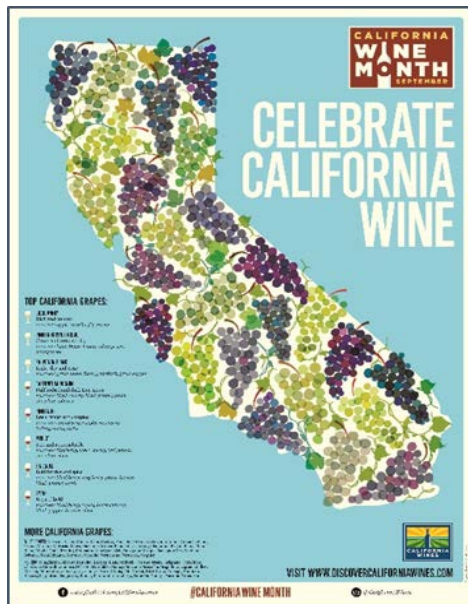




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California Wine Month Events Make September The Time to Visit Wine Country

*Harvest Season Events Planned Around the State,
from Gourmet Weekends and Festivals to Concerts*



SAN FRANCISCO — September is California Wine Month, and there's no better time to experience the excitement of the state's annual harvest season. Across California, wineries, regional associations and other organizations are hosting exclusive tastings, festivals, live music, food pairings, grape stomps, vineyard hikes and much more.

Now in its 14th year, California Wine Month celebrates the Golden State's 250-year winegrowing history and recognizes the achievements of California vintners and growers in preserving tradition and driving innovation. With 4,800 vintners and 5,900 growers within its borders, California is the world's fourth-largest wine producer and the source of 81 percent of the wine made in the United States. It is also the most visited state in the U.S. for

food- and wine-related activities, attracting 24 million people each year, and the producer of more than 400 specialty crops. Wine lovers can also celebrate with activities and special offers from California Wine Month **partner retailers and restaurants** during the month of September.

Visit discovercaliforniawines.com/californiawinmonth to view the full list of regularly updated events and partners and to order a copy of the 2018 California Wine Month [poster](#). Regionwide events showcasing multiple wineries include:

NORTH COAST

Sept. 1: [Taste of Sonoma](#), Sonoma State University's Green Music Center.

Sept. 7-8: [Winesong Weekend](#), various locations throughout Mendocino County.

Sept. 8: [Calistoga Wine Experience](#), Pioneer Park, Calistoga, Napa Valley.

Sept. 15: [Lake County Wine Auction](#), Boatique Winery, Kelseyville.

Sept. 22: [Zinfandel: Stories from Napa Valley](#), Culinary Institute of America at Copia, Napa

SAN FRANCISCO BAY & SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Sept. 2: [Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration](#), Wineries throughout the region.

Sept. 8-9: [Annual Capitola Art & Wine Festival](#), Capitola Village in Santa Cruz County.

Sept. 8-30: [Fall Passport Month](#), Wineries of Santa Clara Valley.

Sept. 22: [Eat Drink Los Gatos](#), Downtown district, North Santa Cruz Ave.

Sept. 29: [Livermore Valley Wine Auction](#), Wente Vineyards.

CENTRAL COAST: MONTEREY TO SANTA BARBARA

Sept. 1: [Highway 46 West Wineries Harvest Block Party](#), Dark Star Cellars in Paso Robles.

Sept. 9: [Taste of the Town Santa Barbara](#), Riviera Park Gardens.

Sept. 28: [Sip & Saunter](#), San Luis Obispo.

INLAND VALLEYS

Sept. 13-16: [Lodi Grape Festival](#), Lodi Event Center.

Sept. 21: [Madera Wine Trail's California Wine Month Celebration](#), Papagni Winery, Madera.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS

Sept. 1-30: [Find the Gold in Calaveras Wine Country: A Treasure Hunt](#), Participating wineries.

Sept. 7-9: [Lake Tahoe Autumn Food & Wine Festival](#), Northstar Resort, Truckee.

Sept. 8: [WINEderlust River Wine Festival](#), Henningsen Lotus Park on the American River.

Sept. 15: [Sample the Sierra Farm-to-Fork Festival](#), Bijou Community Park, So. Lake Tahoe.

Sept. 15: [Barbera Festival](#), Terra d'Oro Wines, Amador County.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Aug. 31-Sept. 2: [The Taste](#), Paramount Pictures Studios, Hollywood.

Sept. 8: [VINO-Palooza Wine & Music Festival](#), Marina Del Rey Hotel, Los Angeles.

Sept. 29: [Temecula Valley CRUSH](#), Monte De Oro Winery, Temecula.

For more information about exploring California's diverse wine regions, see the [Navigate the State map and directory](#). Wine lovers can also celebrate California Wine Month at home using the delicious recipes and wine-pairing tips [here](#).

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ABOUT WINE INSTITUTE

Established in 1934, Wine Institute is the public policy advocacy group of more than 1,000 California wineries and affiliated businesses that initiate and advocate state, federal and international public policy to enhance the environment for the responsible production, consumption and enjoyment of wine. California wineries generate \$114 billion annually in economic activity to the U.S. economy and create 786,000 jobs across the country of which 325,000 are in California, bolstering economies through hospitality, taxes and tourism and enhancing communities through environmental sustainability.

Note to editors: Photos can be found [here](#).

Download a complete list of winery events by region [here](#).

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