

TITLE: REGIONAL WINERIES AND HOSPITALITY PARTNERS OFFER WEEKEND EXCLUSIVES TO ROOTS TO WINE PASSPORT HOLDERS

On the weekend of October 8th and 9th, wineries in the Capay Valley, Davis, Dunnigan Hills, English Hills of Vacaville, and Winters will host the first annual *Roots to Wine Passport Weekend*. Activities are planned from 10am to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Details and special days and times for winery activities are provided in this message. Passport holders are encouraged to design their own route or two that will allow them to spend the weekend exploring the countryside in the area and experiencing the wine and hospitality designed especially for this event.

Visitors to the Capay Valley near the town of Brooks will find **Capay Valley Vineyards** winemaker Terri Strain on hand both Saturday and Sunday to greet visitors. Tom Frederick will be displaying his restored racecar, the Can-Am McLaren M8B, and passport holders will receive special case discounts on select wines. Under the trees at the same location, **Simas Family Wines** will be pouring their Red and White Rhone Blends as well as a Mouvedre Rosé. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch while listening to live music 1pm-4pm both days. Nearby at the beautiful Yoche Dehe Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino Resort, **Séka Hills** will be pouring Rosé and their award winning Viognier from the veranda overlooking the golf course. Light nibbles and refreshments will also be available.

Just east of the Capay Valley in the Dunnigan Hills, **Route 3 Wines** will be holding their 3rd annual Release Party in their vineyards (Sunday only, 2pm-5pm). This year's Release Party is open to passport holders where new wines will be introduced. Route 3 will be at their new tasting room location in Winters, on Saturday from 10am-5pm.

A short drive from Sacramento and just south of the Dunnigan Hills in Davis passport holders are invited to **Rominger West Winery** where special wine and food pairings will be available.

In Winters **Turkovich Family Wines** will provide passport holders the opportunity to try their hand at blending a personal signature glass of wine. **Berryessa Gap Vineyards** is offering visitors two unique experiences. At the winery on Hwy 128 visitors will learn from winemaker and UCD viticulture researcher Mike Anderson during a hands-on rootstock propagation experience. Passport holders will also be offered special wine flight tastings of Berryessa Gap's Rocky Ridge Collection Tradition and Tempranillo wines including library vintages of both. Picnic tables and a bocce court are available on site at the winery. In the winery's Historic Downtown Winters tasting room nuts, dried fruit and chocolate will accompany the tasting of a not yet released 2009 Barbera and the rarely available to the public 2008 Durif. Live music will be playing Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. At both locations passport holders will be treated to this year's Federweißer – feather white. This unique sparkling wine is made from freshly fermenting Chardonnay wine.

Also in Winters, **Casey Flat Ranch** winemaker Laura Barrett will simulate a cellar experience and pour a selection of barrel samples to explore the importance, nuance and effect of oak barrels and cooperage choice on Casey Flat Ranch red wines. **Casey Flat Ranch** and **Route 3 Wines** recently joined **Julie LePla Winery** in the region's only Joint Tasting Room located at RootStock Specialty Gifts and Tasting Room in Winters.

In the English Hills of Vacaville just south of Winters passport holders are invited to meet winemaker Julie Larson and tour **Julie LePla Winery**, the smallest winery in the region which rarely opens to the public. Visitors will be offered select wine and food pairings while being among the first to taste the

release of Julie LePla 2010 Zinfandel. A 20% discount on purchase of 6 or more bottles will be available to Passport holders.

Specials are being offered over the course of the weekend to passport holders by many of Roots to Wine trade and tourism partners. Special room rates or dinner discounts are available at the **Hampton Inn** and **Courtyard Marriott** in Vacaville as well as at the **Hallmark Inn** in Davis. **Cache Creek Casino** offers visitors gaming entertainment as well as outdoor concerts. **Park Winters** invites passport holders to check out their soon to open Inn in the beautiful countryside between Winters and the Capay Valley. **Historic Oakdale Ranch** in Esparto offers a unique event venue visitors are encourage to see. **Putah Creek Café, The Buckhorn** and **Preserve Public House** in Winters are all offering lunch and dinner specials to passport holders. **Winters Cheese Company** is offering cheese tasting. **RootStock Specialty Gifts and Tasting Room** in Winters is offering discounts on gift items, will have outdoor artisans on hand on Sunday, and is hosting **Hillstone Olive Oil** and other regional olive oil producers for a special olive oil tasting on Saturday. **Main Street Cellars** in Winters provides a casual and funky environment for visitors to enjoy a glass of wine or beer. Passport holders can pack a picnic lunch from the deli counter at **Nugget Markets** in Woodland, Davis or Vacaville or the **Davis Food Co-op**. The **Winters Visitor Center** offers visitors information on the history of Winters and newly formed *Ag Exploration Tours*.

The cost of a two day passport is \$40 if purchased in advance, \$50 day of. To purchase a passport for this event, visit a participating winery or go online to www.rootstowine.com.

About: Roots to Wine is a an association of wine grape growers, producers and wineries from Capay Valley, Davis, Dunnigan Hills, English Hills, and Winters, formed to educate consumers on the rich viticulture history of the region and to promote the region's wine grapes and wine, while encouraging cooperation amongst its members and affiliates who share a commitment to delivering quality products and experiences for community members and visitors to the area. For more information about the Passport Weekend or to join Roots to Wine, please visit www.rootstowine.com or contact info@rootstowine.com.

Roots to Wine Member Wineries:

Capay Valley AVA:

- Capay Valley Vineyards
- Casey Flat Ranch
- Séka Hills Wine
- Simas Family Wines

Davis:

- Putah Creek Winery
- Rominger West Winery

Dunnigan Hills AVA:

- Crew Wine Company
- Route 3 Wines

English Hills:

- Julie LePla Winery

Winters:

- Berryessa Gap Vineyards
- Turkovich Family Wines

Roots to Wine Trade & Tourism Members:

- Buckhorn Steakhouse , Winters
- Cache Creek Casino, Brooks
- Courtyard by Marriott, Vacaville
- Davis Food Co-op, Davis
- Hallmark Inn, Davis
- Hampton Inn, Vacaville
- Hillstone Olive Oil, Yolo
- Historic Oakdale Ranch, Esparto
- Main Street Cellars, Winters
- Nugget Markets, Woodland, Davis, & Vacaville
- Park Winters, Winters
- Preserve Public House, Winters
- Putah Creek Café, Winters
- Rootstock Specialty Gifts, Winters
- Winters Cheese Co., Winters
- Winters Visitor Center, Winters

