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Sam Brannan
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of Calistoga

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In the *Mud City Weekender* we offer you some insights into Calistoga and hope you get to know us a little bit better, through our restaurants, shops, wineries and spas. After all, isn't that what drew you here in the first place?

But remember, we're not just another stop in the wine country. We're our own unique little version of heaven, filled with local characters and quirky personalities – all of them calling out a big Calistoga welcome!

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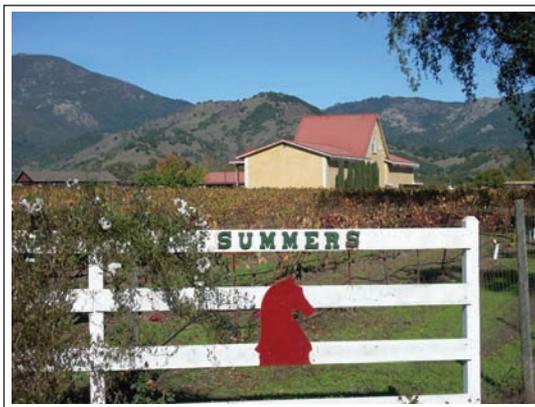
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We started the *Mud City Weekender* almost 13 years ago to help visitors discover Calistoga during their stay here. Tired of all the slick, glossy magazines that tout Napa Valley but seem to stop short of coming this far north, we wanted to bring our town to the center of your attention by writing just about our wineries, our events, our history.

That's why not only will you find stories about wine and mud and food, but you'll find tidbits about our community and its history, too.

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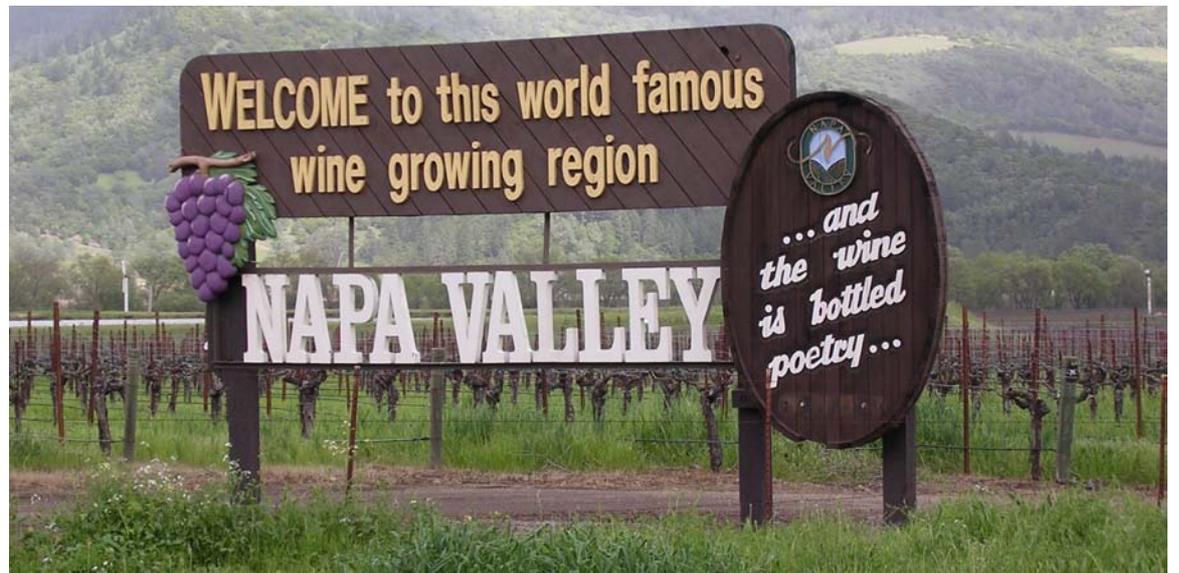
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New Exhibit to Open
at the Sharpsteen Museum
Preview Friday, Nov. 4,
5:30 – 7 p.m.

Typewriters from 1896 through the 1940s

A private collection of
museum member Jim Flamson

By Kathy Bazzoli

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Jim Flamson started collecting typewriters by accident in 1974. He had just moved back to Calistoga to take over his late father's Insurance Agency on Lincoln Ave. His father had an old typewriter sitting in the window sill in the front of the office, and Jim couldn't help but notice how many people stopped while walking by to look at it. A few months later, someone came in and asked if he would like another typewriter to go with the one in the window. Of course, he said "Yes" and as they say, the rest is history.

Over the past 42 years, Flamson has accumulated over 50 typewriters, ranging in age from 1896 through the 1940s. The collection includes typewriters such as Chicago, Underwood, Remington, Olivetti and Woodstock. He is currently researching the history of each typewriter, and will have that history available for review when the collection opens at the Sharpsteen Nov. 4. There are some very interesting stories.

Basic History:

Around 1440, Johannes Gutenberg invented the Printing Press. In 1575 an Italian printmaker, Francesco Rappazzo, invented his instrument to impress letters in paper, he



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called this the "scrittura tattile." It would take almost another 150 years for a typewriter of sorts to appear. In 1714, Queen Anne of England granted a patent to Henry Mill, a British subject and engineer, for an "artificial machine for impressing of letters singly or progressively whereby all writings whatsoever may be engrossed in paper..." Although a strong beginning, the Mill machine proved to be lacking.

In 1808, Italian Pellegrino Turri invented the first typewriter, developed specifically for his close, blind friend, the Countess Carolina Fantoni da Fivizzano.

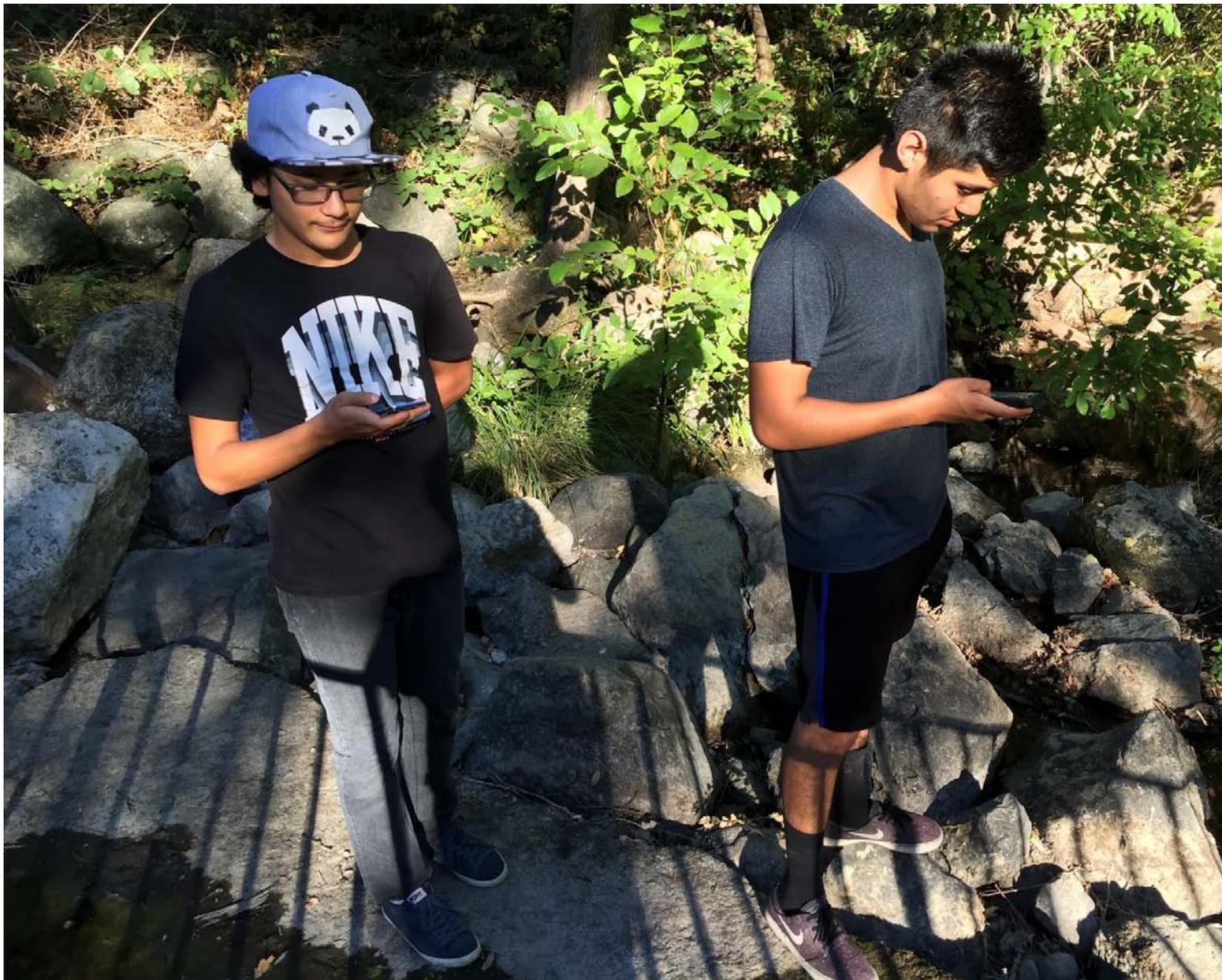
1867 brought a new "writing machine" developed by Christo-

pher Latham Sholes of Wisconsin. His typewriter is considered the ancestor to all standard typewriters developed thereafter. Realizing the machine's shortcomings, Sholes partnered with Glidden and introduced the QWERTY keyboard. To further develop the machine, Sholes brought in Remington culminating with the first commercial typewriter being introduced to the U.S. in 1874.

Sholes was sure his typewriter would be hugely popular and sell strongly in the U.S. The standard price was only \$100 (as much as \$2100 today). Unfortunately, many believed

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Calistoga Police Chief Mitch Celaya.

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Crystian Marin, 23, Calistoga



Be on the look out for ‘Pokemon GO’

By Claudia Aceves

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In case you’re wondering why there are more people walking around while locked into their phones than usual, it’s probably because they are hunting for Pokemon. That’s right, the fictional creatures that made their first appearance on cards in the 90s.

The game, originally released as the Pokemon Trading Card Game, has made its debut in the Digital Age as “Pokemon GO,” an app for smart phones where players can walk around their cities in search of the original Pokemon, including the more infamous Pikachu, Charmander and Squirtle.

The game is called “Pokemon GO” because players can’t sit around hoping to catch all of the Pokemon from home. If someone wants to be successful and “catch ‘em all,” as the slogan goes, they have to get to the Pokemon. While players may

still be locked into their phones, the game encourages them to get to specific locations where the Pokemon roam, many of which roam at PokeStops.

PokeStops are usually historical landmarks, monuments and art installations, so you can imagine the number of PokeStops located in the small town of Calistoga. Some PokeStops include City Hall, the Calistoga Fire Department, Pioneer Park and the muraled Calle de Carlo. At these locations, players are able to catch the rarer Pokemon or collect Poke Balls and other items.

While you might think the game is designed for children, you may find many Millennials in their 20s and early 30s playing, who grew up at the height of the Pokemon franchise and were trading cards or watching the show as kids.

“As young adults, we realize that growing up isn’t quite as glamorous as we imagined when we were children, so it’s nice to have something like Pokemon to give us a little break from reality,” said

Calistoga resident Crystian Marin, 23. “I grew up watching the show so I think it’s pretty awesome how technology can give new life to classics,” he added.

“I got excited about the Pokemon game because it was a huge part of my childhood. I grew up watching the show,” said Brittany Cash, 22, of Windsor.

Others that were excited about the game have already become bored with it, such as Calistoga resident Leslie Fernandez, 21. “I played every once in a while, but I’m having a baby soon and I just don’t have as much time available as I used to,” Fernandez said. “It’s time consuming because you constantly have to be checking.”

Since Pokemon GO’s release on July 6, the game has become the most popular mobile game in the United States. Although the game is also available in few other countries, the U.S. has seen the highest rate in players, having been downloaded by over 100 million people.

However, it is no longer all fun and

games to play Pokemon GO. Calistoga Police Chief Mitch Celaya released an alert on July 21 warning players of the “real-world hazards” of playing the game.

“The game is raising legal concerns over trespassing, players stumbling across crime scenes, personal injuries and risks to minors. Players are also driving and playing which has caused vehicle accidents due to being distracted by the game,” the alert stated.

Outside of Calistoga, the game has even caused deaths, including someone who was hit by a car while trying to catch a Pokemon and someone that was shot while breaking into someone’s home also hoping to catch one.

In the first month that the game has been available, some players have already caught all 142 Pokemon and reached the highest level, 40. This only includes the original Pokemon, which means if Niantic continues to update the game to release more Pokemon, you may not stop seeing people catching Pokemon any time soon.



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it to be strange, crass, uncouth and nearly offensive. Longhand was the accepted ritual and should remain so, they said.

Many inventors in Europe and the U.S. jumped on board with similar inventions during the 19th century, but successful commercial production with the “writing ball” is given to Danish pastor Rasmus Malling-Hansen in 1870.

There were more inventors

and strategists throughout these decades. Prior to the accepted name “typewriter,” inventors used the label “typographer machine,” “Scribe Harpsicord,” “Type Writing Machine,” and in Italy, “tachgrafo or tachitipo.”

Whatever the name, whomever the inventor, the typewriter became a must-have for not only businesses small or large, but for personal use in homes.

How many of us still use a typewriter? The technology, yes, the actual machine, not so much.

Come back with us and share the revolution of the typewriter. Sharpsteen Museum Preview Party is Friday, Nov. 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Meet Jim Flamson, enjoy some appetizers, good music and a glass of wine.

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The Napa Valley Film Festival returns for its sixth year Nov. 9-13 with venues in Calistoga with screenings in all valley venues, including the Hanger in Calistoga.

Festival announces film line-up

Lee Daniels, Viggo Mortensen, Dev Patel, Kurt Russell to join Celebrity Tributes

The sixth annual Napa Valley Film Festival has announced its film line-up, special events and additional celebrity tribute honorees.

Notable celebrities expected to attend include Jessica Biel, Ian Bochen, Josh Charles, Aaron Eckhart, Gordon Getty, Meredith Hagner, Katie Holmes, Sam Huntington, Sam Jaeger, Alex Karpovsky, Rose Leslie, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Joel David Moore, Matt Ross, Wyatt Russell, Madeline Zima and many more

NVFF returns in full force with a five-day festival showcasing the year's best new independent films

in 13 unique screening venues in the four postcard-perfect towns of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga, Nov. 9-13. Organizers will showcase Napa Valley's finest food and wine at all special events, the Festival Gala, VIP receptions and Vintner Circle dinners, and will feature a lively series of chef presentations and demonstrations on the NVFF Culinary Stage.

"We're excited to welcome everyone back to Napa Valley for another year of outstanding cinematic storytelling," said Marc Lhormer, Co-Founder/Artistic Director. "On top of another great

batch of films, our team and partners have collaborated on a series of memorable and surprising special events, as well as an incredible array of food and wine experiences. We expect this to be an epic year."

For five days, the four walkable villages of Napa Valley are transformed into a mecca for independent film fanatics, foodies and wine lovers. Between Napa, Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga, there are 13 unique venues



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Director Bryan Poyser, actor Zach Cregger and actress Sara Paxton discuss their movie *Bounceback* at the 2012 Napa Valley Film Festival inside the Gliderport Theater.

set up for film screenings. Some venues are established performing arts centers and movie theaters such as the Cameo Cinema in St. Helena, which has been in operation since 1913 (yes, really!); other locations include an old airplane hangar, a cooking school, a local jazz club and winery barrel rooms that are transformed into state of the art pop-up theaters.

an incredible selection of films, including many of this year's award-contenders, like The Weinstein Company's *Lion*, which will be this year's Opening Night film, and Open Road Film's *Bleed for This*. As the perfect bookend to the festival, the independent documentary *Pisco Punch: A Cocktail Comeback Story* will serve as the closing night film.

Lion – Opening Night Screen-

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December: Vines enter their dormancy period. Pre-pruning begins. First red wines are tasted and evaluated.

January: Vines are dormant. Crews are pruning and setting trellis systems. Red wines are racked and/or moved from tank to barrel.

February: Pruning and vine preparations are complete. Sprinkler systems and wind machines are ready for frosty spring mornings.

March: Growing season is officially underway with bud break – a stage when vine buds crack open and small shoots emerge. This is the beginning of the new crop.

April: Vines show thick clusters of new leaves. Crews remove tiny shoots so only vital vegetation is left. White wines are released. Blending for red varietals begins. Frost is a threat.

May: Bloom and set occur; fruit is vulnerable to frost. Only the strongest shoots are left on vines; focus is on producing fruit, not vegetation. Chardonnay blending begins.

June: Growers are busy with leaf and shoot removal, which gives the grapes adequate exposure to sunlight. Wineries are bottling Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

July: Vines are full of tight green, pea-sized berries. Veraison – green grapes soften and turn yellow or red. Red wines are



blended back into tanks and bottled to make room for the next harvest.

August: Some fruit clusters are removed to provide optimum flavor development. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir harvest begins for sparkling wines. All equipment is serviced and readied for harvest.

September: Harvest of white grapes begins, soon followed by reds. Grapes are picked in the cool morning hours. Many wineries return the stems, seeds and skins to the vineyards to use as a compost.

Early settlers tapped valley's potential for growing grapes

Wild grapes certainly grew in abundance in early Napa Valley, but it took settler George Calvert Yount to tap the area's potential for cultivating wine grapes. Yount built one of the homesteads in the area and was the first to plant Napa Valley grapes in 1839. Soon after, other pioneers such as John Patchett and Hamilton Walker Crabb helped introduce the first vitis vinifera grapes to the area.

Charles Krug is credited with establishing Napa Valley's first commercial winery in 1861. His success and leadership sparked a wave of new growth, and by 1889 there were more than 140 wineries in operation, including Schramsberg (founded in 1862), Beringer (1876) and Inglenook (1879).

By the turn of the 20th century the industry saw prices plummet amidst a sea of surplus grapes, and the arrival of phylloxera dealt vintners a stunning blow as more than 80% of the valley's vineyard acreage fell victim to the destructive root louse. An even greater threat to the Napa Valley wine industry arrived in 1920 with the enactment of Prohibition. Vineyards and wineries were abandoned over the next 14 years with only a handful of wineries continuing to operate by producing sacramental wines.

With the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, Napa Valley's wine industry began its slow recovery. During this time, John Daniel Jr., resurrected Inglenook, Georges de Latour re-established



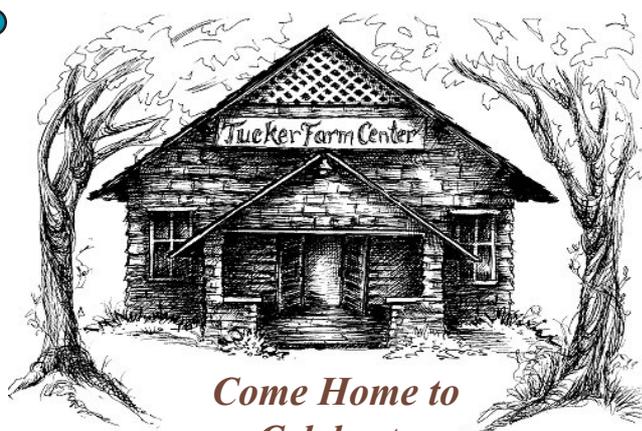
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Beaulieu Vineyards (BV), Louis M. Martini built his winery and the Mondavi family purchased Charles Krug Winery. Andre Tchelischeff, a Russian émigré working in France, came to Napa Valley to work for BV and became one of the great figures and mentors in the history of Napa Valley wine.

The early 1940s marked an important point in Napa Valley's history when these early vintners realized they would be more successful working together than on their own. In 1944, seven vintners signed the agreement of association that formed the Napa Valley Vintners trade association, now nearly 500 wineries strong.

The prominence of Napa Valley wine on the world stage is largely due to the efforts of local vintners during the last 50 years. People like Robert Mondavi, Napa Valley's greatest marketer, fully embodied the collective spirit and camaraderie that gave rise to the valley's success and quality.

If a single event can be credited with putting Napa Valley on the map, it was the Paris Tasting of 1976. This blind, comparative tasting pitted Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay from California against the best wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy in a blind tasting. When the tasting was done, the judges had given top honors to Chateau Montelena Chardonnay and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon. Napa Valley would never be the same. — Napa Valley Vintners



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Newspaper shares letter about 1868 earthquake in Calistoga

Letter From Calistoga
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“Our little community was startled out of its priority night before last about half-past eleven by an unmistakable earthquake, jarring the houses and shaking up the economy of life in the upper part of the Napa Valley beyond anything ever before known here.

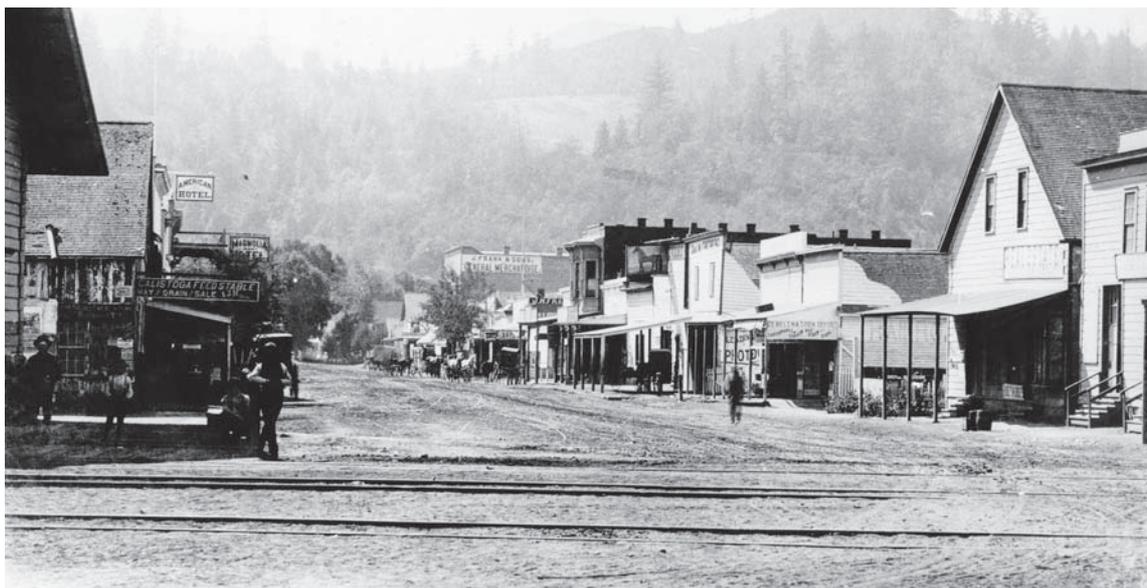
The shocks, which appeared to come from the northward, were accompanied by subterranean rumblings peculiarly ominous at the dead of night. The phenomena seemed to originate in the vicinity of Mt. St. Helena, the highest point of the Coast Range. All this region of the country, including the Calistoga Springs and Geysers, appears to be of volcanic origin – a fact of which the residents hereabout are reminded, at long intervals, by underground demonstrations such as that above alluded to. But, as if to compensate for any little irregularities beneath the surface, nature has lavished upon Napa Valley all her charms of rural beauty.

The country has never looked more inviting than at present. The late rains have given a brilliant hue to the surrounding hills, while the far reaching grain fields, vineyards, and orchards give promise of immense yields.

Today, by the permission of Dr. Rowell, Mr. Sam Brannan leaves for San Francisco after a tedious and critical sickness, during which his life was more than once despaired of – the result of a murderous attack made upon him a month ago.

There is but one sentiment throughout the valley regarding the attempt to assassinate a citizen through whose full handed expenditures in all the worthy enterprises, including his Napa Valley Railroad, which have helped to build up this region, every inhabitant within 50 miles of Napa City has been more or less benefitted, to say nothing of his liberal encouragement of enterprises elsewhere in the state.

It is the same spirit of envious hostility against intelligent progress which murdered the lamented Osborn at Oak Knoll



Calistoga's downtown in the mid 1880s, from the train depot looking towards what will be Foothill Blvd.

several years ago, and which, in its lawless malignity, destroyed nearly a thousand head of invaluable French and Spanish merino sheep, imported at immense expense by Mr. Brannan, which were driven in the night over a high precipice at the upper end of the Napa Valley, sometime since, because they riled the source of a stream which afforded water to parties below.

The feeling throughout Napa Valley against these and high-handed outrages of a like nature has finally become outspoken and decided and you may well believe that the forthcoming trial is awaited with greatest interest.

Mr. Brannan is now pronounced to be out of danger, although some of the balls from the cowardly fusillade are still lodged in his body. Your correspon-

dent found him yesterday busily engaged in his mulberry nursery and vineyard, directing his numerous workmen, and looking like anything but a candidate for the graveyard, although considerably reduced by loss of blood.

Mr. Dickey, of the Ocean House, is now proprietor of the Calistoga Springs Hotel. Since he has become the presiding genius, a new life seems to have been infused into everything. The hotel has been thoroughly repaired and renovated, under his experienced supervision, and is surrounded by beautiful shade trees, groves, and every variety of flowers and shrubbery, affords one of the most attractive places of resort in California.

The lands of the Napa Railroad Homestead Association are adjacent to these springs, and ex-

tend miles up the valley – fifteen hundred acres of plain, hill, and woodland, and forming the terminus of the Napa Valley Railroad, which connects this place with Napa City, and eventually with Vallejo. The iron is now laid to within two and a half miles of Mr. Brannan's Calistoga Springs, and when the road is completed hither, which will be in a few weeks, the trip from San Francisco here

will be made in three hours – two hours by steamboat to Vallejo, and one hour thence by the Napa Valley Railroad to Calistoga.

Nothing can excel the beauty of the scenery of this famous valley, where the wood-crowned and picturesque mountains everywhere sheltering the lowlands, are in fine contrast with the continuous fields of grain, reaching up to the very slopes of the foothills and stretching for nearly forty miles along the level valley.

Towards evening, when the declining sun pours its golden rays through the foliage of oaks, and across the emerald of the young grain, the valley presents a scene of which the most gorgeous fancy landscape painting would scarcely be an exaggeration. The reality forms a vivid picture, combining the rugged and romantic features of nature with the most charming pastoral scenery and the highest condition of scientific culture, extending over forty thousand acres of land.”

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Picayune Cellars and Mercantile

More than just a tasting room

By Lisa Gift

FOR MUD CITY WEEKENDER

Today few wine merchants in Napa Valley are producing wine as true négociants, but French native Claire Weinkauf is bucking that trend with Picayune {pee-ka-yün} Cellars. Weinkauf recently opened Picayune Cellars & Mercantile in downtown Calistoga where she is sticking to her roots as a négociant with an honest commitment to make wines of an outstanding quality that are also an exceptional value.

Traditionally négociant is the French term for a wine merchant who assembles the produce of small growers and producers and then sells the result under its own name. As an ambitious, nontraditional producer Weinkauf is bending the historical sense of the term by working hands-on throughout the sourcing process, setting the bar high for every wine made under her Picayune label.

Founded in 2011, and building

on her relationships with some of wine country's most respected winemakers, she sources small lots of wine from Napa Valley, the Sonoma Coast and Lake County for Picayune.

"The key on the label represents the idea of 'Unlocking Secret Wines from California,'" says Weinkauf. "I am sourcing from some of the best producers in the region but as a négociant you do not advertise your sources, which allows for me to provide my customers with very good wine at excellent prices."

The name Picayune has dual meanings which both fit true to the foundation and character of the company. Picayune was the name of a Spanish Coin worth half the value of the Real, which speaks to quality and value of the wine. It also means "little bit" in French, relating to the quantity of wine produced.

"The goal when creating the company was to develop wines we like to drink at a price we can afford," Weinkauf says.

Located behind the Calistoga Depot at 1458 Lincoln Avenue,



Claire Weinkauf recently opened Picayune Cellars & Mercantile in Calistoga at the Depot shopping center.

PHOTO BY ROBB McDONOUGH

"As the oldest saloon in Calistoga, it knows what works: good, well-priced drinks, occasional local live music, plenty of seating, and a few personal touches like the dollar bills pinned to the high ceilings." www.thrillist.

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Picayune Cellars & Mercantile is open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm (6pm on Friday and Saturday) includes a tasting room for Picayune's acclaimed wines, and a mercantile store featuring artisan house wares, linens and various products from the United States and France.

Suite 9, the Picayune Cellars & Mercantile is open Wednesday to Sunday from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. (6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday). Designed by Weinkauf herself, Picayune Cellars & Mercantile includes a tasting room for Picayune's acclaimed wines, and

a mercantile store featuring artisan house wares, linens and various products from the United States and France.

"For me, great wine is enhanced by music, food and the surroundings in which you experience it," says Weinkauf. "I've

tried to create a space that's enticing to the senses, and that is also a bit of a hidden gem. We're tucked away, so like our wines, you have to make a bit of an effort to find us."

Guests to the Picayune Cellars & Mercantile are welcome to

enjoy a tasting of the winery's trio of wines for only \$10 at the inviting tasting bar or in the mercantile's comfortable seating area. All guests are also welcome to purchase a bottle to enjoy at the cozy outdoor bistro table. The current lineup features Picayune's

2014 Napa Valley Padlock Red \$29, 2014 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir \$29 and 2015 Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley and Lake County) \$21. The space also includes a music corner, where Picayune patrons are invited to put on headphones and explore a unique wine and music pairing.

"My goal was to create a space that is warm and inviting, I want people to enjoy themselves while they are here and for it to be filled with good times and special moments," states Weinkauf, "This shop is really an extension of me. With only three wines I want it to be more than just another tasting room; I want people to get a sense of place when they visit."

Within the mercantile section, is a hand curated selection of products from France and the United States, with an emphasis on small family businesses like Picayune. The selection includes fine jewelry from local artist Sawyer Riley, towels from the French company Moutet, art from local photographer Robb McDonough and a selection of olive oil, vinegar and honey from Katz Farm.

"For me Calistoga is like a little village, I know the clerks at Calmart, I say hi to the postman, I shop locally, so with the tasting room I hope to bring something special to this little village of ours!" Weinkauf says with excitement.

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Celebrating 40 years of being in the food business, couple plans a street party to benefit tree coalition

Celebrating 40 years in the food and wine business on Sunday, Oct. 23, Alex Dierkhising and Gayle Keller are hosting a "Quadra-Palooza" from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Washington Street next to All Seasons.

The event is a benefit for the Calistoga Tree Coalition, a group the couple helped started many years ago.

"Good food and wine,

good music and lots of good people enjoying themselves on a late Fall afternoon is the goal," the couple agreed.

Music will be supplied by The Dixie Giants, admission tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of the event.

Advance admission includes 10 food/drink tickets. The party is for adults only, please leave children and pets at home.

The party, in addition to salut-

ing four decades in the restaurant business, will benefit the Calistoga Tree Coalition (CTC), an organization they are both active in since the inception of the CTC in 1993. The group and its supporters have planted over 400 street trees throughout Calistoga.

The most notable are all the Chanticleer Pears, Chinese Pistachio and London Plane trees along Lincoln Avenue from Cedar Street to Cal Mart. A dramatic

show of color from the blossoms in the spring, leafy green in summer and the reds/oranges/yellows of the fall all helped to soften the hardscape of the city.

CTC has also planted trees at both the elementary and high schools, Monhoff Center, Heather Oaks and Logvy parks as well as throughout the residential areas of Calistoga.

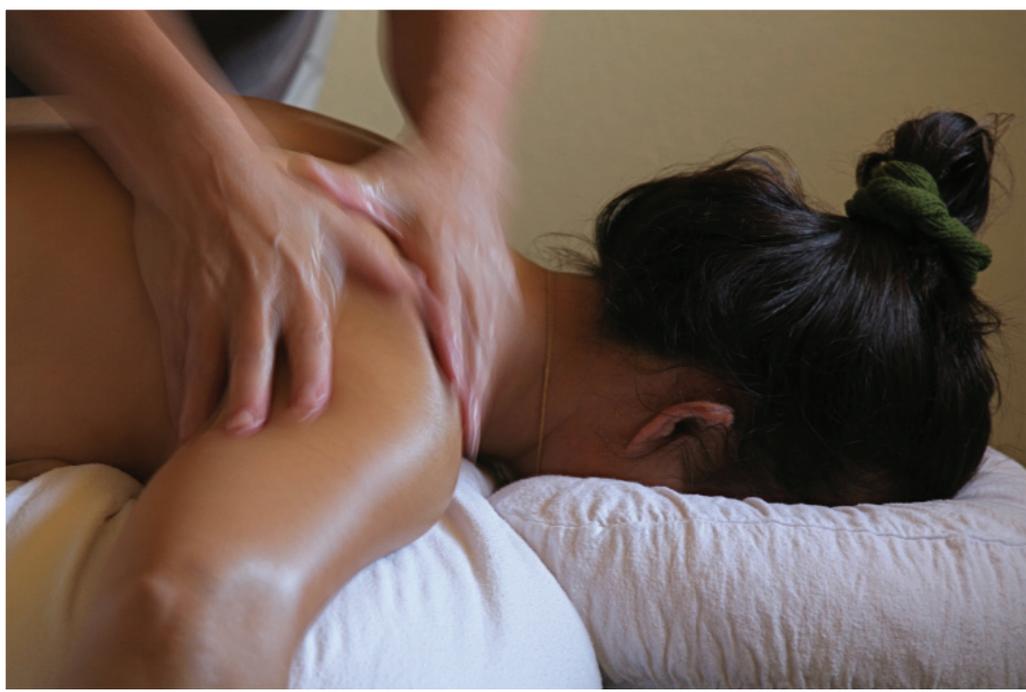
CTC also planted five boxed Chinese Pistachios at the entrance of Logvy Park to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Calistoga's incorporation.

The CTC is total volunteer organization whose funding



relies on grants, contributions, fund raisers and the planting of trees by Boy Scouts of Troop 18, their parents and interested citizens of Calistoga.

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FESTIVAL

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ing. A five-year old boy who gets lost of the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home, and survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia; 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family. Directed by Garth Davis and starring Dev Patel, Rooney Mara and Nicole Kidman. Dev Patel is expected to attend. (Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m., Uptown Theatre; encore screening on Nov. 13, 8:15 p.m., Cameo Cinema).

Bleed for This – Special Screening. The inspirational story of World Champion Boxer Vinny Pazienza who, after a near fatal car crash, which left him not knowing if he'd ever walk again, made one of sport's most incredible comebacks. Director Ben Younger and

Aaron Eckhart are expected to attend. (Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m., Lincoln Theater)

The beauty about the Napa Valley Film Festival is how easy it is to share in the red carpet moments, and get up close and personal with some of the biggest stars attending the event. The Celebrity Tributes will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 6 p.m., at the glorious Lincoln Theater in Yountville.

Access Hollywood's Natalie Morales and Kit Hoover will host this entertaining program honoring Chloe Grace Moretz and Dev Patel (Raymond Vineyards Trailblazer Tributes), Zoey Deutch and Glen Powell (Chandon Rising Stars). This year's Spotlight Tribute recipient is Viggo Mortensen. The Charles Krug Legendary Filmmaker and Actor Tributes will be presented to acclaimed filmmaker Lee Daniels and actor

Kurt Russell, respectively.

Special screenings include these films:

Generosity of Eye – Julia Louis-Dreyfus tells her personal story about her father, his art collection, and his decision to donate the collection to support Geoffrey Canada's Harlem Children's Zone.

Strike A Pose – the fascinating documentary about Madonna's dancers who recount their journey through the Like A Virgin Tour during the AIDS crisis. Twenty-five years later, the talented dancers peel back layers of time and concealing fictions to reveal the truth about life during and after the tour. Strike a Pose is a dramatic tale about overcoming shame and finding the courage to be who you are.

Marinoni: Fire in the Frame – a look at the life of Giuseppe Marinoni who found his calling when

he transitioned from champion cyclist to master bike craftsman and then challenged himself to ride again and attempt a world record at 75 years of age. Giuseppe will be in attendance with director Tony Girardin.

Interested in purchasing passes for the festival?

Festival Pass | \$295 (Buy 4 or more for \$265 per pass)

The Festival Pass is for the film aficionado who wants access to all regular film screenings throughout the festival. Also enjoy access to the Wine Pavilions in each Village Center and the Napa Riverfront, including the Culinary Stage also at the Napa Riverfront. Passholder perks are available to all passholders.

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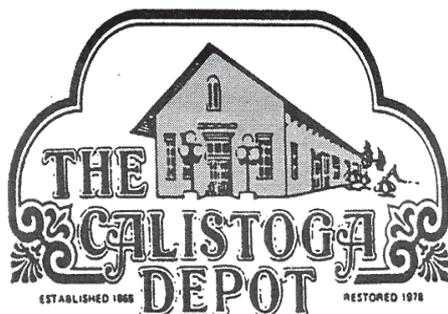
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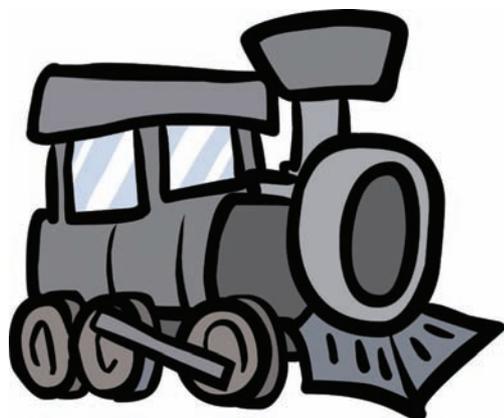
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It is a house and grounds like no other, this remarkable Palladian style masterpiece we know as Ca'toga, the home of world-renowned artist Carlo Marchiori.

Tours of the home and grounds are given every Saturday at 11 a.m. from May through October.

Call 942-3900 for ticket information and reservations.

SHARPSTEEN MUSEUM

If you're a history buff, or just want to find out a little more about



The Sharpsteen Museum houses exhibits on the history and people of the Calistoga area. Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at 1311 Washington Street across from City Hall.

how this spa resort town came into being, your visit has to include a stop at the Sharpsteen Museum, one of Calistoga's best self-tours.

Docents are on hand to explain the artifacts and displays as well as the wonderful dioramas that depict Calistoga at the end of the nineteenth century.

You can find the museum at 1311 Washington Street. Open every day from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is free, although donations are accepted.

Don't forget to stop and browse in the museum's gift shop. It is full of books and mementos of the past sure to please any discerning reader or shopper.

Good selection of women in the old West books as well as history of the Napa Valley. You'll also enjoy the selection of doorstops, china tea cups, and "antiques" on sale.

BALE GRIST MILL PARK



Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park is four miles south of Calistoga. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a small entry fee is collected in the gift shop on weekends by volunteer staff.

Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends, visit the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park four miles south of Calistoga on Highway 29. Built in 1846, the Old Bale Mill has been restored to operating condition complete with its 36-foot wooden waterwheel. On weekends you can buy freshly ground cornmeal, whole-wheat flour and other gifts in the mill's store.

You can walk along the History Trail from the mill to Bothe Napa Valley State Park, a mile and a half north, and visit the Native American Plant Garden next to the visitor center.

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park also has hiking trails and picnic grounds which are open to the public. The 50 campsites are now open to the public because of new agreements between the state and a local non-profit. Amenities include restrooms and hot showers, picnic sites, and a summer swimming pool.

Call 942-4575 for more information.

OLD FAITHFUL GEYSER



Old Faithful Geyser of California is on Tubbs Lane just north of town.

A tourist destination for more than 100 years, Calistoga's Old Faithful Geyser of California continues to draw people from all over the world to witness its natural eruptions of hot mineral water.

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Open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$8 children 4-16.

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Call ahead for a guided nature walk on Saturday or Sunday at Petrified Forest, 4100 Petrified Forest Rd.

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PIONEER PARK

Young kids need a break from being inside?

Take them to the city's prettiest play area, Pioneer Park on Cedar Street. Large, grassy shade areas for adults to sit and talk, fenced playground with jungle gym equipment for youngsters.

Public bathrooms on site, pets on leashes okay and alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park as well. BBQ and picnic tables available. The year-round Napa River flows next to the park. It's a nice place to cool off in summer, but do not let children play in water without adult supervision.

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Hiking to the summit from Robert Louis Stevenson State Park gives our outdoor visitors a breathtaking view of the Bay Area. Open during daylight hours only, the trail to the west climbs to the summit of Mt. St. Helena, the trail to the east goes to the cliffs of the Palisades. No restrooms or water are available, so go prepared and plan for sudden changes in the weather.

Take Highway 29 towards Middletown, and you'll see the parking lots on the right and left sides of the highway about seven miles from Calistoga.

CALISTOGA BALLOONS



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The fact that the Calistoga end of the valley has less fog than the lower part of the valley is a flying advantage for Calistoga Balloons. The colorful balloons are launched from various sites in Calistoga. Launch time is usually near sunrise.

Most people simply don't want the balloon to return to earth. But when your feet do touch the earth again, Calistoga Balloons offers champagne brunch at Michelin one star Solage restaurant after your flight. For more information on an adventure you won't soon forget, call Calistoga Balloons of Napa Valley at 942-5758.

Places to go, things to see, stuff to do...

MUD BATHS & MASSAGE



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OAT HILL MINE HIKING/BIKING



The 8.3 long Oat Hill Mine Trail follows the original route between Calistoga and the western end of Aetna Springs Road in Pope Valley.

Construction of the Oat Hill Mine Road was started in 1873 to provide a transportation route between Calistoga and the quick-silver mines in the Palisades. It took 20 years to complete the project and the road was officially opened in 1893. Much of the road was constructed by Chinese laborers; hand-laid stone walls are visible at many locations along the trail.

Today the 8.3-mile-long Oat Hill Mine Trail follows the original route between Calistoga and the western end of Aetna Springs Road in Pope Valley. The trail provides a magnificent recreational experience for hikers, mountain bicyclists and equestrians. The Calistoga trail head is at the junction of Silverado Trail and Lake Street where on-street parking is available. Take lots of water, as there is no drinkable water on the trail. Stay safe.

CASTELLO DI AMOROSA



Castello di Amorosa is just south of town, where it took 15 years to build this authentic replica of an 11th century medieval castle.

The Castello di Amorosa has five towers and ramparts, 107 rooms on eight levels, all built over 15 years from antique materials and nearly 8,000 tons of stone. Regular tours are \$33 per person and tasting is \$18 per person. No reservations are needed for tasting five of the castle's wines. Reservations for tours are required, so call ahead at 967-6272. Children of all ages are welcome at the castle, and those 5 years and older are welcome on

tours (\$7 fee). The castle is at 4045 North St. Helena Highway. Open seven days a week, it is a remarkable achievement of medieval architecture just minutes from Calistoga.

PARADE LOVIN' CALISTOGA



The totally world famous Calistoga Lighted Tractor Parade draws thousands of gawkers each December.

We'll have a parade here at the drop of a hat, it seems, and that means more fun for us and for our town's visitors.

The *Silverado Parade* celebrates July 4 during the Napa County Fair. Floats, music, cars, organizations and colorful characters make this the biggest Fourth of July parade in the county. This year's theme for the parade and four-day fair is *Celebrate!*

The annual *Halloween Parade* has been a fall highlight for more than 60 years, and is always, always on Oct. 31. Hundreds of boils and ghouls line up by age to come down Lincoln Avenue at 6 p.m. before enjoying a costume contest and Haunted Carnival at the Community Center.

Not the end of our seasonal parade calendar, the *Calistoga Lighted Tractor Parade* blinks its way through downtown on the first Saturday in December, as we pay tribute to our agricultural roots with as many tractors, old trucks, backhoes, and old fire trucks we can decorate with working lights and music. Great fun for the entire family.

The Lighted Tractor Parade starts at 7 p.m., giving visitors

plenty of time for dinner before or after the parade in one of our fine eateries.

A little more locally focused but still drawing sidewalk supporters are the annual *Calistoga High School Homecoming Parade* in November and the *Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade* each Dec. 12.

But then again, we don't need much encouragement to have a community parade!

SHOPPING AND MORE SHOPPING

You can tell there's a lot to do in Calistoga from spa treatments to bicycle rides, wine tasting and dining out, hiking Oat Hill Mine Road or enjoying live concerts.

But we can't let another paragraph go by without mentioning the extraordinary selection of retail shops waiting to invite you inside. We have art galleries, men and women's resort wear shops, books and kitchen items, consignment shops, and a bookstore for reading the next Michael Connolly mystery poolside.

Walking down Lincoln Ave. reveals the range of retail shops you will enjoy during your visit.



Calistoga is home to a vibrant shopping district downtown.

HOLIDAY VILLAGE

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Holiday Village is a weekend-long celebration of all things Calistoga.

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NAPA COUNTY FAIR & FIREWORKS



Kids will find a variety of carnival rides at the annual Napa County Fair at the local fairgrounds on North Oak Street.

Napa County Fair's on-going theme is "Celebrate!" on July 4 at the fairgrounds on North Oak Street in Calistoga.

Stick around for the annual Silverado Parade on July 4 as thousands celebrate red, white and blue. Best fireworks show in the county at the grandstands on July 4 as part of fair admission following the grandstand show.

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Twin Pine's new hotel, (707) 987-0297, is an excellent choice for deluxe accommodations at modest prices with 60 non-smoking rooms to choose from.

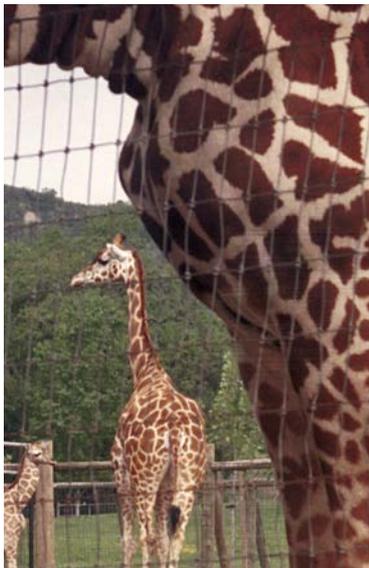
Want more? How about a unique wine-tasting room featuring the region's best award-winning wines, and a gift shop with great wine accessories, beautiful jewelry, clothing, glassware and its own broad selection of California wines.

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel is open 24/7. For more information call (800) 564-4872 or go to TwinPine.com.

SAFARI WEST

Explore the entire 400 acres of Safari West in a three-hour adventure led by one of their highly experienced guides in an open-air, authentic safari vehicle. Tours are offered at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. spring and summer, time changes in fall. Safari Tour prices are adults \$78; children 3-12 \$32, children 1-2 \$15. Arrive at least 15 minutes before the safari is scheduled to leave. Advanced reservations are required for all visits.

The experience includes a drive through the 12-acre Extreme Africa exhibit, where guests will be at one with the wild, observing giraffe, gazelle, scimitar-horned oryx, ostrich and other species of African antelope all living together. In one area you may find a cape



Giraffes, zebras, and more await the adventurous at Safari West.

buffalo and a zebra enjoying a refreshing break at the nearby watering hole.

Safari West Adventure drives are 2½ to 3 hours long and best suited for children over the age of 3 years old and may be uncomfortable for pregnant women.

Call (707) 579-2551 for more information.

MOUNT ST. HELENA GOLF COURSE

Mount Saint Helena Golf Course and driving range, "a diamond in the rough," is located at the Napa County Fairgrounds with



"A Diamond in the Rough," the nine-hole par 34 public Mt. St. Helena Golf Course at the fairgrounds is open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to dusk.

the entry off Grant Street.

The golf course facility, a 9-hole par 34 (2,759 yards) is open 7 days a week, 7 a.m. to dusk. Rental equipment is available including Callaway clubs and motorized and walking carts. For the Pro Shop, call Kelly Hart at 942-9966 to book your tee time.

BIKING AROUND

Napa County, with its varied terrain, beautiful scenery and mild weather is an ideal place to bicycle for transportation and recreation. Travel between towns is not as easy on a bike because



Contact the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce for a free "Bike Napa Valley" map for tips and resources.

of distances, limited transit connections, and roads with motor vehicle traffic.

The Oat Hill Mine Road at the north end of town is a popular off road bike trail also used by hikers. Use common sense and courtesy when biking in town or on the rural roadways.

FARMERS MARKET

The Calistoga Farmers Market is open every Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. year-round in the parking lot next to the police



Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Calistoga Farmers Market is open for business year-round.

department on Washington Street. Visitors can also visit the neighboring Sharpsteen Museum.

Enjoy organic and natural produce from area farmers who bring vegetables, fruit, flowers, arts and crafts to the fair. Food and live music or entertainment. Morning coffee and walk-away breakfast treats also available for purchase.

SPRINT CAR RACES

When it comes to history and prestige, few tracks on the West Coast offer more than Calistoga Speedway and on Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, the picturesque half-mile will roar to life as the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series roars to life. Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-4, brings the ninth annual Louie Vermeil



The King of the West Sprint Car Races are scheduled for June 25.

Memorial Classic for wingless cars and midgets sponsored by USAC/CRA.

King of the West Wine Country Classic returns on June 25.

Call 942-5111 for information or go to www.calistogaspeedway.org for ticket prices and seating chart.

TROUT FISHING



The whole family will enjoy fishing at Smith's Trout Farm in Knights Valley.

Looking for something to do that the whole family will enjoy?

Then a visit to Smith's Mount St. Helena Trout Farm and Hatchery might be in order. Smith's is located seven miles up Ida Clayton Road in Knights Valley just north of Calistoga.

Smith's Mount St. Helena Trout Farm and Hatchery is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March through October. Cost for the day depends on the size of trout you catch, which varies from \$2 for a six inch trout to \$7 for an 11-inch trout. For more information call (707) 987-3651.

COMMUNITY POOL



The Calistoga Community Pool will open with a moderate schedule May 11 and start its full summer schedule June 8.

Decades in the making, but a beautiful result of community effort, the Calistoga Community Pool will open for the pre-season May 11 and full summer schedule June 8.

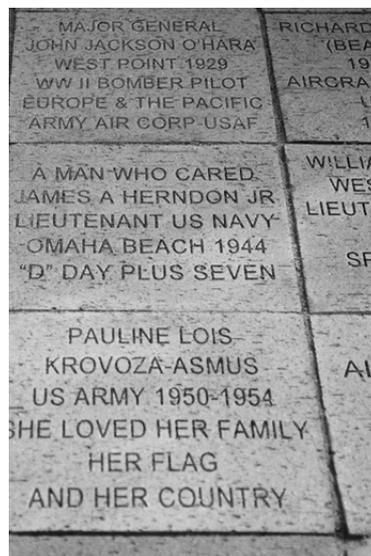
The pool is open to the public on a first come, first served basis. On hot days directors do expect to reach capacity and will not allow any additional patrons into the facility until others leave. Admission prices are: Calistoga Youth (2-17), free; Seniors (55+), \$3; Adults (18+), \$5; Water Aerobics/Arthritis Adult, \$5; Water Aerobics/Arthritis Senior, \$4; and Stroke Clinics, \$10;

Daily Fees for Non-Residents are: Youth (2-17), \$3; Seniors (55+), \$5; Adults (18+), \$6; Water Aerobics/Arthritis Adult, \$8; Water Aerobics/Arthritis Senior, \$6; and Stroke Clinics, \$15.

The pool is located at 1401 North Oak Street. Call 942-2846 for more information.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Calistoga Veterans Memorial



The Calistoga Veterans Memorial is at Logvy Community Park.

at Logvy Community Park commemorates those who have served in the nation's armed forces. Dedicated in 2009, the memorial includes over 300 bricks inscribed with the names of local veterans and family members as well as marble columns dedicated to the five branches of service.

Veterans Day and Memorial Day services, sponsored by the American Legion and local scout groups, are held at the memorial while Memorial Day services are held at both Logvy Park and Pioneer Cemetery on Foothill Boulevard. Pioneer Cemetery was deeded to the city of Calistoga in 1936 and contains over 500 graves.

LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT



Concerts in the Park begin Thursday, June 23 at Pioneer Park on Cedar Street.

Calistoga is known as the live music town of upper Napa Valley, with music a part of the community's fabric, especially in the spring and summer when the

weekly Concerts in the Park happen at Pioneer Park every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from June 25-Aug. 27.

Thriving nightlife scene includes live music every weekend Brannan's Grill and Hydro Grill & Bar from spring through fall. The Christian music event "Rock of Ages" is also held in October at the fairgrounds.

For more music event information, go to the chamber website at calistogavisitors.com.

CULINARY CLASSES

If you are a foodie, there are adventures ahead for you! Check out the local B&B's which offer cooking classes along with their overnight stay packages.

Down the road the famous Culinary Institute of America holds public cooking demonstrations at 1:30 p.m. on the weekends for \$20 per person. Call 707-967-2320 for reservations and info.

CALISTOGA ART CENTER



The Calistoga Art Center offers classes for all ages.

The Calistoga Art Center was formed in 2002 by community members and art enthusiasts to expand and enrich the arts in the Napa Valley through education, experience, awareness and involvement.

The Calistoga Art Center is in the Cropp Building on North Oak Street at the fairgrounds.

Programming in the visual arts, ceramics, painting, drawing, photography, graphic, and textile arts is available.

Call 942-2278 or go to www.calistogaartcenter.org for more information and class schedules.

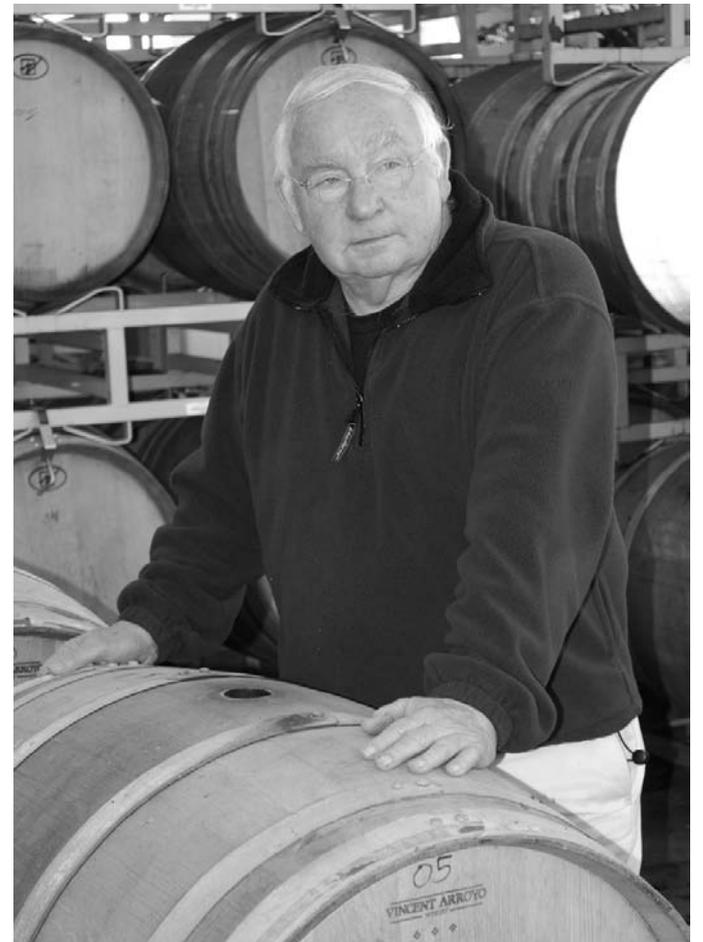


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"Take what you have and do the best you can with it."

— VINCENT ARROYO

Vincent Arroyo's winemaking style is the embodiment of his philosophy about his land. "Take what you have, and do the best you can with it." Each wine at the winery is hand-crafted, starting from before the grapes are harvested.

The wines produced at the Vincent Arroyo

Winery have put a star on many Napa Valley maps as a place that shouldn't be missed. His signature wine, still Petite Sirah, has become so popular that it often sells out before it is bottled every year.

Once you have tasted the wines, you'll know why. And once you've visited the winery, you'll know why no one leaves without a smile on their face.

Come see us today. Just call for a tasting appointment, we're waiting to say hello and pour you a glass.



VINCENT ARROYO WINERY
2361 GREENWOOD AVENUE
CALISTOGA • 942-6995

Calendar

OF CALISTOGA EVENTS

October

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♣ **Library Book Sales:** The twice-yearly four day book sales have been replaced by ongoing, year-round book sales. Hard cover and paperback books in good condition are available for purchase during library hours all year long. Pick up some great reads at very reasonable prices.

OCTOBER

1 SATURDAY

♣ **Aqua Zumba®:** Party yourself into shape! The class meets at the Calistoga Community Pool, Logvy Park, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fee is \$5 a class; pre-registration is required; drop-ins welcome, if space is available. Contact the Recreation Dept. for more info at 942-2838.

♣ **Calistoga Farmers Market:** At the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza, Washington Street. Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Local produce; cut flowers and nursery grown plants; gourmet and pre-packaged foods; fresh seafood, as well as gift items.

♣ **Calistoga Library Guitar Workshop:** Join Dan and Fredy for 45 minute small-group workshops at 1108 Myrtle Street. Ages 6 and up welcome, but if you're under 8 you must bring an adult. Workshops available in English and Spanish. Limit of 11 people per session, so please register in person, over the phone (707) 942-4833 or by email: daniel.cottrell@countyofnapa.org or fredy.gonzalez@countyofnapa.org

♣ **Old Mill Days at Bale Grist Mill:** People can visit the mill this weekend and re-live the traditions of the past. The park is located at 3369 St Helena Highway, three miles south of town. There will be artisan demonstrations all day. Musicians will gather under the great oak trees and play old-time music. Stew, cornbread and fresh-pressed apple cider will be available for purchase. Event is from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$5 per person/kids under 6 are free.

2 SUNDAY

♣ **Old Mill Days at Bale Grist Mill:** Continuing today. See Oct. 1 listing.

3 MONDAY

♣ **Mt. St. Helena Men's Golf:** Join us every Monday and Wednesday for Men's Golf. Meet at the Pro Shop, located at 2025 Grant Street, 8 a.m. for tee off time at 8:30 a.m. Newcomers/all levels welcome. For more information call the Pro Shop, 942-9966, mention the Men's Club and leave your contact info. Someone will contact you.

♣ **Kids Ceramics:** Every Monday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Calistoga Art Center, Fairgrounds, Cropp Building, 1435 N. Oak Street, with Jules Stout. Introduction to various styles of ceramic art and guidance in all techniques. All school aged children welcome. \$20/class or \$60 for the month. More info: www.CalistogaArtCenter.org or call 942-2278.

♣ **Adult Ceramics:** Introduction to various styles of ceramic art and guidance in all techniques with Jules Stout. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Calistoga Art Center, 1435 N. Oak Street. \$100/month. For more info call 942-2278.

♣ **School Board:** The monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Calistoga Joint Unified School District will be held at 7 p.m. at the Calistoga Jr/Sr High School Multipurpose Room, 1608 Lake Street. For more information, call 942-4703.

4 TUESDAY

♣ **Lengthen & Strengthen:** For adults at all fitness levels with instructor Karen Mann, local Hatha Yoga/Fitness instructor. Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Fee is \$5 a class, no registration needed, drop-ins welcome. Sponsored by the city's Recreation Services. Go to www.calistogarecreation.com

♣ **Fall Family Storytime:** At the Calistoga Library, 1108 Myrtle Street, every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

♣ **Sit & Spin:** The group meets Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Calistoga Roastery, 1426 Lincoln Avenue. We spin, knit, crochet, weave or stitch, so join us for a pleasant afternoon doing what you love. It's free and all are welcome.

For more information contact Rose LeClerc at roze.leclerc@gmail.com

♣ **City Council:** The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. For more information, call City Hall at 942-2805.

5 WEDNESDAY

♣ **Mt. St. Helena Men's Golf:** 8 a.m. for tee off time at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Pro Shop, 2025 Grant Street. See October 3 listing for details.

♣ **HICAP Counseling and Advocacy Program:** An advisor will be in Calistoga at the Family Center, 1705 Washington Street, Suite G, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Do you have questions about Medicare, Supplements, Long Term Care Insurance? For questions or to make an appointment call Elena Mendez at 707-341-3185.

♣ **Tech Training at the Calistoga Library:** Need some help with your computer, phone, or tablet? One-on-one, 30-minute sessions are available in English or Spanish by appointment Wednesday through Saturday. Call (707) 942-4833, or by email: daniel.cottrell@countyofnapa.org or fredy.gonzalez@countyofnapa.org

♣ **Age Well - Drive Smart:** A presentation by the California CHP at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Learn ways to keep your ability to drive for as long as possible. This is a free event for 50+ residents. Reservations preferred, but drop-ins welcome. Call City Recreation Services at 942-2838 and use code 1016.050.

♣ **Adult Ceramics:** At the Calistoga Art Center, Fairgrounds, 1435 N. Oak Street. See October 3 listing for details.

♣ **Intercambio at the Library:** Practice English or Spanish and help other learners in a friendly atmosphere. Participants speak half the time in English and half in Spanish. Beginners welcome. Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Calistoga Library, 1108 Myrtle Street.

6 THURSDAY

♣ **Mt. St. Helena Women's Golf:** Join us every Thursday through October for Women's Golf. Meet at the Pro Shop, located at 2025 Grant Street, 8:15 a.m. for tee off time at 8:30 a.m. All levels of golf experience welcome. For more info contact Kelly Hart, at the Pro Shop, 942-9966

♣ **Lengthen & Strengthen:** Classes at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. See October 4 listing for details.

♣ **Copperfield's Book Club:** The club meets at the store, 1330 Lincoln Avenue, at 5 p.m. This month we discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Internationally bestselling the novel is a love letter to books, meant for anyone who believes in the power of stories to shape people's lives. Members of the book club may purchase the current selection at a 25% discount. Food and beverages will be provided at the meeting. For more information about this activity, contact Hillary Smith (Manager) at 942-1616.

7 FRIDAY

♣ **County Medi-Cal Services:** A Medi-Cal worker will be at the Family Center, 1705 Washington Street, Suite G to provide help. See September 30 listing for details.

♣ **ConverSAYtions:** Share ideas, experiences and perspectives with others about a range of topics. The first and third Friday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Led by Toni Allegra (professional coach and author) or Jim Haslip (educator). As a group, we will finish a story started by Rudy. Bring your imagination and sense of humor. Co-sponsored by Rianda House and Calistoga Recreation Services, ConverSAYtions is held at the Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. Attendance is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested and would be appreciated to help cover programming costs.

8 SATURDAY

♣ **Aqua Zumba®:** Party yourself into shape! At the Calistoga Community Pool. See October 1 listing for details.

♣ **Calistoga Farmers Market:** At the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza, Washington Street. See October 1 listing for details.

♣ **Calistoga Library Guitar Workshop:** Small group instruction 1108 Myrtle Street. See October 1 listing for details.

♣ **Calistoga Library Writer's Group:** Come, write, read, and meet with other writers! Writers of all genres and formats are welcome to participate in an open, supportive, and constructive atmosphere. Adults as well as teens are invited. Space is limited, so please register ahead of time. Call (707) 942-4833. Group will meet the second Saturday of each month from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Calistoga Library, 1108 Myrtle Street.

♣ **Rotary Harvest Hoedown & BBQ:** This event is Rotary's signature fundraiser. There will be music, a live and silent auction, dancing, salsa taste-off and the barbecue dinner. At the Calistoga Fairgrounds, Tubbs Building, 1435 N. Oak Street. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with festivities ending at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$85 per person and can be purchased by calling (707) 481-7917.

10 MONDAY

♣ **Mt. St. Helena Men's Golf:** 8 a.m. for tee off time at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Pro Shop, 2025 Grant Street. See October 3 listing for details.

♣ **Kids Ceramics:** At the Calistoga Art Center, Fairgrounds, Cropp Building, 1435 N. Oak Street. See October 3 listing for details.

♣ **Adult Ceramics:** At the Calistoga Art Center, Fairgrounds, Cropp Building, 1435 N. Oak Street. See October 3 listing for details.

♣ **Columbus Day Dinner:** The Men's Club at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is having their annual dinner in the parish hall, 901 Washington Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 (half-price for children). The Italian-themed dinner will feature home-made pasta, salad, ice cream, and local beverages from Kenefick Vineyards and Tudal Winery. There is also a silent auction offering many fine wines.

Uncorking fun wine facts

Napa Valley's rare diversity of microclimates is ideal for growing fine wine grapes.

While Cabernet and Chardonnay are the most widely planted wine grapes, the Napa Valley holds many surprises for wine lovers looking for varieties off the beaten path.

Here are the most popular varieties planted in the valley:

Cabernet Sauvignon is the acknowledged "king" of red grapes in Napa Valley. Some Napa Valley Cabernet vines from the 19th century are still producing, but most were replanted in the last 20 years. Cabernet Sauvignon is a complex grape; its character can emerge as black currants, green olives, herbs, bell peppers or combinations of these with mint and leather. These wines age beautifully. When young they are best matched with robust red meat dishes; older Cabernets are superb accompaniments to roasts and steaks, and also complement many cheeses.

Chardonnay is among the most widely planted grape variety in Napa Valley. In France, the



great white Burgundies are made from the Chardonnay grape and Napa Valley labels have repeatedly won wine-tasting competitions against them, even in France! Napa Valley makes several types of Chardonnay, ranging from fresh, crisp wines to rich, complex wines with layers of flavors. With such a wide range of

styles, Napa Valley Chardonnays accompany a variety of dishes, from simply prepared seafood to lighter red meats.

Merlot has long been available in Napa Valley. Traditionally used as a blending wine, Merlot gained popularity in the early 1970s. Wines made from Merlot show lovely cherry-like aromas with hints of their sibling Cabernet's herbaceousness. Because Merlot's tannins are softer than those found in Cabernet, the wines are drinkable at an earlier age than most Cabernets. At the same time, Merlots reward aging by gaining finesse and complexity much as Cabernets do. Serve Merlot with any dish that calls for Cabernet or try it with lighter meats such as pork or veal.

Pinot Noir has been called the fickle grape variety because it makes some of the world's best wines (Burgundian red) but is also one of the most difficult grapes both to grow and vinify. In France, these wines are exceptional only a few years in a decade. In California it has taken decades to make truly great Pinot Noir, and much progress has been made in the last eight to 10 years. Pinot Noir is less tannic and has less pigment than Cabernet and Merlot, so the wines are somewhat lighter. They can be very drinkable at two to five years of age and the best will improve for several years after that.

Sangiovese is an Italian varietal that has gone from cult status to full-blown success in the '90s. Napa Valley produces Sangioveses that are often ready to enjoy upon release. With hints of cherries, black tea and spice these wines enhance a wide variety of foods. Certainly with an array of creamy dishes and cheeses, mushrooms and game, this wine says mangia! In the mouth, Sangiovese is usually lighter than Cabernet, yet more full-bodied than its French cousins such as Gamay and can be as comfortable at a well-set table as at a picnic.

Sauvignon Blanc grapes make wines that appear under two names: Sauvignon Blanc and Fumé Blanc (a regional French nickname is "blanc Fumé"). These wines are increasingly popular as they have a distinctive character, often described as fruity with a touch of herbaceousness, and very good acidity. As with Chardonnay, you will find a range of styles — those that are crisp and "grassy" and others that have a ripe pineapple richness augmented by an oak bouquet. Because of their acidity, Sauvignon Blanc and Fumé Blanc are very enjoyable with shellfish and seafood.

Zinfandel, one of California's most versatile and friendly grape varieties, was the mainstay of 19th century winemaking. Much of the world's Zinfandel acreage is planted in the Napa Valley. This varietal is vinified as a light, easy-drinking red and a heavier, richly flavored version that rewards bottle aging, as well as a white or "blush" wine. With such a range of wine types, there is a Zinfandel for just about every wine enthusiast and for every imaginable food.

Rhone Varietals, chiefly Syrah among the reds and Viognier among whites, and Italian Varietals, chief among them, Sangiovese, as well as Barbera and Dolcetto, are increasingly popular.

For more information on the Napa Valley's history of grapegrowing and winemaking, go to www.napavintners.com

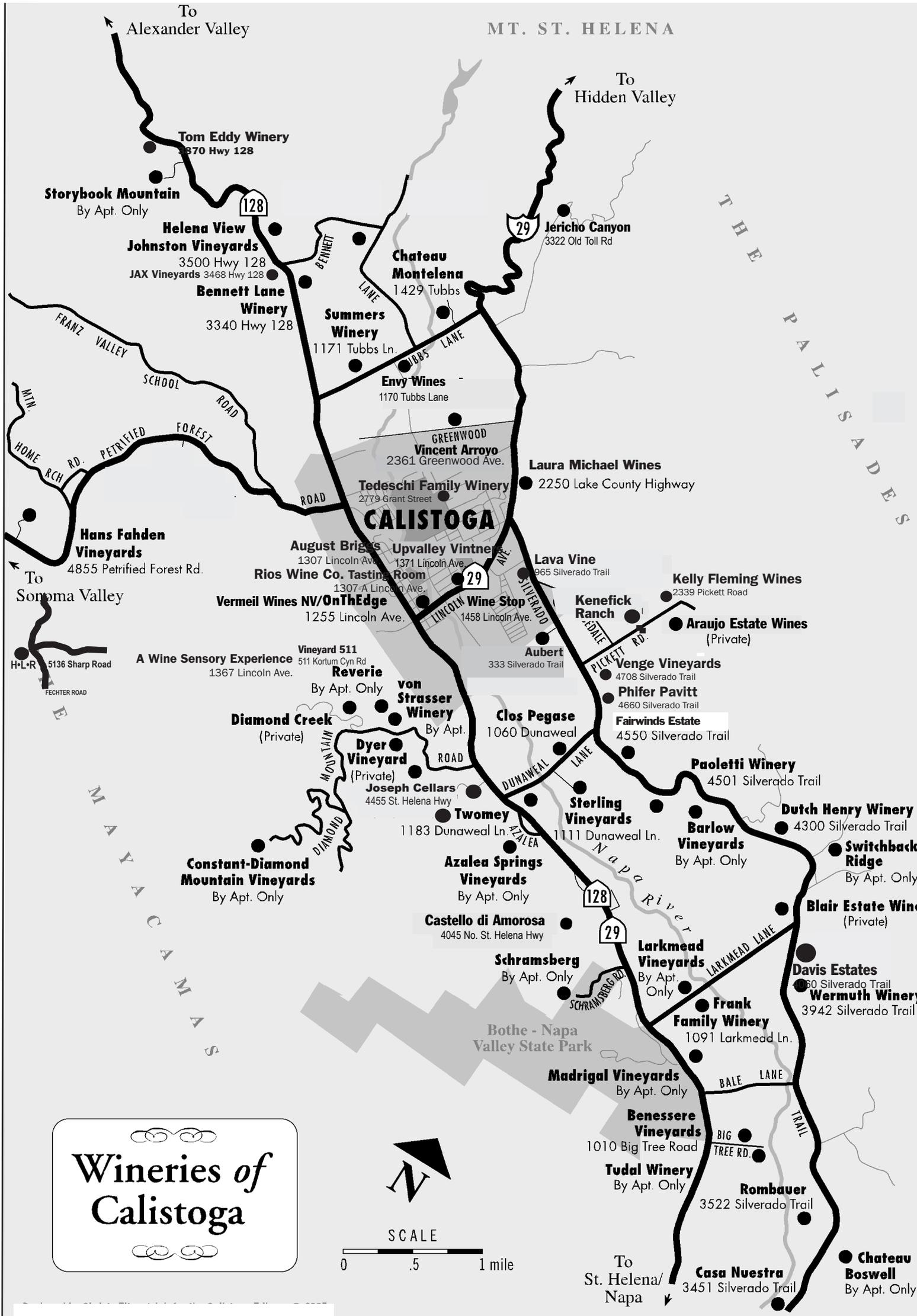


- One barrel of wine equals roughly 20 cases, which equals 1200 glasses.
- A ton of grapes makes about 720 bottles of wine, or 60 cases.
- One vine annually produces between four and six bottles of wine, or between 20 and 30 glasses.
- Each bottle of wine contains about 2.8 pounds of grapes; therefore each 5-ounce glass of wine contains a little over half a pound of grapes.
- There are between 15 and 45 clusters of grapes per vine.
- One acre of land is home to between 900 and 1,300 vines.

Wine Bottle Quiz

Can you name these different wine bottle sizes?

| Bottle Name | Quantity |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Colossal | 36 bottles of wine |
| Solomon | 2 cases of wine |
| Nebuchadnezzar | 20 bottles of wine |
| Balthazar | 16 bottles of wine |
| Salmanazar | 12 bottles of wine |
| Methushelah | 6 bottles of wine |
| Rehoboth | 4 bottles of wine |
| Magnum | 2 bottles of wine |
| Bottle | 1 bottle (750 ml) |
| Half Bottle | 2 bottles (1.5L) |
| Piccolo/Split/Pony | 4 bottles (1.5L) |



- Araujo Estate Wines**
Not open to the public.
www.araujoestate.com
- Arroyo Winery**
942-6995 • 2361 Greenwood Ave.
Mon. – Sun. 10-4:30. Open by appointment, call ahead. Renowned for its petite sirah.
- Aubert Wines**
942-4333 • 333 Silverado Trail
Limited tasting appointments.
Call winery for details.
- August Briggs Winery**
942-4912 • 1307 Lincoln Ave.
Open Sun-Thurs, 11-5; Fri & Sat 11-7
Tues by apt only. Call ahead.
- Azalea Springs Vineyards**
963-1999 • 4301 Azalea Springs
Not open to the public.
- Barlow Vineyards**
942-8742 • 4411 Silverado Trail
By appointment only. 100% varietal cabernet, merlot and zinfandel wines.
- Bennett Lane Winery**
942-6684 • 3340 Highway 128
10 to 5 daily. Crush tours during harvest, barrel tastings, chocolate and red wine pairings every Saturday.
- Carter Cellars**
(707) 445-0311 • 1170 Tubbs Lane
Open by appointment, call ahead.
- Casa Nuestrra Winery**
963-5783 • 3451 Silverado Trail
Daily 10-5. Family winery specializing in rare varietals and unique blends. By appt.
- Castello di Amorosa**
967-6272 • 4045 St. Helena Hwy
Daily 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee inc. tasting, \$20/\$30 M-Thurs; Children 5-20, ent. fee \$10. Castle tours are \$35 per person. Upgrades available.
- Chateau Montelena**
942-5105 • 1429 Tubbs Lane
Daily 9:30-4. Tasting Fee: \$25.
Details at www.montelena.com.
- Clos Pegase Winery**
942-4981 • 1060 Dunaweal Lane
Daily 10:30-5. Open to the public. A crossroads of art and wine.
- Constant-Diamond Mountain**
942-0707 • 2121 Diamond Mtn Road
Open by appointment. Small quantities from estate cabernet sauvignon grapes.
- Davis Estates**
942-0700 • 4060 Silverado Trail
Open Mon-Sat 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
By appt only; \$30 tasting fee waived with \$200 purchase. www.Davis Estates.com
- Diamond Creek**
Not open to the public.
www.diamondcreekvineyards.com
- Dutch Henry Winery**
942-5771 • 4310 Silverado Trail
Daily 10-4:30. Tasting Fee: \$25. Waived with purchase of bottle.
- Dyer Vineyard**
Not open to the public.
www.dyerwine.com
- DYN 2880**
Not open to the public.
www.dyn2880.com

CALISTOGA Wineries



Envy Wines
942-4670 • 1170 Tubbs Lane
Visit by appt. seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fairwinds Estate Winery
341-5300 • 4550 Silverado Trail
Open 11:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m, Fri., Sat., Sun. Call for appt.

Frank Family Vineyards
(800) 574-9463 • 1091 Larkmead Lane
Daily 10-5. Tasting fee \$20, \$30 for reserve. Sparkling wines and more.

Hans Fahden Vineyards
942-6760 • 4855 Petrified Forest Rd
Tasting and tours by appointment only.

Harris Estate Vineyards
942-1513 • 225 Franz Valley School Rd.
Open by appt only. Estate vineyard producing cabernet sauvignon.

Helena View Johnston Vineyards
942-4956 • 3500 Highway 128
Open by appointment only, afternoons and weekends.

Heibel Ranch Vineyards
968-9289 • Calistoga Depot
Open Wed. to Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.. in Railcar at Depot.

H•L•R Cellars
942-1725 • 5136 Sharp Road
By appointment only. Heller Vineyards, offering cab, merlot & proprietary blend.

JAX Vineyards
(415) 446-9505
Open by appointment only.

Jericho Canyon Vineyards
331-9076 • 3322 Old Toll Rd
Private winery welcoming a limited number of visitors by prior appointment.

Joseph Cellars
942-9999 • 4455 St. Helena Hwy
Cave tours & tastings by appointment.

Kelly Fleming Wines
942-6849 • 2339 Pickett Rd
Family-run winery producing Estate cabernet and sauvignon blanc. By appt only.

Kenefick Ranch Vineyard
942-6175 • 2200 Pickett Rd
Not open to the public.

Knighton Family Vineyards
Not open to the public.
Makes cabernet sauvignon exclusively.

Knights Bridge Winery
Not open to the public.
www.knightsbridgewinery.com

Larkmead Vineyards
942-0167 • 1100 Larkmead Lane
Open daily by appointment only. Historic, property producing estate cabernet, Bordeaux blends and sauvignon blanc.

Laura Michael Wines/Zahtila Vineyards
942-9251 • 2250 Lake County Hwy
Daily 10-5. Zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon.
La Sirena

942-1105 • PO Box 441
Tastings by appt. only. Cabernet, syrahs, dry muscat and more by Heidi Barrett.

Lava Vine
942-9500 • 965 Silverado Trail
Complimentary tasting with purchase.

Madrigal Vineyards
942-6577 • 3718 N. St. Helena Hwy.
Three generations of the Madrigal family have farmed the vineyards of the Napa Valley. Call for a tour and tasting.

Paoletti Winery
942-0689 • 4501 Silverado Trail
Fri - Sun. 11-5 Open by appointment. \$15 tasting fee. Cabernet, malbec & sangiovese.

Phifer Pavitt
942-4787 • 4660 Silverado Trail
Tastings by appointment only. \$40 tasting fee waived w/purchase of 3 bottles.

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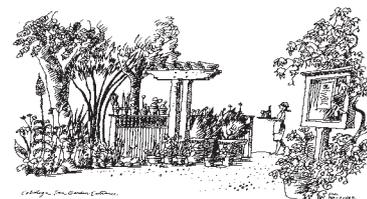


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