

2009 - 2010 Annual Events

January

Old Time Fiddle Contest

Fiddle competition, entertainment, jamming sessions, food and crafts.

Cloverdale

(707) 894-2067

www.cloverdalehistoricalsociety.org

Winter Wineland

Join more than 100 wineries for this fun and educational weekend. Meet winemakers, tour wineries, sample wine & food.

Russian River

(800) 723-6336

www.wineroad.com

Olive Season

December – February

A celebration of the senses with events, olive, art, oil tastings, grove walks and more!

Sonoma Valley

(707) 996-1090

www.olivefestival.com

Crab Feed

Celebration of crab season.

Bodega Bay

(800) 541-7788

www.innatthetides.com

February

Citrus Fair & Parade

3-D exhibits made of citrus fruit and other food products. Wine tasting and gourmet food show. Arts, crafts and carnival.

Cloverdale

(707) 894-3992

www.cloverdalecitrusfair.org

Chinese New Year Celebration

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with traditional lion dancing, parade with 250-foot dragon, traditional holiday food.

Santa Rosa

(707) 576-0533

www.recacenter.org

Rodney Strong Vineyards Wine and Chocolate Fantasy

A delicious line up of quality chocolatiers side by side with fine wines.

Healdsburg

(707) 869-1595

www.rodneystrong.com

Tattoos and Blues Arts Festival

Three days of tattooing, with artists from around the world. Live blues music, seminars, and more.

Santa Rosa

(707) 546-7525

www.tattoosandblues.net

March

Wine Road Barrel Tasting

Sample wine directly from the barrel at more than 100 wineries throughout the Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys.

Various Locations

(800) 723-6336

www.wineroad.com

Savor Sonoma Valley Annual Barrel Tasting & Culinary Experience

Meet winemakers and sample new releases paired with food. Enjoy local art and live music.

Various locations.

Sonoma Valley

(866) 794-WINE (9463)

www.HeartofSonomaValley.com

Symphony of Food, Wine & Art

Musical performances by the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

(707) 546-8742

www.santarosasympphony.com

Artisan Cheese Festival

Meet celebrated cheesemakers and sample artisan cheeses. Seminars and farm tours.

Sheraton Sonoma County – Petaluma

www.artisancheesefestival.com

April

Fisherman's Festival

Live music, wine tasting, food, crafts and more.

Bodega Bay

(707) 875-3286

www.bodegabay.com

Apple Blossom Festival & Parade

Old-fashioned parade down Main Street; arts, crafts, music and more.

Sebastopol

(877) 828-4748

www.sebastopolappleblossom.org

Butter & Eggs Day Parade

A unique all day celebration of Petaluma's agricultural heritage in Historic Downtown.

Petaluma

(707) 763-0344

www.butterandeggdays.com

Castles & Kites

Spectacular kites, demonstrations and training on the beach with sand sculpture creations.

Overnight camping available.

Doran Beach Park

Bodega Bay

(707) 565-CAMP for reservations.

www.sonoma-county.org/parks

Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival

Celebrate the annual grey whale migration the finest in jazz, food, beer, wine, poetry, art ... and whales!

Redwood Coast
(800) 778-5252

www.whaleandjazzfestival.com

Sonoma International Film Festival

The best in film, food, wine, art and music. A five-day festival of independent films.

Sonoma
(707) 933-2600

www.sonomafilmfest.org

Passport to Dry Creek Valley

Wineries create themes to showcase wine, paired with food and entertainment. Various locations.

Healdsburg
(707) 433-3031

www.wdcv.com

Petaluma Spring Antique Fair

More than 180 vendors offer antiques and unique collectibles in Historic Downtown.

Petaluma
(707) 762-9348

www.petalumadowntown.com

April in Carneros

More than 20 wineries feature tastings of barrel, reserve, library, new release wines. Paired with food live music, and art. Various locations.

Sonoma
(800) 909-4352

www.carneroswineries.org

May

View Harbor Seal Pups

View the new seal 'families' at Goat Rock Beach.

Tour of California Cycling Race

Professional cycling race modeled after Tour de France. Professional teams from all around the world compete on a 700-mile cycling race.

Stage 2 finish in Santa Rosa
www.amgentourofcalifornia.com

Women's Weekend

Northern California's premier lesbian weekend getaway.

Guerneville
(707) 869-0691

www.gayrussianriver.com

Annual Cloverdale Celebration

Family fun: Free with arts and crafts, games, jazz, country, blues, BBQ, street dance and more.

Cloverdale
(707) 894-4470
www.cloverdale.net

Windsor Festival & Parade

Family fun in downtown Windsor
Windsor • (707) 838-7285

www.windsorchamber.com

Luther Burbank Rose Parade & Festival

Family fun: Downtown Santa Rosa comes alive with a community parade

Santa Rosa

(707) 542-7673

www.roseparadefestival.com

Living History Day

Volunteers re-create life in 1840s Mexican-era California.

Petaluma

(707) 762-4871

www.visitpetaluma.com

Passport to Sonoma Valley

More than 40 wineries present 250-plus exceptional wines, paired with food and entertainment. Various locations.

Sonoma Valley

(707) 935-0803

www.sonomavalleywine.com

Sonoma Jazz+

Four-day celebration of world class music, food and wine.

Sonoma Valley

(866) 468-8355

www.sonomajazz.org

Architectural Tour & Tasting

Self-guided tour with a variety of spectacular houses.

Redwood Coast

(707) 884-3571

www.simsc.org/tour.htm

June

Art at the Source

Open Studio Tour

Meet more than 100 local artists, see how and where they work. Art available for purchase.

Sebastopol

(707) 829-4797

www.artatthesource.org

Beerfest

Microbrews and food tasting with more than 35 microbreweries and gourmet food purveyors.

Santa Rosa

(707) 546-3600

www.f2f.org/beerfest.html

Cotati Jazz & Arts Festival

Jazz ensembles perform throughout downtown Cotati for a free afternoon and evening of music, art, food and fun.

Cotati

(707) 795-5508

www.cotatijazz.com

Days of Wine & Lavender Festival at Matanzas Creek Winery

Taste wines paired with food in an amazing field of lavender. Reservations required.
Santa Rosa
(707) 521-7030
matanzascreek.com

Harmony Festival
Natural health and alternative
healing workshops, food, exhibits, global bazaar, beer and wine gardens.
Santa Rosa
(707) 861-2035
www.harmonyfestival.com

Rodney Strong Vineyards' KJZY Summer Concert Series
On the Green; runs through September
Healdsburg
(707) 869-1595
www.rodneystrong.com

Summer Nights on
the Green
Live concerts, farmers market, food vendors. Runs through August.
Windsor
(707) 838-5382
www.townofwindsor.com

Toyota/Save Mart 350
The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series makes its only northern California stop featuring the top racing stars.
Infineon Raceway, Sonoma
(800) 870-RACE
www.infineonraceway.com

Taste Alexander Valley
Alexander Valley
Taste exclusive wines paired with food and entertainment. Each winery carries out the year's theme.
Healdsburg
(888) 289-4637
www.alexandervalley.org

Hot Air Balloon Classic
More than 30 hot air balloons choreographed to music, tethered balloon rides, food, arts and crafts.
Windsor
www.schabc.org

Peggy Sue's All-American Cruise
Four-day event with cars, food, music, a back roads poker run and more.
Santa Rosa
(707) 575-3267
www.peggysuescruise.com

Pinot Family Reunion
More than 40 wineries participate in a wine and food tasting, followed by a family-style dinner at John Ash & Co. Restaurant.
Santa Rosa
(707) 575-7350
www.vintnersinn.com

Russian River Passport

Visit wineries in Russian River Valley, tasting wines paired with food. Reservations required.

Healdsburg

(707) 473-9203

www.russianriverpassport.com

Sonoma - Marin Fair

Concerts, livestock shows, exhibits, carnival and ugly dog contest.

Petaluma

(707) 283-FAIR (3247)

www.sonoma-marinfair.org

July

Catalan Festival of Food, Wine and Music

Good food, wine and fun, with a Catalan accent.

Sonoma

(707) 933-1999

www.gloriaferrer.com

SSU Green Music Festival

The festival kicks off each summer with a variety of concerts and programs ranging from chamber music and dance to jazz and the visual arts.

Rohnert Park

(707) 664-3203

www.greenmusiccenter.org

Sonoma County Fair

Family fun, recreation: There's "Magic in the Fair" at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Flower exhibits, carnival rides and more.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa

(707) 545-4200

www.sonomacountyfair.com

Red, White & Boom

Ongoing music, pony rides, kid's games, civil war historic display, and food booths. Fireworks show begins at 9:30 pm. Proceeds benefit non-profit organizations. Sonoma County

Fairgrounds

(707) 585-9484

www.sonomacounty4th.com

Fireworks & Old Time

Celebration

Live music, food, farmers market, country arts and crafts show.

Windsor

(707) 838-1260

www.townofwindsor.com

Shakespeare on the Green

Eat, drink and be merry in Windsor with live outdoor theatre.

Windsor

(707) 529-3453

www.theatregreen.com

Kids' Parade & Festival

For kids and kids at heart, join the parade, then stay for the festival in the park with zany contests, family fun, food, great music, a variety of booths.

Cotati

(707) 765-3939

www.ci.cotati.ca.us

Art & Garden Festival

Visit Historic Downtown for an afternoon of home and garden art, fine wines and delicious delicacies while listening to great music. Petaluma

(707) 762-9348

www.petalumadowntown.com

FRAM Autolite NHRA Nationals

All the stars of the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series. Don't miss these 7,000-horsepower nitro machines as they blast down the drag strip at speeds better than 300 mph.

Infineon Raceway, Sonoma (800) 870-RACE

www.infineonraceway.com

NHRA Division 7 Races

Fans will be treated to more than 450 cars battling for victory on the quarter-mile drag strip during the NHRA Division 7 Drag Races, presented by Korbelt.

Infineon Raceway, Sonoma (800) 870-RACE

www.infineonraceway.com

Cultural Heritage Day at Fort Ross

Russian folk music and dance, musket and cannon demonstrations, and activities for the whole family.

Jenner

(707) 847-4777

www.fortrossstatepark.org

August

Accordion Festival

A non-stop multicultural extravaganza of accordion music, polka dancing, food, drink & crafts.

Cotati

(707) 664-0444

www.cotatifest.com

Art in the Redwoods Festival

More than 400 pieces on display. Food and craft vendors, live entertainment and children's activities.

Redwood Coast

(707) 884-1138

www.gualalaarts.org/AIR/Festival.asp

Lazy Bear Weekend

This six-day event for "bears" and their fans, combines the casual fun of a resort weekend with a concerted charitable effort.

(707) 644-9001

www.russianriver.com

Grape to Glass Weekend

Leisurely bike ride through Russian River back roads; meet growers and award-winning winemakers behind the scenes. Various food and wine events throughout the weekend.

Russian River Valley

(707) 521-2535

www.rrvv.org

Gravenstein Apple Fair

Showcasing the best in arts, crafts, food, wines and brews, games, entertainment and farm life activities at this country fair celebrating the Gravenstein apple. Sebastopol • (800) 207-9464

www.gravensteinapplefair.com

IRL Grand Prix of Sonoma

Motor racing fans will enjoy a memorable weekend of racing when the IRL IndyCar Series and the Grand-American Rolex Sports Car Series converge on Infineon Raceway. Infineon

Raceway, Sonoma

(800) 870-RACE

www.infineonraceway.com

Seafood, Art and Wine Festival

Wine and microbrew tasting, live entertainment, seafood, art and more.

Bodega • (707) 824-8717

www.winecountryfestivals.com

Sonoma Wine Country Weekend

Enjoy more than 150 wineries at Showcase: Taste of Sonoma, wine and food events, and the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction, along with winery lunches, private dinners, special events, and a full weekend to explore Sonoma Wine Country.

Locations throughout

Sonoma County

(800) 939-7666

www.sonomawine.com

Petaluma Summer Music Festival

Features musical concerts of classical and chamber music, classic country western, flamenco and more.

Petaluma

(707) 763-8920

www.cinnabartheater.org

Petaluma Wine Jazz & Blues Festival

Great jazz and blues bands in wine country.

Petaluma

(707) 769-9650

www.petalumawinejazzandbluesfestival.org

Wings Over Wine Country

Annual air show, which benefits the Pacific Coast Air Museum, will feature acrobatic and vintage planes. Location: Pacific Coast Air Museum, Sonoma County Airport.

Santa Rosa

(707) 575-7900

www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org

September

Art in the Park

Exhibit and sale featuring works by local artists, with music and food.

Petaluma

(707) 793-2113

www.petalumaarts.org

Cajun/Zydeco Festival

Great music and yummy food with a little bit of New Orleans flavor, featuring some of the best zydeco bands and huge dance floor to move on. Enjoy the gumbo, crawfish and Cajun dogs!
Sebastopol
(707) 823-3032
www.rotarycajun.com

Celtic Festival
Four days with dance floor, large tents, workshops, vendor village, historical re-enactment guilds, kids area and more. Sebastopol
(707) 829-7067
www.cumuluspresents.com

Old Grove Festival
Held in the historic Redwood Forest Theatre, the festival features an outstanding variety of musical and theatrical productions that help raise funds to support educational programs and all State Parks.
Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve
Guerneville
(707) 869-9177
www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org

Petaluma Fall Antique Fair
Browse and shop in Historic Downtown Petaluma, among 180 or more vendors offering antiques and unique collectibles.
Petaluma
(707) 762-9348
www.petalumadowntown.com

Russian River Jazz & Blues Festival
An amazing weekend of jazz and blues music, great food and wine tasting on the river.
Russian River
(510) 655-9471
www.omegaevents.com

Kendall Jackson Heirloom Tomato Festival
Sample more than 50 varieties of tomatoes and enjoy superb food and wine pairing.
Santa Rosa
(800) 769-3649
www.kj.com

Street Celebration / Classic Car
& Motorcycle Show
Classic, antique cars and motorcycles, live music, food and craft booths, raffles and prizes galore. Cloverdale
(707) 894-4470
www.cloverdale.net

Sonoma County Grape Camp
The ultimate hands-on wine and food adventure. Spend three days in Sonoma Wine Country, work the vineyards, learn from master winemakers, pick grapes, blend your own wine. Relax at the luxurious Vintners Inn.
Various Locations
(707) 522-5860
www.sonomagrapecamp.com

Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival
Food, wine, art and family activities.
Sonoma Valley
(707) 996-2109

www.sonomavinfest.org

Weekend Along Farm Trails

Open house weekend to visit Sonoma County farms. No appointments necessary, just drop by and sample freshly picked produce.

Various locations

www.weekendalongfarmtrails.com

West End & Railroad Square Hand-Car Regatta

A free public celebration of mechanical, arts, human ingenuity, and good old-fashioned fun.

Historic Railroad Square

Santa Rosa

(707) 570-0128

www.handcarregatta.com

Zintopia

Lake Sonoma Recreation Area: Celebrate harvest with wine, food and music. Zinfandel is the star of this event.

Dry Creek Valley

www.wdcv.com

October

Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Taste and buy more than 500 award-winning wines made from Sonoma County grapes, all under one roof. Competitive exhibits, displays, live music, grape stomp, kid's carnival, contests, & family activities.

Santa Rosa

(707) 545-4200

www.harvestfair.org

ARTrails Sonoma County

Open Studios

Meet local artists in their studios, discover their creative processes, and purchase fine arts and crafts. More than 140 artists working in a variety of materials and styles. Various Locations

(707) 579-2787

www.artrails.org

Sculpture Jam

Sculpture Jam is the serious, but fun idea of sculptor Warren Arnold to create a multi-day event where sculptors work in varying mediums at a site open to the general public.

Sebastopol

(707) 829-4797

www.sebarts.org

Pinot on the River

Weekend of in-depth tastings, seminars, vineyard tours and sumptuous food. Focus on highly-allocated, limited-production Pinot Noirs from Sonoma County and other top regions up and down the West Coast. Forestville

(707) 869-2706

www.pinotfestival.com

El Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Latino Festival

Through November. Traditional and cultural events, food and dance, fine art exhibits.

Petaluma • (707) 766-5200

www.petalumaartscouncil.org

Fort Ross Harvest Festival

Fort Ross State Historic Park: Costumed volunteers will demonstrate crafts and answer your questions about Settlement Ross, which was home to a unique blend of cultural groups - Russians, Creoles, Native Alaskans, and Native Californians (local Kashaya Pomo and Bodega Coast Miwok).

19005 Coast Highway 1

Jenner

(707) 847-4777

www.fortrossstatepark.org/harvest

Harvest Market Festival

A weekend of fun – costume parade, scarecrow contest, pumpkin carving, food, music, family carnival and a haunted house.

Occidental

(707) 874-9407

www.bohemianconnection.com

November

A Wine & Food Affair

A special weekend to sample wine and food in Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River valleys.

Various Locations

(800) 723-6336

www.wineroad.com

Artisano

A celebration of small-production, locally handcrafted wine, food and art.

Geyserville

www.artisano.org

Gualala Arts Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees is a community celebration, a fundraiser for Gualala Arts, and a step back in time to the ambiance of Christmas past. Vendors dressed in period costume will be offering handmade crafts. A gingerbread house contest, activities, live music and more.

Redwood Coast

(707) 884-1138

www.redwoodcoastchamber.com

Lighted Truck Parade & Arrival of Santa Claus

A convoy of festively lit “big rig” trucks cruise Highway 1 through Gualala. Santa stops to visit for photo ops and to give candy canes.

Redwood Coast

(800) 778-5252

www.redwoodcoastchamber.com

Holiday in Carneros

Visit Carneros wineries for barrel tasting, food and music.

Sonoma

(800) 909-4352

www.carneroswineries.org

Santa’s Riverboat Arrival

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the Petaluma Riverfront aboard the tug “Petaluma” to greet children and distribute candy canes, then join the Antique Wagon and Horse procession through Historic Downtown.

Petaluma

(707) 769-0429

www.visitpetaluma.com

Tree Lighting
Occidental
(707) 874-3279
www.occidental.org

December

Holiday Celebration & Old Downtown Open House
Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, tree lighting and musical entertainment in Old Downtown.
Windsor
(707) 838-5308
www.townofwindsor.com

Holiday Tree Lighting
Get that cozy hometown feel while singing carols during the lighting of the evergreen in the plaza.
Cotati
(707) 765-3939
www.ci.cotati.ca.us

Holiday Craft Faire
A tradition of crafts, local artists, excellent food and a raffle.
Occidental
(707) 874-9407
www.bohemianconnection.com

Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
See a flotilla of decorated boats on parade and join in holiday caroling. The parade starts at the Petaluma Marina and continues to the Turning Basin.
Petaluma
(707) 769-0429
www.visitpetaluma.com

Parade of Lights
Guerneville
(707) 869-9000
www.russianriver.com