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## 2017 Down To Earth Events, Tours and Offers in California Wine Country

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### NORTH COAST

#### [Spring Suckering at Alpha Omega](#)

April 4, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm

Cost: Free

Alpha Omega, Rutherford, Napa Valley

707/963-9999, [concierge@aowinery.com](mailto:concierge@aowinery.com)

Celebrate Earth Month by participating in an educational and hands-on suckering session in the vineyards led by Alpha Omega winemaker Jean Hoefliger and enologist Joel Antonio.

#### [Flavors of Spring at Korbel Champagne Cellars](#)

April 22, 2017

Time: 10:30 am-4:00 pm

Cost: \$25

Korbel Champagne Cellars, Guerneville, Sonoma County

707/824-7316, [webstore.info@korbel.com](mailto:webstore.info@korbel.com)

Flavors of Spring at Korbel Champagne Cellars Celebrate Earth Day and enjoy the opening day of the historic garden tours at Korbel's picturesque grounds.

#### [Earth Day Napa](#)

April 22, 2017

Time: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Cost: Free

Oxbow Commons, Napa

[taylorradek@gmail.com](mailto:taylorradek@gmail.com)

Featuring exhibits, food, live entertainment, kids' activities – and of course, wine.

### **Down to Earth at Rodney Strong Vineyards**

April 22, 2017

Time: 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Cost: Free

Rodney Strong Vineyards, Healdsburg, Sonoma County

[hospitality@rodneystrong.com](mailto:hospitality@rodneystrong.com)

Observe Earth Day with Ryan Decker, winegrower and viticulturist, as he leads a stroll through our River East Vineyard.

### **Earth Day Dog Hike**

April 22, 2017

Time: 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Cost: \$40

Saracina, Hopland, Mendocino County

707/670-0199, [tastingbar@saracina.com](mailto:tastingbar@saracina.com)

Take a 4-mile hike with pals and pooches, followed by a casual, catered wine country lunch.

### **Celebrate Earth Day in Green Valley**

April 23, 2017

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$65

Iron Horse Vineyards, Sebastopol, Sonoma County

707/887-1507, [joy@ironhorsevineyards.com](mailto:joy@ironhorsevineyards.com)

Celebrate Earth Day with 10 Green Valley wineries and an "Impossible Burger" made entirely from plants. Proceeds benefit Sustainable Conservation.

### **Passport to Dry Creek Valley**

April 28-30, 2017

Time: Varies

Cost: \$55-\$200

Venues throughout Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

707/433-3031, [info@wdcv.com](mailto:info@wdcv.com)

Tastings, food and wine pairings, and a vineyard tours highlighting how sustainability operates in the vineyards.

### **Earth Day Hike and Wine Tasting**

April 22, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Cost: \$20-\$30

Benziger Family Winery, Glen Ellen, Sonoma County

707/935-3052; [alandolt@benziger.com](mailto:alandolt@benziger.com)

Celebrate Mother Earth with an hour-long hike around our Sonoma Mountain property followed by a tasting of Biodynamic wines. Open to Club Members and the general public.

## **SAN FRANCISCO SOUTH & EAST BAYS, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS**

### **Organic Wine Trail of the Santa Cruz Mountains**

Cost: Varies

Venues throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains

<http://www.organicwinetrail.org/>

Visit eight certified organic Santa Cruz Mountain vineyards, some with tasting rooms, some by appointment.

### **Cooper Garrod Walk with the Winemaker**

April 1, 2017

Time: 11:00 am

Cost: Free

Cooper Garrod Estate Vineyards & Silver Mountain Vineyards, Santa Clara County  
408/867-7116, [doris@cgv.com](mailto:doris@cgv.com)

Go from grape to glass and find out what it takes to become a Certified Sustainable estate vineyard and winery.

### **Wines & Vines Class at Captain Vineyards**

April 9, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Cost: \$43

Captain Vineyards, Moraga, Contra Costa County  
925/631-0714

Captain Vineyards, the first green winery in Contra Costa County, will show you how wine is processed using green and sustainable practices. Barrel tasting and cheese pairing included.

### **Santa Cruz Mountains 2017 Passport Day**

April 15, 2017

Time: 12:00 noon-5:00 pm

Cost: \$65

Participating Santa Cruz Mountains wineries  
831/685-8463, [robynnen@scmwa.com](mailto:robynnen@scmwa.com)

50+ wineries throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains, each offering a unique winery experience.

## **INLAND VALLEYS**

### **Lodi Wine & Food Festival**

April 1, 2017

Time: Varies

Cost: \$50-\$65

Ole Mettler Grape Pavilion, Lodi

Located in Lodi, Wine Enthusiast's 2015 Wine Region of the Year.

## **CENTRAL COAST: MONTEREY & SANTA BARBARA**

### **[Back to Earth in Monterey Wine Country at Scheid Vineyards](#)**

April 1-30, 2017

Time: 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Cost: \$10-\$20

Scheid Vineyards, Greenfield

831/386-0316

Learn about Scheid's commitment to sustainability while tasting handcrafted wines on their spacious deck.

### **[Santa Barbara Vintners Festival Grand Tasting](#)**

April 22, 2017

Time: 12:00 noon-4:00 pm

Cost: \$35-\$200

River View Park, Buellton

The Vintners Festival is the largest tasting of Santa Barbara County wines of the year. Held this year on Earth Day, celebrate with 100 wineries, 30 food purveyors and chefs, regional artists and live music.

### **[Cima Collina's Earth Day Vertical Tasting](#)**

April 22, 2017

Time: 12:30 pm-5:00 pm

Cost: \$15

Cima Collina Tasting Room, Carmel Valley, Monterey County

831/620-0645, [david@cimacollina.com](mailto:david@cimacollina.com)

Learn about Cima Collina's sustainable farming practices while experiencing a vertical tasting of Hilltop Ranch Estate Pinot Noir.

### **[Spring Vineyard Walk & Scavenger Hunt](#)**

April 23, 2017

Time: 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Cost: \$40-\$45

Buttonwood Farm Winery & Vineyard, Solvang, Santa Barbara County

805/688-3032, [karen@buttonwoodwinery.com](mailto:karen@buttonwoodwinery.com)

Search this sustainably farmed vineyard for scavenger items, ending with prizes, brunch and wine.

## **SIERRA FOOTHILLS**

### **[Farm to Glass Tour](#)**

April 1-30, 2017

Time: 11:00 am

Cost: \$10

Vino Noceto, Plymouth, Amador County

Tour a sustainable vineyard, following the grapes from the vines to the bottle.

### **El Dorado Passport**

April 22-23 and 29-30, 2017

Time: Varies

Cost: \$20-\$95

Venues throughout El Dorado County

916/862-0956, [passport@eldoradowines.org](mailto:passport@eldoradowines.org)

Access to 20+ participating wineries, some committed to sustainable growing and winemaking practices.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

### **Ponte Winery Vineyard Estate Tour**

April 1-30, 2017

Time: Varies

Cost: \$32-\$40

Ponte Winery, Temecula, Riverside County

951/694-8855, [info@pontewinery.com](mailto:info@pontewinery.com)

Tour a sustainable, working winery by electric bus.

### **South Coast Winery Behind the Scenes Tour**

April 1-30, 2017

Time: 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Temecula, Riverside County

Cost: \$40

951/587-9463

Our Behind the Scenes tour takes our guests on a 60-minute walking tour, from our California Sustainable vineyards to crush pad, followed by a 30-minute food and wine pairing.

### **Vineyard Tour and Olive Oil Tasting**

April 2, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$10

Ramona Ranch Vineyard & Winery, Ramona, San Diego County

760/789-1622

Join us for a walking tour of the vineyard, discussing the importance of sustainability on viticulture, then sample Ramona Gold Olive Oil and learn what it takes to pass the laboratory criteria and tasting panel analysis from the California Olive Oil Council, while you sample local wines.

### **VinDiego Wine and Food Festival**

April 8, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

Cost: \$95-\$135

NTC Liberty Station, San Diego

760/805-2131, [david@vindiego.com](mailto:david@vindiego.com)

Known as the largest wine tasting in San Diego, the event offers guests a chance to sip

among hundreds of California's finest award-winning wines and enjoy gourmet bites and live music.

### **Blessing of the Vines**

April 30, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Temecula, Riverside County

Cost: Contact the winery, 951/587-9463

This fun event includes great wines, a buffet of farm-to-table locally-sourced food, unlimited games with vine-based prizes and tours through the sustainable vineyards.

### **From Garbage to Garden: Backyard Composting**

April 30, 2017

Time: 12:00 noon

Ramona Ranch Vineyard & Winery, Ramona, San Diego County

Cost: Free

760/789-1622

Our Sustainability Director, Megan, is offering a fun, hands-on, how-to class on backyard composting and transforming kitchen waste into organic fertilizer with worms! Learn how to start, maintain and harvest an organic composting system and how to build a worm composting bin.

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