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TASTE OUR TERROIR IN LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY JULY 22-25

The French term terroir expresses “a sense of place,” the way local conditions of land, climate, culture and technique combine to create wine attributes specific to a region.

Livermore Valley, Calif. (June 24, 2021)—Taste Our Terroir weekend, Livermore Valley’s premier food and wine affair, returns for four delectable days in 2021 as the historic region celebrates and educates wine lovers about its unique “taste of the land.” From July 22 to 25, Livermore Valley wineries will offer eleven events, including winemaker dinners, an electric bike tour, a winemaker concert, the ever-popular blind tasting seminar and two virtual tasting events. The region’s signature food and wine pairing competition that traditionally kicks off Taste Our Terroir weekend will return in 2022. Visit www.LVwine.org for tickets and details on all events, which include:

Thursday, July 22

Paving New Paths in Livermore Valley (Virtual Event)

5pm-6:30pm

Wine critic and writer Mary Orlin will moderate this virtual wine tasting and panel discussion exploring diversity within the world of Livermore Valley wine. Phil Long, owner/winemaker of Longevity Winery, Julio Covarrubias, owner of Casa de Vinas Vineyard and Rosa Fierro, owner/winemaker of Rosa Fierro Cellars, will share their experience and perspective, featuring wine from Longevity Wines and Rosa Fierro Cellars. Each ticket includes two bottles of wine, which can be picked up by the ticket holder prior to the tasting. The wines also can be shipped at the ticketholder’s expense. [\$65]

West Side Wineries Winemaker Dinner at Las Positas Vineyards

6pm-9pm

Enjoy the magic of food and wine with Livermore Valley’s West Side Wineries! Join the winemakers of Cuda Ridge Wines, Dante Robere, Las Positas Vineyards and Fenestra Winery for an intimate, four-course dinner featuring beautiful wines paired perfectly with a delectable meal. [\$149]

Fire and Folklore at McGrail Vineyards

7:30pm-9:30pm

Enjoy an evening under the stars, camping out with your favorite winemaker musicians! Mark Clarin of McGrail Vineyards and Karl Wente of Wente Vineyards will join you around the fire pits for a fun night of wine, s’mores, acoustic music and winemaker tales. You will sip on a couple of their favorite wines as they share stories around the campfire. Join us for an intimate and unforgettable evening. [\$49]

Friday, July 23

Femmes of Franc at Rosa Fierro Cellars

12pm-2pm

Do you love a fantastic Franc? We do! Join winemakers Rosa Fierro, Alexandra Henkelman and Meredith Sarboraria as they lead you through six beautiful Cabernet Francs of

Livermore Valley. With wines from Rosa Fierro Cellars, Omega Road Winery and Rodrigue Molyneaux, you'll taste the beauty of Cabernet Franc from the barrel to the bottle. Small bites from Charming Fig Charcuterie will be included in this fabulous Franc experience. [\$60]

Major Mixes: The secret world of wine blending and beyond (Virtual Event)

5pm-6:30pm

Have you ever wondered what goes into your favorite blend? Learn all about the magic of mixing up incredible wines with the winemakers from Omega Road Winery and Big White House Winery & John Evan Cellars. During this virtual event, you'll hear about the different ways wines are blended, and of course, taste some of their favorites. The six different wines (100 mL of each) can be picked up or will be shipped (for an additional charge) ahead of the virtual event to ensure you can fully enjoy the experience. [\$65]

Winemaker Dinner at Murrieta's Well

6pm-8:30pm

Uncork an extraordinary evening of wine and food with Murrieta's Well winemaker Robbie Meyer. The evening is sure to be filled with an abundance of fun, music, exceptional wines and phenomenal food. Eat Drink Be Merry Catering Co is designing a delicious menu to pair beautifully with some of Robbie's favorite wines including Rosé, Merlot and Tempranillo. As we dine in our historic barrel room, you will discover the art behind the blends and unique insights into the viticulture and growing season. [\$175]

Saturday, July 24

Bike the Vines & Wine All You Want!

9am-2:15pm

Tour Livermore Valley Wine Country on an electric Pedego bike. This delightful day will include wine and honey tasting and light brunch snack pairing at el Sol Winery, a vineyard tour and wine tasting with Julio Covarrubias at Casa de Vinas Vineyard and wine tasting paired with a picnic lunch from The Press at Charles R Vineyards. We will finish the tour at Wood Family Vineyards with wine tasting and dessert pairing. [\$199]

Sunday, July 25

Yoga & Wine Tasting at Bent Creek Winery

10am-12pm

Connect with your inner peace in an hour of yoga with Lisa Stanford on the front lawn. Lisa will teach you the art of yoga breathing and stretches during this fun and informative class. Relax after the class with a tasting of five wines chosen by our winemaker as you gaze into the beautiful vineyard. This is an intro level class, all levels are welcomed, and each guest must provide their own mat. [\$25]

Curds & Wine at Las Positas Vineyards

Session 1: 11:30am-1pm

Session 2: 2:30pm-4pm

This pairing experience will feature Las Positas Vineyards wines made from estate-grown grapes and cheeses from the best local creameries in California. Relax in the LPV cottage with Chef Curt Pipes and Certified Cheese Professional Brandon Wood as they guide you through each perfect pairing, history of the winery and creameries with some behind-the-scenes knowledge of the make and aging process. [\$75]

Brunch Bites & Flight Pairing at Garré Winery

12pm-1:30pm

What's the perfect way to transform a regular Sunday into Sunday Funday? Brunch bites with award-winning wine! Grab friends and family and enjoy four award-winning Garré wines

with a beautifully paired brunch, curated by Executive Chef Abe from Garré Cafe. Each wine will be complemented by an incredible bite, sure to satisfy and delight! [\$55]

Secrets of a Sommelier at Omega Road Winery

12pm-2pm

We all love wine, but have you ever wanted to learn how to taste like a pro, find just the right words to describe what you're tasting, create the perfect pairing or pick out the best bottle for any occasion? Join sommelier and certified wine specialist Shannon Tesseyre for an engaging and interactive tasting experience featuring six wines from some of your favorite Livermore Valley wineries. You'll explore the idea of terroir and learn about grape-specific characteristics. Grab a couple of friends and enjoy stunning wines from Omega Road Winery, Big White House & John Evan Cellars, Rodrigue Molyneaux, Fenestra, Caddis and Charles R Vineyards. [\$75]

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