREWS EVENT WILL SHOWCASE LOCAL LIBATIONS MARCH 25-26

Livermore Valley, Calif.—Barrel Tasting Weekend—one of Livermore Valley’s most popular events—is expanding this year to include some of the wineries’ newest neighbors. Breweries and distilleries will join 30 wineries in pouring locally produced wines, spirits and beers at the first **Barrels, Bottles & Brews** event March 25 and 26. From noon to 4:30 each day, guests will taste a wide variety of samples, including wines in development, served directly from the barrels. Many of the winemakers, brewers and distillers who crafted these beverages will be present to personally pour and discuss their work. Some of the barrel wines will be available for purchase at a discount, a practice known as buying “futures.”

“The breweries and distilleries are a welcome addition to Livermore Valley wine country. They expand the quality options for our food and wine lovers and are helping to bring even more visitors to the Valley,” says Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. “The attention and care evident in our region’s wines is also found in our craft beers and artisan spirits. Livermore Valley’s winemakers, brewers and distillers share a passion for quality.”

Event guests with wristbands and official glasses will receive tastings at each participating winery, brewery or distillery. Whether beer buffs, wine lovers or spirits fans, guests may gain a new appreciation for the beverage scene across party lines. Many locations will have live music, arts and crafts vendors, discounts on bottle purchases and food available for purchase. For a list of activities and discounts by location, please visit www.LVwine.org. Examples include:

- Bent Creek Winery: barrel tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah, wine blending activity, craft and food vendors.
- The Steven Kent Winery: barrel tasting of 2014 Home Ranch Cabernet and four finished wines, wine futures for purchase, winemaker present both days.
- Nottingham Cellars & Vasco Urbano Wine Company: winemaker seminars and barrel tasting of The Sheriff GSM and The Colonel Mourvedre blend.
- Crooked Vine & Stony Ridge Wineries: barrel tasting of 2015 Petite Verdot and Petite Sirah, live band Rhyme & Reason will play Saturday from noon to 4pm.

Barrels Bottles & Brews will take place Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, noon to 4:30 each day. Advance tickets are \$45, available online at LVwine.org and in the following tasting rooms: Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Nottingham Cellars, Occasio Winery, The Steven Kent Winery and Wentz Vineyards.

Tickets purchased at the event will be \$55 per person. Each ticket includes a souvenir GoVino tasting glass featuring the Livermore Valley Wine Country logo, two days of tasting at participating locations, special activities, discounts and an event map.

Participating Locations:

Breweries—Eight Bridges Brewing, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, Working Man Brewing Company

Distilleries—Eckert Artisan Spirits, Sutherland Distilling

Wineries—3 Steves Winery, Bent Creek Winery, Boa Ventura de Caires, Caddis Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery, Charles R Winery, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Eckert Estate Winery, Ehrenberg Cellars, el Sol Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Leisure Street Winery, Longevity Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Occasio Winery, Pat Paulsen Vineyards, Retzlaff Vineyards, Rios Lovell Winery, Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, The Steven Kent Winery, Vasco Urbano, Wente Vineyards, Winemakers Studio, Wood Family Vineyards

About Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association is a 501(c)6 organization that supports the wineries, growers, and members in the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area through educational and marketing programs.

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