

**For Immediate Release**



## **Fifth Annual VINOLIVO Set for February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Tickets On Sale December 15th for Sonoma Valley's Epicurean Event of the Year**

**Sonoma, Ca (December 15, 2009)** Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance (SVVGA) will put tickets on sale Tuesday, December 15, 2009 for the **Fifth Annual VINOLIVO**, taking place **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7pm -10pm** at event partner and host facility, Lodge at Sonoma ([www.lodgeatsonoma.com](http://www.lodgeatsonoma.com) for map/directions). VINOLIVO marks the largest event of Sonoma Valley's **three-month** long Olive Festival, and celebrates the unparalleled "farm to table" bounty of California's oldest wine country. From artisan olive oils and wines to gourmet food products grown and produced locally, **over 60 acclaimed wineries, restaurants and food purveyors** will be on hand to showcase the agrarian diversity that has many calling Sonoma Valley "America's Gourmet Basket".

As with last year, exclusive Sonoma Valley wine, food and travel packages will be auctioned online before, during and after VINOLIVO. Bidding for these special lots begins Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at [www.vinolivo.cmarket.com](http://www.vinolivo.cmarket.com).

### **VINOLIVO highlights include:**

- Sip Sonoma Valley's best wines from over 50 wineries
- Get to know the winemakers and grape growers of Sonoma Valley
- Ignite your taste buds with culinary delights from over 20 of Sonoma's finest restaurants, caterers and artisans
- Sample local savory olives and olive oils at the Olive Bar

- Enjoy the seductive Port Wines
- Experience the Pommes Frites and Sparkling Wine Bar

**New this year!** VinOlivo Winemaker's Salon - Step into the Winemaker's Salon where Salon ticketholders will have the exclusive opportunity to lounge with the winemakers in the intimate Piano Bar of The Lodge at Sonoma, as they pour their Winemaker's Selection Wines.

**Participating Wineries:**

Amapola Creek Vineyards & Winery  
 Anaba Wine  
 Arrowood Vineyards & Winery  
 Atmosphere Wines  
 Audelssa Estate Winery  
 B. R. Cohn Winery and Olive Oil  
 Company  
 Bartholomew Park Winery  
 Benziger Family Winery  
 Blackstone Winery  
 Bonneau Winery  
 Chateau St. Jean  
 Clarbec  
 Cline Cellars  
 David Noyes Wines  
 Deerfield Ranch Winery  
 Emery Estate Vineyard and Winery  
 Enkidu Wines  
 Eric Ross Winery  
 Fichtenberg Vineyards  
 GlenLyon Vineyards & Winery  
 Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards  
 Gundlach Bundschu Winery  
 Haywood Estate  
 Highway 12 Vineyards & Winery  
 Imagery Estate Winery  
 Jacuzzi Family Winery  
 Kaz Winery  
 Kunde Family Estate  
 Landmark Vineyards  
 Larson Family Winery  
 Little Vineyards Family Winery  
 Loxton Cellars  
 MacLeod Family Vineyard

MacRostie Winery and Vineyards  
Mayo Family Winery  
Moon Mountain Vineyard  
Mulas Family Vineyards  
Muscardini Cellars  
Nicholson Ranch  
Paint Horse Winery  
Paradise Ridge Winery  
Ravenswood Winery  
Robert Hunter Winery  
Roche Carneros Winery  
Schug Carneros Estate Winery  
Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery  
Sharp Cellars  
Sojourn Cellars  
Spann Vineyards  
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards  
Teresina Vintners  
Ty Caton Vineyards  
Viansa Winery & Marketplace  
VJB Vineyards & Cellars  
Wellington Vineyards  
Westwood Wine

**Participating Restaurants and Artisans:**

BlueGrass Bar & Grill  
Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar  
El Dorado Kitchen  
The Epicurean Connection  
ESTATE + the girl & the fig  
Ramekins Culinary School  
Sonoma Sausage  
Sonoma-Meritâge  
The Vineyards Inn  
Wild Thyme Events  
Wine Country Chocolates

Tickets for this year's VINOLIVO are \$65.00 per person in advance by 10pm, February 11th, \$75 at the door and \$85 per person for Winemaker's Salon Tickets – and \$95 at the door.

**Purchase tickets early as this event has been a SOLD OUT event for the last four years.**

Tickets include unlimited wine and food tasting and a commemorative wine glass. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.sonomavalleywine.com](http://www.sonomavalleywine.com) or call 707- 935-0803.

### **SVVGA Annual Events**

Each year, the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance partners with local wineries, growers, restaurants and hospitality providers to produce four signature events designed to raise awareness and appreciation for the beauty and bounty of Sonoma Valley. The events include: **Holiday in the Vines, December 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>**; **VINOLIVO, February 12<sup>th</sup>**; **Passport to Sonoma Valley May 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>**; and **Sonoma Wine Country Weekend and Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>**

(**Labor Day Weekend**). For more on these events, visit [www.sonomavalleywine.com](http://www.sonomavalleywine.com) or call 707-935-0803.

### **About SVVGA**

The Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance (SVVGA) is a non-profit trade organization serving over 500 vintners, growers and associates who share a mission to promote awareness of Sonoma Valley's grapes, wine, terroir and history as the birthplace of the California wine industry. The Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Foundation (SVVGF) is a non-profit organization that has raised over \$8,000,000 for local Sonoma Valley charities through the Sonoma Wine Country Weekend and Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction. To learn more about the SVVGA and SVVGF, visit [www.sonomavalleywine.com](http://www.sonomavalleywine.com) or call 707-935-0803.

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