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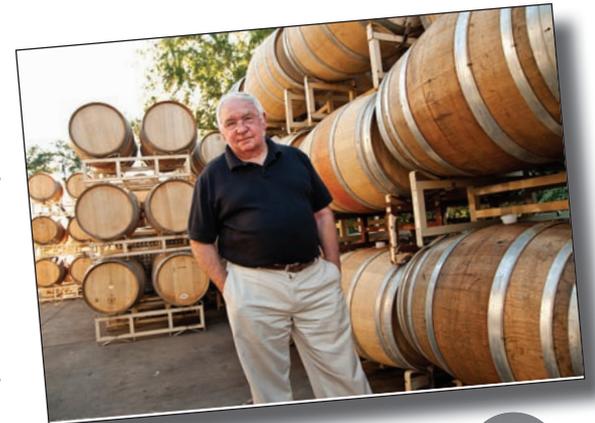


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## Welcome to the Mud City Weekender, your best guide to all things Calistoga



**Sam Brannan**  
Founder  
of Calistoga

**Y**ou have come to the right spot, to this town of Calistoga, if you are looking for a place to slow down, relax, put up your feet and enjoy life.

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!

Visit our spas, wineries, restaurants and shops. Take time for the Sharpsteen Museum. Go on a hot air balloon

ride and see us from the clouds. Find out why Calistoga is a special place in our hearts as well as yours.

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.

Small businesses keep the heart of Calistoga beating, and without them this would just be another bedroom community without that spark of life our business community brings. Thanks for coming, and come back and visit anytime. We'll be here to welcome you home.

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# Concerts in the Park

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pioneer Park, 1308 Cedar St Now to August 17

Calistoga's Concerts in the Park—now in its 7th year—is one of the few venues in the Napa Valley where you don't have to buy tickets to listen to live music.

Concerts in the Park is a series of free concerts scheduled every Thursday night from now through August 17.

You're invited to bring your blankets, chairs and picnic dinner to enjoy this Calistoga favorite summer event. This series is made free to the public thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Calistoga Beverage Company.

This year adult beverages will be allowed (for those 21 and over, of course) and select, local wines will be available for purchase. A different winery will be highlighted each week.

If you don't want to picnic, there are boxed dinners for purchase at local eateries.

This summer's line up is:



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*Calistogans young and old come out on Thursday evenings to enjoy a good time.*



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*Swing 7 plays all types of music including: Swing, Jazz, Latin, R&B.*

July 6 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Swing 7

Swing 7 plays all types of music including: Swing, Jazz, Latin, R&B and almost every kind of music you can imagine. The band members have tons of experience, having played with groups all over California, Nevada, United States and on cruise ships.

Vermeil Wines will be pouring.

July 13 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Fog City Swampers

The Fog City Swampers have been rocking Northern California and beyond since 2003. The band puts on a high energy show that's sure to get people moving on the dance floor. Expect to hear classics by artists like Lynyrd Skynyrd, CCR, Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones,

Johnny Cash, Fleetwood Mac, and many more. If you like live music, come on down and be a part of the Swamp show!

Heibel Ranch Vineyards will be pouring.

July 20 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## National Park Radio

National Park Radio singer/songwriter/acoustic guitarist Stefan Szabo is an old soul, 30 going on 60. He got married on his 18th birthday, had two daughters by the time he was 21, and didn't even start to write songs until he was 27. From the first note of his band's debut album, *The Great Divide*, it is apparent his music is timeless – it could well have been recorded at any point over the last 100 years, and its subjects are just as eternal – the urge to discover and explore the great wilderness, while remaining true to family, community and an open-minded belief system. It's about surviving hard times (“I Will Go On,” “Rise Above”), the ups and downs of relationships (“Monochrome,” “The Ground and the Knee”), questioning religious dogma (“Ghost,” “Once Upon a Time”)



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## National Park Radio

and sometimes just plain old fun (the old-time voice-through-a-megaphone and kazoo of “The Walking Song”). As for the banjo-and-strings-driven acoustic sound – call it Americana, roots, indie-folk or simply music to get up and dance to – think The Band by way of neo-revivalists Mumford & Sons and the Avett Brothers, even if Szabo claims not to have really heard any one of them.

Vermeil Wines will be pouring.

July 27 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Saint Ashbury

Saint Ashbury formed in early 2013 as a songwriting project and quickly evolved into a band. Singer Jaime McCrary's haunting voice walks a thin line between alt country and contemporary rock. Some have referred to them as KFOG music, and anyone who

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*Saint Ashbury*

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has lived in San Francisco knows exactly what I am talking about. Jeremy Cozakas and Ashley Mitchell bring two different songwriting styles to the band that compliment each other nicely and paired with Jaime's unique voice, create a sound that is definitely melodic, yet difficult to label.

Fairwinds Estate Winery will be pouring.

**August 3 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Superlicious**

The Band has been playing together since the summer of 2006 and consists of five talented and seasoned artists – Tommylicious, drummer extraordinaire! Tommy has been beating those drums since the ripe age of 10. He was in a big hair band in the 80's and has refused to recognize we are now in 2012. D'Licious is a multi-talented bassist, who also plays drums. His thump'n beats get the ladies all worked up. Aarlicious is the amazing

guitarist of Superlicious. Rocket scientist by day and shredder by night, he also has a standup act, he is hilarious, hunkafied, a brainiac and talented. Raylicious, our hostess with the mostess, as well as multi-talented: lead vocals, saxophone, harmonica and dabbles in keyboards. Tiffilicious – beautiful and talented lead vocals,

**August 10 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Decades**

Since 2010, Decades (based in Chico, CA) has been working



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**Decades**

(and rocking) around the clock to learn material spanning from the 1940's (Glenn Miller's Orchestra's "In The Mood") to today (Bruno Mars & Mark Ronson's "Uptown Funk"). The band has played over 600 shows all along

the West Coast, and are well on their way to booking another 125+ shows for 2017, earning its place as one of California's most in-demand bands. Throughout a single show, they'll swap between several instruments (including saxophone, harmonica, penny whistle, ocarina to name a few) and belt out four part harmonies, showcasing each members' musical versatility, while continuing to put on a highly energetic live show.

Laura Michael Wines will pour.

**August 17 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Poor Man's Whiskey**

Northern California's outlaw music bards bring a reputation for high-energy live shows and an incomparable fusion of bluegrass/old time, southern rock, and old school jam to stages and festivals worldwide.

Poor Man's Whiskey has evolved into a ragged, spontaneous beast pulling from equally deep wells of story-telling originals, expertly crafted covers and zany on-stage shenanigans. PMW has released six studio albums and have a stunning repertoire to choose songs from creating a new show every night. In addition to their upbeat original sets Poor Man's Whiskey have developed special late night "tribute sets" with their original bluegrass/Americana twists which include "Dark Side of the Moonshine" (bluegrass interpretation of the classic Pink Floyd album), "Graceland" (tribute to the classic Paul Simon album), "Old and In the Way", "Tribute to Allman Brothers Band", and "Tribute to Kate Wolf".

Wine will be available.



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*Poor Man's Whiskey*



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*San Francisco Call  
Calistoga Aug. 2, 1901*

# Fierce Fire Makes Ruin of Calistoga

TOWN ALMOST DESTROYED

By **Kathy Bazzoli**

SHARPSTEEN MUSEUM

*San Francisco Call*, Calistoga Aug. 2, 1901 – Calistoga was almost destroyed by a fire which broke out in the center of the business portion of the town at 5:15 o’clock this evening. The blaze originated in the rear of Simmons’ undertaking establishment which is located in an old frame structure. Just how the fire started is not known, but is believed that it started from some combustible substance.

The flames spread with great rapidity and inside of half an hour had enveloped the buildings on both sides. In thirty minutes more the flames were communicated to Spier’s Livery Stables across the street. The Fire Department met with a serious handicap by having a line of hose burned. By 7 o’clock the entire business portion of the town and several residences on side streets were a mass of flames or in ruins extending down both sides of Lincoln Avenue for a distance of three blocks. It is impossible in the confusion to-night to obtain the individual losses,

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TRAVEL + LEISURE

# Arroyo Winery picked No. 1

By Cailey Rizzo

TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE

Travelers who tour vineyards and indulge in a few glasses of the house speciality are unlikely to leave less cheery. But there are a few select vineyards around the country that go above and beyond to astound visitors.

Yelp analyzed the reviews of vineyards throughout the country to determine which ones Americans like best. From the Sauvignon Blanc of the Napa Valley to the Rieslings of New York's Finger Lakes, each area of the country has its own specialities.

At the end of the day, Vincent Arroyo Winery of Calistoga held the No. 1 spot on the final list of 25. Of the final top 25 wineries, the top 10 are located in California, and eight of those are in Northern California.

The winners: 1. Vincent Arroyo, Calistoga; 2. Vineyard Grant James, Ramona; 3. Hendry Vineyard and Inery, Napa; Kastania Vineyards, Petaluma; 5. B Cellars Vineyards & Winery, Napa; 6. Espinosa Vineyards & Winery, Escondido; 7. Pride Mountain, St. Helena; 8. J.



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Vincent Arroyo Winery, 2361 Greenwood Ave., Calistoga, was voted the No. 1 winery in U.S. by Travel + Leisure Magazine based on reviews of vineyards throughout the country.

Rickards Winery, Cloverdale; 9. Eckuse Wines, Paso Robles; and 10. Palmaz Vineyards, Napa.

To compile the list, Yelp looked at businesses in the wineries category, compared quantity and quality of reviews, and limited results to two per state to ensure geographic diversity.

With magnificent views, knowledgeable sommeliers or even the best cheese pairings, there are more reasons to head to a vineyard than the wine. And even those who don't know their Bourdeaux from their Pinot

Grigio should be able to find something to enjoy at these top-rated vineyards. Whether travelers are heading out to learn how wine grapes are grown or just trying to test out all the samples they can, these favorite vineyards can cater to all different tastes.

Vincent Arroyo Winery is family owned and has been producing estate grown wines since 1984. Wines are only sold directly from the winery and about 80% are sold as futures. Known for our Petite Sirah they also grow 9 other varietals.



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**Charlene Peters**

FOR THE MUD CITY WEEKENDER

The Calistoga Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the fourth annual Calistoga Harvest Table® event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10, offering guests the opportunity to enjoy the best cuisine Calistoga has to offer. In celebration of a bountiful harvest season, 13 local restaurants and 47 wineries will welcome guests to a 1,000-foot-long table in the center of the city's picturesque downtown. Calistoga area wines will be available at one of eight wine bars to purchase by glass or bottle, beginning at 4:30pm; dinner will be served at 6pm. The coveted tickets to the fourth annual Calistoga Harvest Table® event are limited and will be available for sale on Monday, July 17 at noon Pacific Daylight Time. Ticket prices range from \$95 to \$150 per person.

This year's list of participating restaurants includes some of Calistoga's newest dining options, such as Véraison, a French bistro, and Tanit Pan-Asian Cuisine. Returning restaurants include the Italian home-style cooking of Bosko's Trattoria,



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the French and Creole tastes of Evangeline, the California-Italian cuisine of Checkers Restaurant, and the tasty and innovative talents of the Culinary Institute of America, among others. Menus for each of the 13 participating

restaurants will be available to view online at [CalistogaHarvest-Table.com](http://CalistogaHarvest-Table.com) beginning July 10.

Attendees at the table will

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enjoy a wide variety of epicurean specialties that run the gamut from tantalizing Italian and innovative American fusion to scrumptious seafood and much more. During the event, guests will also be able to purchase select wines by the glass or bottle from over 40 wineries. Participating restaurants will provide pairing suggestions, helping attendees choose wine varietals to best complement the flavors of each menu. Many winemakers – primarily from small-production Calistoga AVA wineries – will also be in attendance, adding to the ultimate wine country experience. Participating restaurants and wineries are listed online at [CalistogaHarvestTable.com](http://CalistogaHarvestTable.com) for guests to have plenty of time to choose the ideal restaurant for a delicious evening seated at the Calistoga Harvest Table®.

“We look forward to the return of our Calistoga Har-

vest Table® event to share the Harvest Season with our guests,” said Chris Canning, executive director at the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center. “Harvest Season truly highlights Calistoga’s premier wines and fusion of flavors in a showcase of culinary talents.”

**CONTEST ALERT:** Through July 13, the public is invited to participate in the Calistoga Harvest Table Contest by entering their information on [www.CalistogaHarvestTable.com](http://www.CalistogaHarvestTable.com). One lucky winner will get two seats at the Sept. 10 Calistoga Harvest Table®. Additionally, the winner will receive one bottle of a Calistoga AVA wine, a Sept. 10 overnight stay for two at Cottage Grove Inn with breakfast next morning. The winner will be announced July 14 at noon (PDT) on [CalistogaHarvestTable.com](http://CalistogaHarvestTable.com).

During Calistoga Harvest Table®, guests are encouraged to use the hashtag #CalistogaHarvestTable to post images on

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and other social media venues.

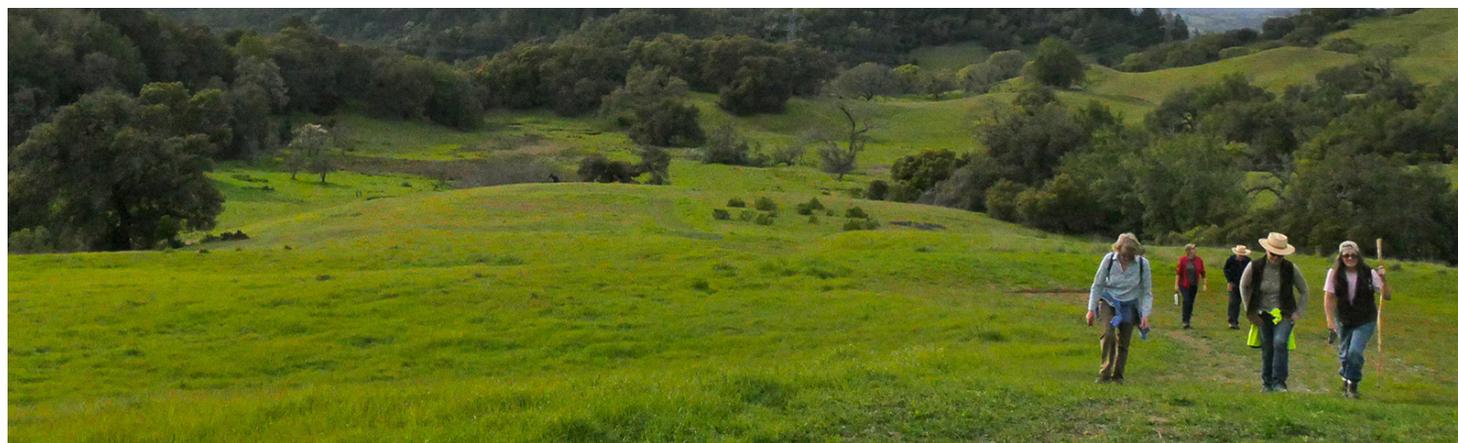
Although Lincoln Avenue will be closed to traffic during the event, downtown Calistoga will be open for business throughout the day of Calistoga Harvest Table®. Arrive early to enjoy exploring and shopping in this charismatic town. Guests are highly encouraged to plan overnight reservations ahead of time in order to fully experience this intimate getaway destination. With a plethora of activities to take part in – such as tasting extraordinary wines, taking a dip in the naturally-heated geothermal pools or floating over Napa Valley in a hot air balloon – Calistoga has something for everyone. Spend the weekend during this Calistoga Harvest Table® event and get lost in the beauty of all this small town has to offer.

For more information or to purchase tickets and book your stay, visit [CalistogaHarvestTable.com](http://CalistogaHarvestTable.com) or call (707) 942-6333.



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The center offers several events a month that are open to the public, some may ask for a small fee, others are free. Here are some of the upcoming activities at the preserve:

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*Saturday, August 12, 9am – 1pm*

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## Discover Nature

*Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm*

*Dwight Center with refreshments*

*\$10 donation, students free*

*No reservations necessary*

## Finding the Wild in Everyday Living: A Conversation with Adventurer Jason Mark

In his book *Satellites in the High Country: Searching for the Wild in the*

*Age of Man*, journalist and adventurer Jason Mark travels beyond the bright lights and certainties of our cities to seek wildness wherever it survives.

In California’s Point Reyes National Seashore, a battle over oyster farming and designated wilderness pits former allies against one another as locals wonder whether wilderness should be untouched, farmed, or something in between. In Washington’s Cascade Mountains, a modern-day wild woman and her students learn to tan hides and start fires without matches, attempting to connect with a primal past out of reach for the rest of society. And in Colorado’s High Country, dark skies and clear air reveal a breathtaking expanse of stars, flawed only by the arc of a satellite passing—beauty interrupted by the traffic of a million conversations.

These expeditions to the edges of civilization’s grid show us that, although our notions of pristine nature may be shattering, the mystery of the wild still exists—and in fact,

it is more crucial than ever. During this presentation, Jason will weave stories such as these into everyday life, and show us that we can experience the magic of wilderness even in the most suburban settings. Jason Mark is the editor of *Sierra*, the National Magazine of Sierra Club.



# Saying good-bye to shading tree after 54 years

By Yvonne Henry

FOR MUD CITY WEEKENDER

“It breaks my heart”, explained home owner Karen Mann regarding the 104 foot Italian Stone Pine in her yard at 1304 Berry Street, “but all agreed it had to come down”.

Last year, an arborist called her attention to a vertical seam and bark inclusion in the trunk suggesting an internal defect, with the potential for thousand pound limbs falling. “Not good, and not safe for the tree, the owner, or the neighborhood”, offered arborist Michael Anderson.

Mann spent a year interviewing five arborists in order to determine the extent of the problem and possible solutions. “It took me a year to decided because I love this tree for its shade and its

spirit. I bought this house 31 years ago because of the trees and raised my boys with the trees. I even removed part of the porch and roof to allow for trunk growth.”

A tree next to any home foundation is a concern, for Mann there was also the historic consideration. The home is purported to have been built in 1876 by Sam Brannan, founder of Calistoga, for his niece Sara Adelaide Badlam. Facts are scarce but the 1871 lot deed, presence of rough-hewn redwood and square nails in the attic suggest its heritage.

The arborists all agreed there was the potential for danger, but they did not agree as to when the danger would arrive. The decision was finally made with the help of a man from Sonoma County known as

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Karen Mann regards a 104-foot tall Italian Stone Pine that was dying in her front yard and had to be removed for fear of falling limbs injuring life and property.

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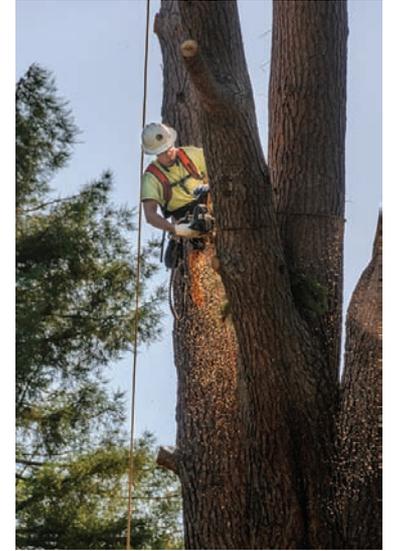
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**TREE**

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the tree whisperer.

“After an hour of hearing the same things I had already heard, I said ok, if this were your house what would you do? He took a moment then said, I’d put the house up for sale as fast as you #^≠# can.”

Decision made, next came the paper work: first a city tree removal permit because the trunk of the tree was more than 12 inches in diameter at breast height; an encroachment fee for cordoning off the sidewalk and parts of the street during removal; a Calistoga Mitigation Deposit to encourage planting of a replacement tree; and hiring a professional tree removal company.

A three-person team from Pacific Tree Care arrived on

Monday, June 20, to begin the week-long process. The biggest challenges were the proximity of the tree to the house, sidewalk and power lines, and the 100-degree heat.

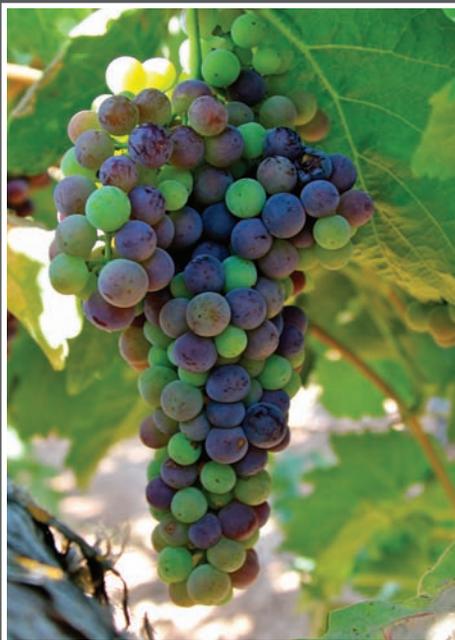
Initially the team consisted of a climber responsible for cutting and rigging (attaching a rope or cable to a section to control direction of the fall), a safety engineer responsible for creating a hard hat area and feeding the chipper, and the third member using a friction device to control the speed of lowering. Four full days were required just to remove small and medium limbs.

By Friday only the massive trunk and large limbs remained which made removal more complex and dangerous. A crane and cables were required to balance thousands of pounds, along with a seven-person crew and a vet, in this case a vet being an arborist

with decades of experience. With 41 years of experience this was Joseph A. Schneider, co-founder of Pacific Tree Care. “I’m here to make sure everyone is safe, these people are my family.”

By 6 p.m. the tree was a 2-foot high stump and it was time to solve the mystery of its age. There is no question that Schneider takes his job seriously and that he loves his job. With a relax of his shoulders and a grin, Schneider said, “Let’s go count alternating rings.” When a tree is cut, layers appear as alternating rings of light and dark wood. Marking off rings in decades he pronounced, “the tree was fifty-three years old, planted in 1964.”

“You know, Schneider mused, in the 60’s people gave away two-foot potted Italian Stone Pines as Christmas gifts. It is likely that this 104-footer was a small gift that found a home.”



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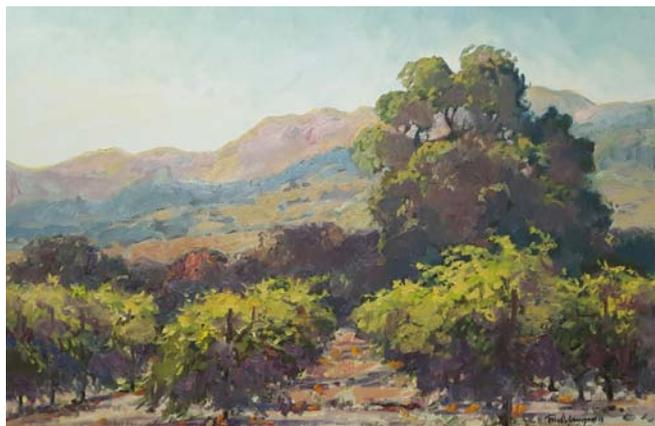
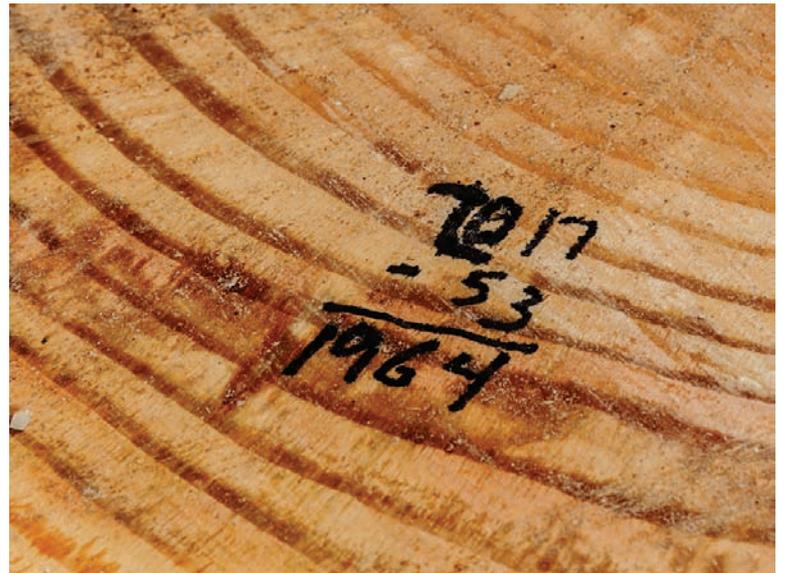
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**Photos & Story  
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## Youngman Galleries moves a few doors away after building required earthquake retrofitting

Lee Youngman Galleries, operating for over 31 years at 1316 Lincoln Avenue, Calistoga moved to a new location just a few doors away to 1360 Lincoln Avenue.

According to owner, Lee Youngman, the move was not unexpected, since the City of Calistoga was requiring the building go through a major earthquake retrofit. This would mean closure of the art gallery for several months. So, contact was made to the owners of the old Weekly Calistogan building at 1360 Lincoln Avenue, and an agreement was made.



Lee Youngman

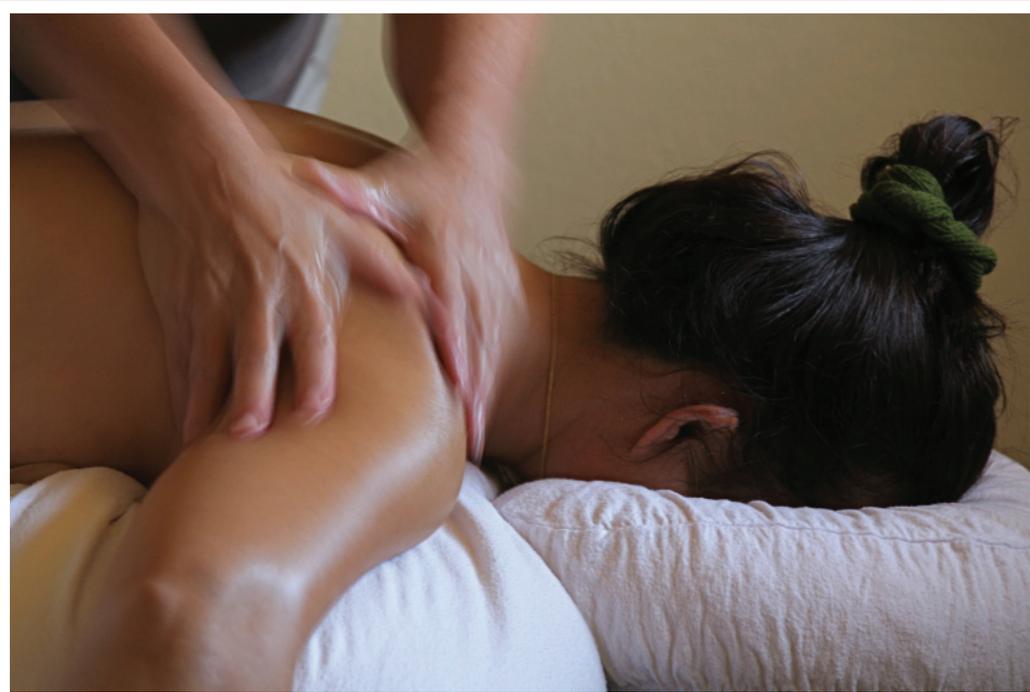
re-opened May 1st.

Lee Youngman has retained most of the original artists, including, of course, well-known wine country painter Paul Young-

man. Others include Wayne McKenzie, Charles White, Dale Terbush, Kristine Pallas, and many more fine artists. The full listing can be found on the gallery website at [www.leeyoungmangalleries.com](http://www.leeyoungmangalleries.com)

The gallery opened in 1985 and has been operating continuously since that time. Everyone is invited to stop by, see the new space, and say hello!

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She joins Calistoga's jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich, who has performed with top musicians of various influences and pioneered world music jazz fusion. He continues to tour nationally and internationally, including an appearance with his Jazz-Latin quartet at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club.

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# SEASONS in the Vineyard

**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.

**October:** Harvest slows by the end of the month. Red grape fermentation start with cold soaks in stainless steel tanks. Pump-overs or cap punching take place until fermentation is complete, then the juice is pressed off and sent to barrels.

**November:** Stirring of barrel fermentation. Chardonnay continues to keep fermentation going until complete.

**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.

## 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



Yount

Beaulieu Vineyards (BV), Louis M. Martini built his winery and the Mondavi family purchased Charles Krug Winery. Andre Tchelistcheff, 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*

## Calistoga takes the Presidio with uncorked enthusiasm

Some 30 wineries and winemakers of the Calistoga Winegrowers are bringing the Top of Napa Valley down to San Francisco for an opportunity to taste and purchase hard to find Calistoga AVA wines at its Calistoga Uncorked event.

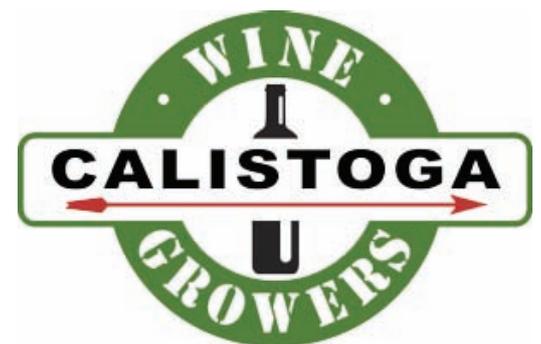
Most of the wineries that will be pouring do not have tasting rooms and are not open to the public, so this is everyone's chance to discover them at the picturesque Golden Gate Club in the Presidio on July 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To complement Calistoga's outstanding wines, food pairings with assorted artisan cheeses, charcuterie, seasonal fruit, nuts, olives, crackers and breads will be served.—don't miss this fun opportunity to learn about and taste these outstanding wines!

Participating wineries include: 2880, Am-

ici Cellars, Baldacci Vineyards, Barlow Vineyards, Bennett Lane Winery, Bragg Vineyards, Canard Vineyard, Chateau de Vie, Chateau Montelena, Davis Estates, Fairwinds Estate Winery, Harris Estate Vineyards, Hindsight Vineyards, Huge Bear Wines, Jack Brooks Vineyard, Jericho Canyon Vineyard, Jones Family Vineyards, Kenefick Ranch Vineyards, Knighton Family Vineyards, Lava Vine/Von Strasser, Next Door Wines, Sebright Cellars, Storybook Mountain Vineyards, Summers Estate Winery, Tamber Bey Vineyards, The Grade Cellars, Tom Eddy Winery, Twomey Cellars, Voros Cellars, Wepler Vineyards

Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$75 at the door. Go to <http://www.calistogawinegrowers.com/> for more information on the event and the Calistoga Winegrowers and the Calistoga AVA.



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

## TOURING CA'TOGA



*Carlo Marchiori's breathtaking Ca'toga home is available for tours each Saturday at 11 a.m. He reopens the doors for tours after the winter hiatus in May 2014.*

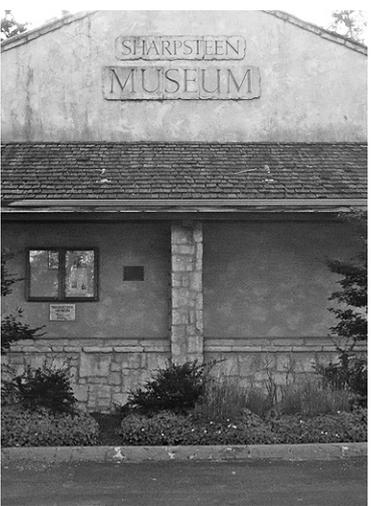
It is a house and grounds like no other, this remarkable Palladian style masterpiece we know as Ca'toga, the home of world-renowned artist Carlo Marchiori.

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.

In years past, visitors arrived by horse and buggy, on foot or in Model-T's. Now you can drive into the parking lot yourself at 1299 Tubbs Lane.

Shooting 60 feet into the air for three or four minutes, the 350 degree water comes from an underground river, and is heated as it flows over a bed of hot magma. The geyser eruptions average about 30 to 40 minutes apart.

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

## PETRIFIED FOREST



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

See giant redwoods turned to stone after being uprooted and covered by volcanic ash from eruptions that happened 3.4 million years ago. Picnic area, walking trails, and a gift shop and museum. About six miles west of Calistoga at 4100 Petrified Forest Road.

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## PIONEER PARK

Young kids need a break from being inside?

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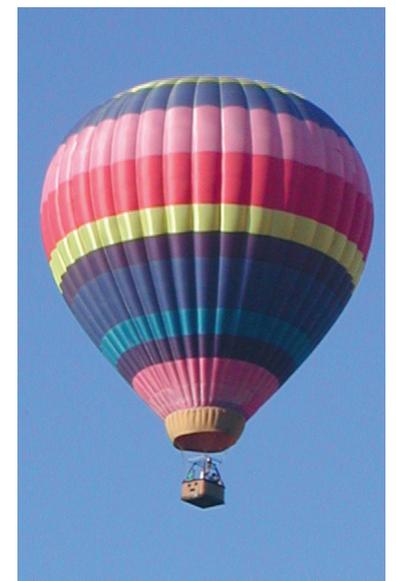
Public bathrooms on site, pets on leashes okay and alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park as well. BBQ and picnic tables available. The year-round Napa River flows next to the park. It's a nice place to cool off in summer, but do not let children play in water without adult supervision.

## R. L. STEVENSON STATE PARK

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



*Calistoga Balloons, the only hot air balloon company that will float you over the northern Napa Valley or Calistoga in the early morning hours.*

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



Slow down, relax. Whether it's a mud bath or massage or facial or foot rub, you can find what you're looking for at Calistoga's selection of fine spas.

Wellness is the focus of Calistoga's heart, and local treatments are fashioned to give you the best experience possible, but you have to be an active participant! There are almost a dozen spas in town, so check them all out to find the one best suited for your needs. With mud baths, facials, aromatherapy, salt scrubs, steam baths, mineral pools, herbal wraps and other treatments offered, you'll find something to make you feel relaxed and rejuvenated again.

## 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 \$40 per person and tasting is \$25 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 (\$30 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

Returning for 2017 is the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce's



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

festive Holiday Village celebration with the annual Community Christmas Bazaar, Breakfast with Santa, downtown shopping, and the almost-world famous Calistoga Lighted Tractor Parade. Go to [www.VisitCalistoga.com](http://www.VisitCalistoga.com) for more information.

## 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.

# More places to go, things to see, stuff to do...



Take Lake County Highway to Middletown to try your luck at Twin Pine Casino, just 20 minutes from downtown Calistoga.

## TWIN PINE CASINO & HOTEL

Where is California's newest and most exciting casino/hotel/restaurant destination?

It's just a short 15-mile drive north from Calistoga over scenic Mount St. Helena on Highway 29 – Twin Pine Casino & Hotel. There you'll find hundreds of the latest and most popular slots, and table games like Blackjack and Texas Hold'em Poker. You'll also enjoy live entertainment Thursday through Sunday – and all shows are free!

The Manzanita Restaurant (reservations at 707-987-1200) is renowned for its fine cuisine and extensive wine list. The Grapevine Bar & Lounge is a smoke-free environment and full-service bar featuring a large selection of wines and mixed drinks, beer on tap, and five big-screen high-def TVs.

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.

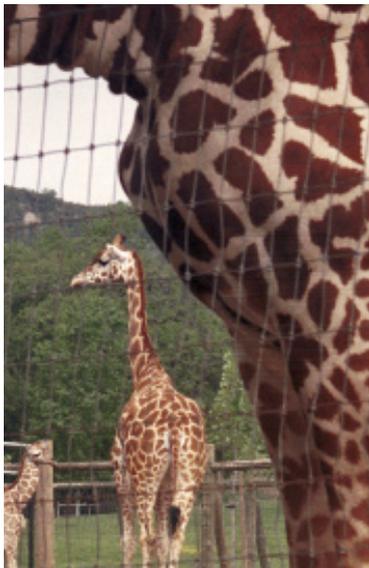
Want more? How about a unique wine-tasting room featuring the region's best award-winning wines, and a gift shop with great wine accessories, beautiful jewelry, clothing, glassware and its own broad selection of California wines.

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

## CALISTOGA SPEEDWAY

When it comes to history and prestige, few tracks on the West Coast offer more than Calistoga Speedway Home of Louie Vermeil. On April 22, the picturesque half-mile will roar to life as the first ever Monster Trucks compete. On June 24, NARC's winged 410 and 360 sprint cars compete in the Wine Country Classic.



The Wine Country Classic Sprint Car Races are scheduled for June 24.

AMA Flat Track motorcycle races are set for July 29, and over Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-3, comes the 10th annual Louie Vermeil Memorial Classic for wingless cars and midjets sponsored by USAC/CRA.

World of Outlaws return Sept. 15-16. Call 942-5111 for information or go to [www.calistogaspeedway.org](http://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 in May and start its full summer schedule in June.

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

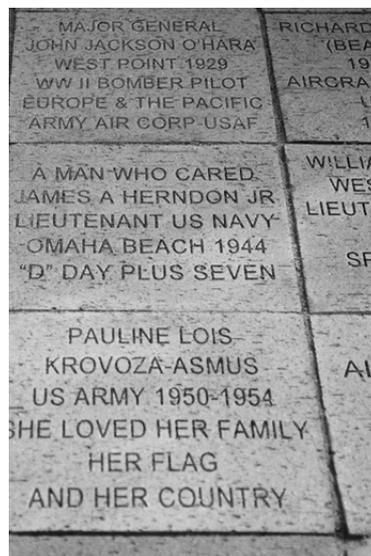
The pool is open to the public on a first come, first served basis. On hot days directors do expect to reach capacity and will not allow any additional patrons into the facility until others leave. Admission prices are: Calistoga Youth (2-17), free; Seniors (55+), \$3; Adults (18+), \$5; Water Aerobics/Arthritis 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](http://www.calistogaartcenter.org) for more information and class schedules.

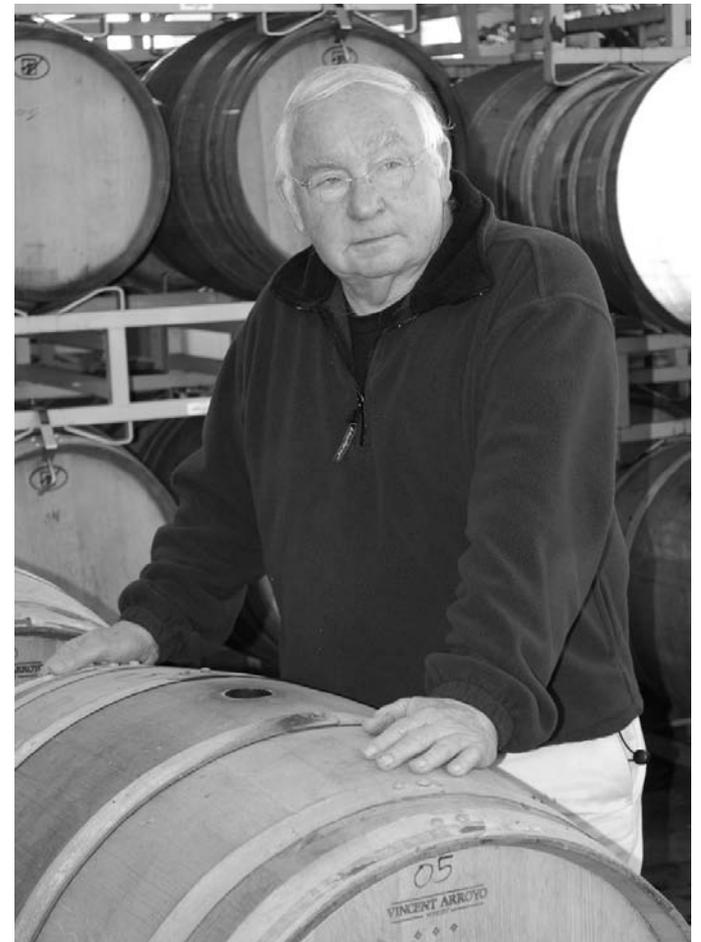


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*"Take what you have and do the best you can with it."*

— 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

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but the principal losers are:

**List of Losers.**

D.C. Willis, saloon; H.P. Wilson & Sons, harness shop; J.Wittle, saddler; J.F. Gerber, vacant building; Mrs. F. Hall, groceries; W.F. Simmons, furniture and undertaking; C.M. Hoover, groceries; F.X. Gravel, shoestore; C.W. Armstrong, drugs; C.W. Carroll, Calistogan printing office; Dr. Fox, dentist; Dr. Porter, physician, offices; Ed Largey, saloon, the town hall, Magnolia Hotel; G.A. Davis, barber shop; A. Hubbs, notions; Calistoga Rochdale Company; Mrs. N. Bounsai, restaurant; Siemsen Brothers & Conner, meat market; William Spiers, livery stable and blacksmith shop; Mrs. Cora Fowle, iccream parlor; B.F. Grauss, residence; Masonic Hall building.; William Conner residence; Mrs. I. Wixon, millinery; J. Hiltel, vacant building.

The Magnolia Hotel was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about \$5000.00. The insurance is unknown. The guests, who lost their baggage, had to seek lodging in private houses.

**Wind Spreads the Flames**

A high variable wind aided materially in spreading the flames. At 8:30 pm the fire had reached its limit and only five or six business' buildings remain on the entire avenue from the wagon bridge to the Southern Pacific Depot. The total loss will not exceed \$50,000.00. The insurance is about one-third of that amount.

C.W. Drug Store, \$2000.00; Ed Largey Saloon, \$1500.00 partly insured; J.L. Wolfe Grocery, \$3000.00, no insurance. There was \$630.00 insurance on the Masonic Hall.

The water supply is entirely exhausted and water to drink is very scarce. The proposition of rebuilding the burned portion is already being considered and it will probably be rebuilt at once.

# Big fire of 1901 remembered in 1953



## Store clerk remembers fighting fire with barrel of salmon bellies

By Ray Breitenstein  
Local Historian

The big fire of 1901 destroyed the greater part of downtown Calistoga mostly from a lack of water to fight the fire.

This fire started a few doors west of where Bank of America now stands, and the firemen (there was no fire engine in those days only a man-pulled hose cart) attached a hose to a fire hydrant on the corner. Shortly after they turned the water on, the hose burned off near the hydrant, draining all water out of the mains and reservoir, so there was not a drop of water with which to fight the fire.

E.I. Lane wrote an account of the fire for C.A. Carroll's *The Weekly Calistogan* published on March 5, 1953 for the paper's

"Memories" column.

Mr. Lane wrote:

"I was at that time clerking for Felix Grauss, Sr. in his store next to the Spiers Livery Stable. There were 30 feet or so between these buildings, so I stayed up on the roof of the Grauss building putting out fires that started on the shingled roof, and using the salt brine from a salmon belly barrel that Chester Chamblin passed up to me, thereby saving all the buildings from the Grauss building to the railroad tracks. There was the Grauss store, a fruit and vegetable stands operated by S.A. Richardson, the post office run by Felix Grauss, a combined furniture store-express office, an undertaking parlor operated by Capt. S.A. Simmons, a restaurant, an empty store or dance hall, the Europa Hotel operated by L.

Banchero and his daughter, Saraphonia, a bakery run by the father and mother of Felix and Ben Grauss, and residence and saloon owned by Peter Tritsch, as I recall, all of which would have been destroyed had it not been for that brine from the salmon barrel.

"While sitting on top of the Grauss building after the greatest danger had passed with the burning of the Spiers Stable, I was watching the old Magnolia Hotel burn. The hotel was across the street where Hotel Calistoga now stands and was operated by Squires, Spreen and Powell, the last named being Mrs. Minnie Powell. Kind that I was, I started to whistle "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" when Mrs. Powell promptly swooned while the fire destroyed even the trunk and personal effects they had removed from the hotel."



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# Uncorking fun wine facts

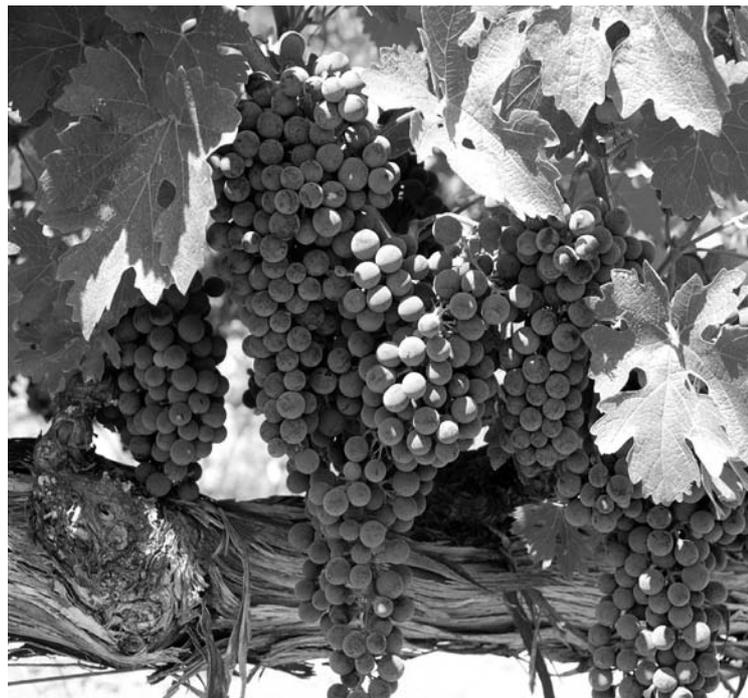
Napa Valley's rare diversity of microclimates is ideal for growing fine wine grapes.

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](http://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	Capacity
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
Methuselah	6 bottles of wine
Rehoboth	3 bottles of wine
Jeroboam	4 750-ml bottles



  
**Wineries of  
Calistoga**  


- Araujo Estate Wines**  
Not open to the public.  
[www.araujoestate.com](http://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.
- Brian Arden Winery**  
942-4767 • 331 Silverado Trail  
11 to 4:30 daily, closed Weds.  
Reservations not required but appreciated.
- Carter Cellars**  
(707) 445-0311 • 1170 Tubbs Lane  
Open by appointment, call ahead.
- Casa Nuestra 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](http://www.montelena.com).
- Clos Pegase Winery**  
942-4981 • 1060 Dunawear 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.
- 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.DavisEstates.com](http://www.DavisEstates.com)
- Diamond Creek**  
Not open to the public.  
[www.diamondcreekvineyards.com](http://www.diamondcreekvineyards.com)
- Dutch Henry Winery**  
942-5771 • 4310 Silverado Trail  
Daily 10-4:30. Tasting Fee: \$25.
- Dyer Vineyard**  
Not open to the public.  
[www.dyerwine.com](http://www.dyerwine.com)
- DYN 2880**  
Not open to the public. [www.dyn2880.com](http://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 cab.

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

**Heibel Ranch Vineyards**  
341-3351 • Calistoga Depot  
Open Fri. to Mon., Noon-5 p.m. in Railcar #12 at The 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  
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 appt only. Producing cab, Bordeaux blends and sauvignon blanc.

**Laura Michael Wines/Zahtila Vineyards**  
942-9251 • 2250 Lake County Hwy  
Daily 10-5. Zinfandel and cab

**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.

**OTRA VEZ New Winery!**  
942-4310 • 2280 Greenwood Ave.  
Open by appointment. Winemaker Vincent Arroyo hosts complimentary tastings by appointment for groups of six or fewer daily, 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Estate cabernet.

**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.

**Rancho de las Flores Cellars**  
942-5924 • 3942 Silverado Trail  
Open for tasting 11-4, near daily. \$3 tasting fee. Cabernet and Blanco from colombarid grapes.

**Reverie**  
942-6800 • 1520 Diamond Mtn Road  
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**Romeo Vineyards & Cellars**  
942-8239 • 1224 Lincoln Ave.  
Patio & tasting room open daily. Sun-Tues 11-6; Wed-Sat. 11-9.

**Schramsberg**  
942-4558 • 1400 Schramsberg Road  
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**Shypoke**  
942-0420 • 2882A Foothill Blvd  
Producers of charbono, sangiovese and petite syrah. www.shypoke.com

**Sterling Vineyards**  
942-3344 • 1111 Dunaweal Lane  
Daily 10-4:30. Self-paced tours all day. Tasting and tour fee \$28. Take the tram to the top of the hill for breathtaking views.

**Storybook Mountain**  
942-5310 • 3835 Hwy 128  
Tasting and tours by appt. only, free with purchase. Zinfandel specialist since 1976.

**Summers Estate Wines**  
942-5508 • 1171 Tubbs Lane

Daily 10:30-5 Standard tasting fee: \$25. Open 10-4:30 pm by prior appointment.

**Switchback Ridge**  
Not open to the public.  
www.switchbackridge.com

**Tamber Bay Winery**  
942-2100 • 1251 Tubbs Lane  
Open daily 10 am-5 pm by appt. Tasting fee \$35. Email wine@tamberbay.com

**Tank Garage Winery**  
942-8265 • 1020 Foothill Blvd (Hwy 29)  
Open 10 am-5 pm. Tasting fee \$20.

**T-Vine**  
942-1543 • 810 Foothill Blvd (Hwy 29)  
Open daily for tours and tasting 10-4:30 Tasting fee \$20.

**THE GRADE**  
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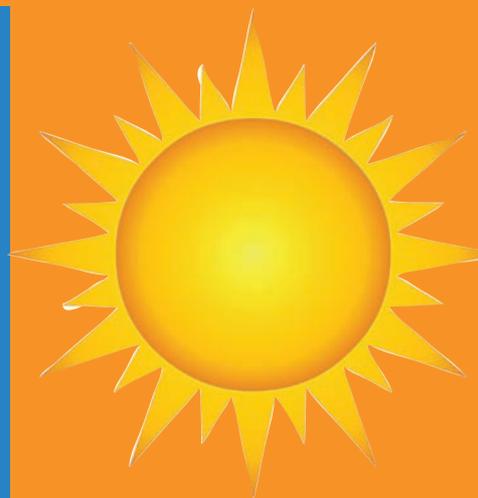
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