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## **12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIVERMORE VALLEY BARREL TASTING WEEKEND FEATURES PAINTED BARREL TRAIL MARCH 21-22**

Livermore Valley, Calif. (February 21, 2020)— Livermore Valley wine country’s unique Painted Barrel Trail is back with a new crop of colorful barrels decorated by local artisans for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Barrel Tasting Weekend March 21 and 22. More than 30 wineries located less than an hour from San Francisco or Silicon Valley will offer samples of wines still in development from noon to 4:30 each day and many winemakers will be present to pour and discuss their young wines. Guests can kick off their weekend with brunch hosted by Garré Café at Martinelli Center on Saturday. There are also several packages available that include group or private transportation: choose from the Livermore Wine Trolley, Black Tie Transportation or Extraordinary Tour Services.

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 Sangiovese, Barbera, Mourvedre and ever-popular Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, will be presented for tasting across Livermore Valley. Some wineries offer guests the opportunity to pre-purchase barrel wines at a discount, a practice known as buying “futures.”

Guests with special event wristbands and official glasses will receive samples at each participating winery. Many locations will offer live music, activities, arts and crafts vendors, discounts on bottle purchases and food available for purchase. Visit [LVwine.org](http://LVwine.org) for a list of wines to be sampled and other offerings by location, including bottle-your-own wine at Ehrenberg Cellars, aroma bars at Big White House and McGrail Vineyards, wine blending at Bent Creek Winery and beekeeping demonstrations at el Sol Winery.

Barrel Tasting Weekend tickets are \$45 in advance (\$55 at the event) and the brunch package (meal + event ticket) is \$75. Transportation package prices vary—all tickets and package deals are available for purchase at [LVwine.org](http://LVwine.org).

### **Painted Barrel Trail & Raffle**

Eleven wineries have teamed up with local artists to create Livermore Valley’s third annual Painted Barrel Trail. A hand-painted, full-size wine barrel will be displayed in front of each participating winery starting in February. For the weekends leading up to Barrel Tasting Weekend, visitors are invited to follow the Painted Barrel Trail, sample wines and admire the original artwork on the barrels.

To win a painted barrel and a case of wine, guests can purchase raffle tickets—\$20 each, or six tickets for \$100—at participating wineries and at the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association’s office. Winners will be randomly selected and notified immediately after Barrel Tasting Weekend.

**Wineries participating in the Painted Barrel Trail & Raffle include:** Bent Creek Winery, Big White House Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Leisure Street Winery, Omega Road Winery, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff Vineyards, Wente Vineyards Estate Tasting Room.

### **Winery Brunch**

On Saturday, March 21, from 10am to 1pm, Garré Café will kick off Barrel Tasting Weekend with a delicious brunch at Martinelli Center on Greenville Road in Livermore Valley. The sumptuous buffet will feature Mimosas, an omelet station, pastries, fresh fruit, smoked salmon and cream cheese, traditional Eggs Benedict and Chicken Marsala over Arborio Rice with Shallots. The brunch price of \$75 per person includes a Barrel Tasting Weekend ticket.

### **Participating Tasting Locations**

3 Steves Winery, Arroyo Cellars, Bent Creek Winery, Big White House Winery, Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works, Caddis Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works, Charles R Vineyards, Crooked Vine Winery, Cuda Ridge Wines, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Ehrenberg Cellars, el Sol Winery, Embodied Wines, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Leisure Street Winery, Longevity Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Omega Road Winery, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff Estate Winery, Rios-Lovell Estate Winery, Rodrigue Molyneaux, The Singing Winemaker, The Steven Kent Winery, Wente Vineyards, Winemakers Studio and Wood Family Vineyards

### **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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