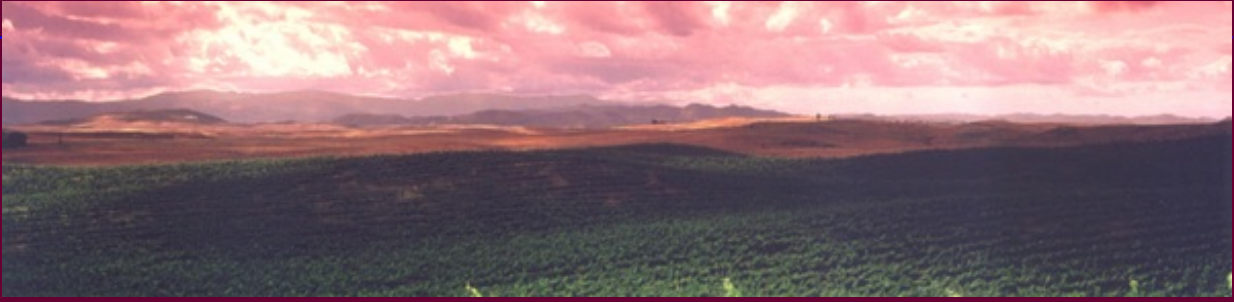


Temecula Wine Country Heats Up!



August is a great time to visit Temecula Wine Country! The vineyards are lush and heavy with fruit that will soon be ready to harvest.

The warm summer days offer a great many activities for wine lovers while the cool summer nights offer a chance to slow down and enjoy a wine country sunset with a glass of award winning Temecula Valley wine.

[Educating and Entertaining in Wine Country](#)

Take advantage of all that our Temecula wineries have to offer in terms of wine and food education. Sign up for a Wine Appreciation class at [Falkner Winery](#). Learn how to pair Pizza and Wine at [Oak Mountain Winery](#). Book a private hosted wine tour at [Leonesse Cellars](#). Or sign up for A Taste of Winemaking - Seasonal Seminar at [Callaway Vineyard and Winery](#).

[Sipping and Chilling on the Patio](#)

So many of our member wineries offer entertainment on the weekends. Check out [Thornton Winery](#), [Miramonte Winery](#), [Stuart Cellars](#), [Mount Palomar Winery](#), [Falkner Winery](#), [Longshadow Ranch Winery](#), [Ponte Winery](#), [Wiens Family Cellars](#), [Wilson Creek Winery](#), [Keyways Winery](#), [Oak Mountain Winery](#), [Cougar Vineyard and Winery](#), and [Lorimar Winery](#) (in Old Town) for their entertainment schedules and catch some of our great local Temecula artists.

[Dining in the Vineyards](#)

Take the time to dine at [Wilson Creek's Creekside Grille](#), [Thornton Winery's Cafe Champagne](#), [South Coast Winery's Vineyard Rose](#), [Ponte Winery's Smokehouse Restaurant](#), [Falkner](#)

[Winery's Pinnacle Restaurant](#), [The Meritage at Callaway](#)

[Winery](#) and [Carols at Baily Winery](#), as they serve up new items, classic favorites and daily special that pair perfectly with their award-winning wines.

Doing our part to [FREE the GRAPES!](#)

Free the Grapes is a national coalition of wine lovers, wineries and retailers who seek to remove restrictions that prohibit consumers from purchasing wines direct from wineries and retailers.

Many of our member wineries are not distributed nationwide. Allowing their customers to purchase direct from these wineries will greatly impact them financially.

Join us to fight the ban against winery direct shipping and help our state's wineries and retailers.

[Help us fight HR5034.](#)



[Savoring Visual and Performing Arts in Wine Country](#)

Music: From Jazz to Country to Rock & Roll and Blues, we've got you covered!! National Renowned Jazz artists perform for the [22nd Champagne Jazz Series](#) at [Thornton Winery](#).

Dierks Bently entertains [South Coast Winery](#) guests for the [Rhythm on the Vines Benefit Concert Series](#).

Lukas Nelson and friends headline the [Rockin' Blues & Country Festival](#) at [Wiens Family Cellars](#).

Garret Wilkin & The Parrotheads provide a tribute to Jimmy Buffet at [Wilson Creek Winery](#).

Film: How about a movie night? On Friday, August 20th, join [Monte De Oro](#) for a complimentary showing of "Bottle Shock" a full-bodied drama set at the 1976 Paris Blind Wine Tasting Competition. Share a bottle of your favorite Monte De Oro wine with gourmet cheese and specialty desserts.

Visual Arts: [Mount Palomar Winery](#) is offering two unique event that will bring art to wine country. On August 14th, attend their [Artist Spotlight Under the Stars](#) and enjoy four acoustic musicians and admire the works of four artists who use different mediums to create and inspire. On August 15th, join them for a [Garden Party](#). Test your skills at lawn bowling, badminton, croquet and chess. Enjoy fashion shows and Flamenco dancers. Have tea on the lawn in your favorite garden hat and stroll through a boutique displaying local artisans wares.

[California Wine Month, Temecula Style!](#)

[SIP your way to 5 wineries for only \\$40](#)

The month of September is celebrated as Wine Month across the state of California. To commemorate, we have created a special passport (with savings of up to \$30!) to [SIP](#) that will be offered for the entire month of September. You choose when - and **which 5** of our thirty plus member wineries - you wish to visit, **all for one low price and one ticket!** The offer is valid any day of the week from September 1 through September 30, 2010 ONLY.

The **SIP package is just \$40** and includes your tasting passport and a souvenir TVWA glass. [Click here to purchase SIP!](#)

The **SIP & RIDE** package adds transportation service via the Grapeline Shuttle to your SIP passport. [Please click here to book your SIP & RIDE with TVWA package.](#) (Includes roundtrip transportation via The Grapeline Shuttle and your SIP Passport)

Our **SIP & STAY** package offers guests the opportunity to enjoy the passport tasting AND an overnight stay at the luxurious South Coast Resort Winery & Spa for just \$269 for two! (double occupancy price). [Click here for SIP & STAY reservations and additional information.](#)

Temecula Valley Wine & Culinary Showcase

30 plus wineries = 100 plus award-winning wines!

Join the winery owners, winemakers and growers of the Temecula Valley as we celebrate California Wine Month, Temecula Style on Friday, September 17th at [Monte de Oro Winery](#). Your once a year opportunity to Taste the Valley in one night - at one location! We'll be honoring the past, present and future of the Valley with a Winemakers Rountable that will be filmed LIVE at 5:30pm. A Champagne Reception featuring Thornton wines begins at 6:30pm, followed by a walk-about wine & food tasting on the patio. Wine, dine and dance the night away!

Watch for additional CALIFORNIA WINE MONTH events next month or check out our Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association [Calendar of Events](#) for continuous updates.

IN THE NEWS: Ben Drake Appointed to State Food & Agriculture Board: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed our very own [Ben Drake to the State Board of Food and Agriculture](#). He has served as president of Drake Enterprises, a local farm management company, since 1980. Drake is a member of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Board, Rancho California Water District Board, California Sustainable Wine Grape Alliance, California Wine Grape Growers Foundation [Click and Murrieta Temecula Group](#). Congratulations, Ben!

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