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**LIVERMORE VALLEY WINERIES HOST
10th ANNUAL BARREL TASTING WEEKEND MARCH 10-11
Fun new features to enhance popular tasting event**

Livermore Valley, Calif.— A unique Painted Barrel Trail & Raffle and gourmet brunches at four wineries will add artistic flavor to the 10th annual Barrel Tasting Weekend in Livermore Valley wine country March 10 and 11. More than 35 wineries located less than an hour from San Francisco or Silicon Valley will join area breweries and distilleries to offer samples of locally produced libations from noon to 4:30 each day. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy brunch at a winery before the tasting event starts and can also pre-purchase some of the barrel wines at a discount, a practice known as buying “futures.” Many winemakers will be present to personally pour and discuss their young wines and offer delicious pairings with gourmet appetizers.

Barrel Tasting Weekend provides wine enthusiasts of all experience levels with a fun “snapshot” of how wine evolves—from grape to glass. More than a dozen varietals, including the rare Primitivo and Alicante Bouschet and ever-popular Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, will be presented for tasting across Livermore Valley.

Guests with special event wristbands and official glasses will receive samples at each participating winery, brewery and distillery. Many locations will have live music, arts and crafts vendors, discounts on bottle purchases and food available for purchase. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the event. Visit LVwine.org for tickets, package deals and list of activities and discounts by location.

1st Annual Painted Barrel Trail & Raffle

Fifteen wineries have teamed up with local artists, including scout troops and schools, to create Livermore Valley’s first annual Painted Barrel Trail. A hand-painted, full-size wine barrel will be displayed in front of each participating winery starting February 1. For the six weekends leading up to Barrel Tasting Weekends, guests can follow the Painted Barrel Trail, sample wines and admire the original artwork on the barrels.

Visitors are also invited to participate in the Painted Barrel Raffle at each winery to win its one-of-a-kind barrel and a case of wine. Raffle tickets—\$20 each, or six tickets for \$100—will be sold at participating wineries and at the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association’s office starting February 1. Winners will be randomly selected and notified immediately after Barrel Tasting Weekend.

Wineries participating in the Painted Barrel Trail & Raffle include: Charles R Winery, Concannon Vineyard, Dante Robere Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Leisure Street Winery, Longevity Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Nottingham Cellars, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff Vineyards, Omega Road Winery and el Sol Winery.

New Barrel Tasting Brunches

At 11am on each day of Barrel Tasting Weekend, two wineries will partner with local restaurants and caterers to host delicious, gourmet brunches on their winery grounds. Tickets are \$70 per person for buffet brunches and \$85 for multi-course, plated brunches. Visit LVwine.org for complete menus and ticket package deals.

Saturday March 10th

Garré Winery & Garré Café Brunch (\$70 per person)

Las Positas Vineyards & Zephyr Grill & Bar Brunch (\$85 per person)

Sunday March 11th

Retzlaff Vineyards & Salt Craft Brunch (\$70 per person)

Ehrenberg Cellars, The Singing Winemaker & Liberation Foods Brunch (\$85 per person)

Participating Tasting Locations

Wineries: 3 Steves Winery, Bent Creek Winery, Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, BoaVentura de Caires Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery, Cuda Ridge Wines, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Ehrenberg Cellars, Eckert Estate Winery, el Sol Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Leisure Street, Longevity Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Omega Road Winery, Occasio Winery, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff Estate Winery, Rodrigue Molyneaux, The Singing Winemaker, The Steven Kent Winery, Vasco Urbano Wine Co., Wente Vineyards, Winemakers Studio and Wood Family Vineyards

Distilleries: Sutherland Distilling and Eckert Estate Winery & Artisan Spirit Distillery

Breweries: Working Man Brewery and Beer Baron Livermore

About Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, a 501(c)6 organization, is dedicated to advancing, promoting and protecting the quality wines, vineyards and experiences of the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area.

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