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For those who live in Napa Valley –  
and those who wish they did...

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An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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## Peter Mondavi Sr. dies; New restaurants coming to valley

### Late news: Peter Mondavi Sr. 1914-2016

Peter Mondavi Sr., a wine industry innovator who steered his family's Charles Krug Winery through more than a half-century of revolutionary change in the industry, died on Feb. 20 at his home, on the Charles Krug estate in St. Helena surrounded by his family. He was 101 and officially retired last year but was active even then.

### Tra Vigne replacement to be Charter Oak

Christopher Kostow has disclosed that the restaurant that will replace Tra Vigne will be called Charter Oak, which makes sense since it's on Charter Oak Street in St. Helena.

He says it will be simple food in a casual environment, not the elegant presentations he serves up at the Restaurant at Meadowood that have won him three Michelin stars.

### Chris Cosentino restaurant in Las Alcobas

Chef Chris Cosentino and his partner Oliver Wharton at San Francisco's Cockscomb will open a restaurant at Las Alcobas hotel in St. Helena.

The hotel is on the site of the former Grandview apartments. It is the second branch of a Mexico City hotel chain and hopes to open in November.

Cosentino is famous for his offal dishes. Yum.

### Basalt to replace Fish Story

The Moana Restaurant Group's Basalt will replace Fish Story in the Riverfront Complex in Napa.

It will open in late March serving seasonal cuisine influenced by the early traditions of Mexican and Spanish California cooking. Chef Esteban Escobar will draw on his experience at San Francisco's Town Hall and Walnut Creek's Corners Tavern.

The restaurant name is a nod to that history and the people who built the foundations of California.

Basalt aims to serve as a casual local watering hole, with largely local spirits, beers and wines led by general manager Jonathan Wendorf.

Menu prices will be \$7 to \$36, wine bottles from \$45 to \$150 and cocktails from \$10 to \$14.

Basalt will serve dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Lunch and weekend brunch will begin later.

For more information and reservations, visit [www.basaltnapa.com](http://www.basaltnapa.com).

### Vineyard 29 in Oxbow Public Market

Chuck and Anne McMinn, proprietors of Vineyard 29, will open Cru @ the Annex at Oxbow Public Market this summer.

Cru @ the Annex will offer a casual wine experience where both locals and visitors can enjoy Cru and Vineyard 29 wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc.

It will be in the large metal building west of the Kitchen Door and facing McKinstry Street.

Designed by Erin Martin Design, Cru will employ over 2,000 square feet, including a new patio along the Napa River.

Cru will partner with Oxbow merchants to offer bites with wine. It will also provide a new private event space for the Oxbow Public Market.

### Napa Farmers Market being evicted

The *Napa Valley Register* reports that the Napa Farmers Market is being kicked out of the south parking lot at the Oxbow and is searching for a new home before its scheduled May 3 opening.

The property could be filled with construction equipment remodeling the Copia building by its new owner, the Culinary Institute of America.

The market has occupied other locations in the past, notably the north parking lot by the Oxbow Public Market, the Wine Train parking lot and the lot behind Cole's Chop House on Main Street.

Potential new locations include Napa Valley Expo and Oxbow Commons, but both will host events that would conflict, the county corporation yard next to the present location and Fuller Park.

If you have any ideas, email Charlotte Billings at [napafmmanager@gmail.com](mailto:napafmmanager@gmail.com) or call 501-3087.

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### **Weekend brunch at Tarla**

Tarla serves brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It features bottomless Mimosas and other beverages.

Learn more at [www.tarlagrill.com](http://www.tarlagrill.com)

Tarla Mediterranean Grill is at 1480 First St. in Napa.

### **James Beard Foundation semifinalists**

The James Beard Foundation has announced its list of restaurant and chef award semifinalists for the 26th annual James Beard Foundation Awards.

They were selected from a list of more than 20,000 online entries.

Here are the locals that made the list:

Outstanding chef: Christopher Kostow, The Restaurant at Meadowood, St. Helena

Outstanding restaurateur: Cindy Pawlcyn (Mustards Grill, Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen and Cindy's Waterfront at the Monterey Bay Aquarium)

Outstanding wine program: Press, St. Helena

Outstanding wine, spirits, or beer professional: Miljenko (Mike) Grgich, Grgich Hills Estate, Rutherford and Steve Matthiasson, Matthiasson Wines, Napa

See the full list at [www.jamesbeard.org/awards](http://www.jamesbeard.org/awards).

The finalists and media awards will be announced later.



### **Carpe Diem's scaffolding is gone**

After many unmet promises, the scaffolding is finely gone from around Carpe Diem.

Its building was badly damaged in the August 2014 earthquake.

The chain link box on Brown Street should be removed shortly, opening access to Molinari Caffè. Let's all go by to celebrate!

### **All Lake Berryessa bids fail**

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced that no successful bids were received in response to a request for the development and long-term management of five concession areas at Lake Berryessa (Putah Canyon, Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores, Berryessa Point and Steele Canyon recreation areas).

Three California companies each bid on one area (Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores and Steele Canyon).

After review of the bids, additional information was requested but following review, all three bids were found to be “non-responsive.”

Reclamation is now determining how best to proceed in developing long-term concession contracts at the lake

### **Life at Lake Berryessa**

Via Lake Berryessa News, Park Manager Margaret David Bailey reminds us that Lake Berryessa offers many attractions in spite of the incompetent bureaucratic bungling that has devastated the region.

From October to May, Lake Berryessa offers the best opportunity to observe the changing seasons, comfortable temperatures, wide-open spaces and several thousand acres of land and water to explore and enjoy. Birding, bicycling, walking, kayaking, swimming, photography or picnicking are a few of the many activities you can enjoy.

Lake Berryessa is within the Pacific Flyway and some of the best birding in the area is right there. Resident bald and golden eagles and osprey can easily be viewed around the lake.

The location in the Coast Range offers a variety of habitats including oak woodlands, grasslands, mixed chaparral, lake and riparian vegetation types. Three permanent waterways, Capell, Pope and Putah Creeks, flow into the lake, creating a diversity of upland and riparian habitats to a wide variety of birds.

Bureau of Reclamations managed facilities include the Dufer Point Visitor Center; the Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Elicuera Day Use Areas, and the Capell Cove Boat Launch. For information, call 966-2111 or visit [www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/berryessa](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/berryessa).

Concession-operated facilities include:

Pleasure Cove Marina provides day use, camping, boat launching, boat rentals, house boating, lodging and a full-service marina with wet slips, fueling and pump-out services. Additionally, for the 2016 recreation season, Pleasure Cove will provide boat launching, day use and tent camping at Steele Canyon Recreation Area.

For information, call 966-9600 or visit [www.goberryessa.com](http://www.goberryessa.com).

Markley Cove Resort, operated by John and Linda Frazier, provides full marina services, a store, boat launching, boat rentals, day use and lodging. Call 966-2134 or visit [www.markleycoveresort.com](http://www.markleycoveresort.com).

Royal Elk Park Management, Inc., provides boat launching, day use and tent camping at Putah Canyon Recreation Area for the 2016 recreation season. For information, call 530-283-3732 or visit [www.royalelcparkmanagement.com](http://www.royalelcparkmanagement.com).

Spanish Flat Partners provide tent and RV camping, day use and an RV dump station at the Spanish Flat Recreation Area. Call 966-0200 or visit [www.spanishflatcamping.com](http://www.spanishflatcamping.com).

Visit [www.lakeberryessanews.com](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com) for more news from around the lake.

### **Lucky Shorts contest**

Lucky Penny Productions is now accepting original unpublished short stories for its “Lucky Shorts” Short Story Readers Theater festival.

All submissions must be 10 minutes or shorter and relate to a theme of change and growth.

A committee will select 8 to 10 of the best for a live reading on Sunday June 12 at 2 p.m.

Get guidelines at [www.luckypennynapa.com](http://www.luckypennynapa.com) or call 266-6305 for a copy.

### **News for the wine community**

#### **Premiere Napa Valley raises \$5 million**

The Napa Valley Vintners raised \$5 million at the Premiere Napa Valley barrel tasting and auction, the third highest amount in the event’s 20 years.

Unlike proceeds from the charity Auction Napa Valley in June, the money funds Vintner activities.

Of the 226 lots sold, 199 were from the 2014 harvest and 26 were sold at a new online auction.

The auction ended a week that brought hundreds of wine trade and media to Napa Valley.

Get more at [premierenapawines.com](http://premierenapawines.com).

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### **Tuck Beckstoffer to buy Dancing Hares**

Tuck and Boo Beckstoffer have agreed to acquire Dancing Hares Winery and Vineyard in the eastern hills of St. Helena from founders Paula Brooks and Bob Cook.

The purchase includes the Dancing Hares 20-acre winery estate, vineyards, winery, brands and inventory.

Brooks and Cook established the estate and planted it to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, in 2003.

They completed a state-of-the-art winery and caves designed by architect Howard Backen in 2009.

The Beckstoffers selected Philippe Melka as winemaker and will continue working with consultants Michel Rolland and Frederick Delivert.

Dancing Hares currently produces two limited production wines, Dancing Hares Estate red wine (\$150) and Mad Hatter Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$68), sold predominantly via mailing list. The 2013 Dancing Hares estate red wine received 98 points from critic Robert Parker.

The Beckstoffers will produce Semper and Mockingbird, two flagship wines in the Tuck Beckstoffer Wines portfolio, at the Dancing Hares Winery and offer them for tasting at the winery after the acquisition is completed. See [www.dancinghares.com](http://www.dancinghares.com).

### **Purple Heart Wines launches wine**

Purple Heart Wines ([www.purpleheartwines.com](http://www.purpleheartwines.com)) has released its first wine – the 2013 Purple Heart red blend.

It is produced by C. Mondavi & Family. Peter Mondavi Sr. is a veteran of World War II and made by Vietnam veteran Ray Coursen.

The wine is priced at \$19.99. The winery makes an annual donation to the Purple Heart Foundation, an organization dedicated to serving the unmet needs of military men, women and families.

### **Dominus' Moueix introduces Ulysses wines**

Dominus owner Christian Moueix has introduced Ulysses, a new wine called from Ulysses Vineyard in Oakville. Situated along the Oakville Bench at the foot of the Mayacamas Range, this historic vineyard was part of the original Charles Hopper Ranch in the 1800s. Moueix bought it in 2008.

Ulysses is an estate-bottled Cabernet Sauvignon, with touches of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

The first vintage to be released is 2012 and costs \$179. Unusual in today's market, it will not be sold directly to consumers.

Christian Moueix and his son Edouard also produce wines from eight châteaux in Bordeaux.

See [www.ulyssesvineyard.com](http://www.ulyssesvineyard.com).

### **UC Davis Extension wine courses**

UC Davis Extension offers a variety of courses for novice and experienced grape growers, winemakers and wine lovers.

The following courses will take place April-June in Davis unless otherwise indicated.

- Online Introduction to Wine and Winemaking. Enroll through March 31 and complete by June 20. \$685
- Introduction to Sensory Evaluation of Wine April 2-3: Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$550.
- Advanced Wine Tasting May 21: Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$350.
- Wine Filtration Short Course March 15-16: Tues., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Wed., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$475.
- Successful Home Winemaking April 23: Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$140.
- Introduction to Wine Analysis March 19 or June 11: Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$255.
- Everyday Compliance for Winery and Brand Owners April 8: Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$200.

For details, visit [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/winemaking).

Call (800) 752-0881 or email [extension@ucdavis.edu](mailto:extension@ucdavis.edu).

### ***This week in Napa Valley***

#### **Music at restaurants and clubs this week**

As mentioned last week, Napa Valley – but especially Napa itself – is becoming filled with live music.

Here's the music offered without a cover charge in restaurants and bars.

The music that requires tickets or a cover charge is listed chronologically.

Silo's doesn't generally charge a cover on Wednesday or Thursday, but its acts are also listed chronologically.

## Music at restaurants and clubs in Napa Valley this week

Venue	Artist	Type	Time
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 24</b>			
Andaz hotel lobby	various		8-11 p.m.
Uva Trattoria lounge	Le Jazz Hot	Jazz with a French twist	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Feb. 25</b>			
Billco's	various		9 p.m.
Downtown Joe's	The Last Resort		9:30-12:30 a.m.
Uncorked at Oxbow			6-9 p.m.
Uva Trattoria lounge	The Gentleman of Jazz		6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, Feb. 26</b>			
Ca' Momi			10 p.m.-midnight
Downtown Joe's	Twice As Good 2XG		9:30-12:30 a.m.
Uva Trattoria lounge	Tony Macaroni Trio	R&B-Jazz-Blues	8:30-11:30 p.m.
Starbucks Downtown	various		7 p.m.
Siena at the Meritage	pianist Sergio Santiago Calbada and singer Veronica Vazquez		6:30-9:30 p.m.
River Terrace Inn	Dawn & Tony		5:30-8:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Feb. 27</b>			
ABC (Alexis Baking Co.)	Max Bonick	Jazz for brunch	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Andaz hotel lobby	various		8-11 p.m.
Capp Heritage	various		
Downtown Joe's	C4 INC		9:30-12:30 a.m.
River Terrace Inn	Craig Corona	country to classic rock, Motown to standards	5:30-8:30 p.m.
Uva Trattoria lounge	Jack Pollard & Dan Daniels	Jazz-R&B-Motown	8:30-11:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 28</b>			
Uncorked at Oxbow		acoustic	2-6 p.m.
Uva Trattoria lounge	Duo Gadjo	Parisian Swing & New Orleans Blues	6-9 p.m.

All of the venues listed are in downtown Napa:

- Andaz is at 1450 First St.
- Billco's is at 1234 Third St,
- Ca' Momi Osteria is at 1141 First St.
- Capp Heritage is at 1245 First St.
- Downtown Joe's is at 902 Main St.
- River Terrace Inn is at 1600 Soscol Ave.
- Uncorked at Oxbow is at 605 First St.
- Uva Trattoria is at 1040 Clinton St.

Let us know if we missed any of your favorite spots for live music. Many more venues have music during the summer.

### **French regional dinner**

The regional dinner served this week at Bank Café and Bar features food from Limousin in south central France:

- Céleri rémoulade
- Farciures de Corrèze (potato dumplings)
- Clafoutis aux prunes

The meal is \$36.

### **This week at Cameo Cinema**

Monday, Feb. 22

*The Revenant* 3 and 8:30 p.m.

*Lady in the Van* 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

*The Revenant* 5:45

*Lady in the Van* 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

*The Revenant* 3 and 8:30 p.m.

*Lady in the Van* 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

*Lady in the Van* 3 and 8:30 p.m.

*The Revenant* 5:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

*Hail, Caesar!* 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27

*Hail, Caesar!* 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28

*Hail, Caesar!* 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

*Live from the Red Carpet, The Oscars* 3:30 p.m.

\$25, plus bring an appetizer to share. Come dressed as your favorite star!

Due to occasional changes in film availability and licensing, all movies and show times are subject to change.

Check the website or the Cameo movie line for up-to-date scheduling.

Phone 963-9779 or visit [www.cameocinema.com](http://www.cameocinema.com).

The Cameo Cinema is at 1340 Main St. in St. Helena.

### **Dalia Ceja at the downtown Starbucks**

Winemaker Wednesday at the downtown Starbucks on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. features Ceja Vino de Casa with Dalia Ceja joining to speak about the wine and answer questions.

Starbucks is at 1006 First St. in Napa.

### **Clif Family at Cadet**

Clif Family Winery will provide the guest bartender at Cadet Wine + Beer Bar on Wednesday, Feb. 24 starting at 6 p.m.

The adventurous family behind the fantastic Clif wines joins behind the bar and brings their popular food truck, Bruschetteria, to serve bites with their wines.

Cadet Wine + Beer Bar is at 930 Franklin St. in Napa.

### **Oenotri and pureCru wine dinner**

Neighbors Oenotri and pureCru partner for the first Neighborhood Wine Dinner for 12 guests inside the pureCru tasting space on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

The menu will feature three seasonal courses from Oenotri, each paired with pureCru wines.

Neighborhood Wine Dinner menu:

- Chef Tyler Rodde's selection of house-cured salumi paired with pureCru Rosato Di Sangio
- Ash-roasted Chioggia beets with rainbow carrot spalmare, citrus and frisée with pureCru Chardonnay
- Braised beef short rib risotto with King Trumpet mushrooms and pureCru Pinot Noir

The dinner is \$65. Call 252-1022 to reserve.

### **Mike Greensill is all jazzed up**

Pianist Mike Greensill is all jazzed up at Silo's on Wednesday, Feb 24 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of music history, storytelling, and friendship with acclaimed pianist Mike Greensill, who brings his up-close and personal performances to the Silo's stage.

Immerse yourself in The Great American Songbook with classics ranging from Gershwin to Fitzgerald and everything in between, and walk away with a swing in your step and a clearer insight into the history of American Songwriting.

There's no cover charge.

### **African Art at Discovery Shop**

A collection of 296 fully appraised, antique Makonde ebony wood carvings will be on sale at the American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Napa Feb. 25-28,

The carvings include family trees, abstract figures, Massai warriors, animals and candle holders – along with other ethnic arts.

Funds raised will help support cancer research, education, programs and services for cancer patients.

Extended hours start on Thursday Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 to 7 p.m., Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.

For information, visit the Facebook page at Discovery Shop/Napa or call 224-4398.

The Discovery Shop is at 1380 Trancas St. in Napa.



### **Yountville 30 years ago**

The Gallery at Yountville Community Center features the artist reception for “Un-Boxed,” a photograph collection by Thom McDermott on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Wine and light bites will be served. All are welcome.

McDermott is sharing his historic photographs showing Yountville 30 years ago from Feb. 25 to April 11.

If you cannot come, stop by the Gallery Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to view it.

The Yountville Community Center is at 6516 Washington St. in Yountville.

### **Foley Family dinner at Calistoga Ranch**

Foley Family winemaker David Lattin will host a wine dinner with Napa Valley wines at The Lakehouse Restaurant at Calistoga Ranch on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Explore the portfolio of Foley’s Napa Valley wines including Cabernet Sauvignon from Merus, the estate-grown wines of Kuleto and the Bordeaux varieties of Foley Johnson during a wine-paired

dinner prepared by executive chef Bryan Moscatello.

The cost is \$175. Call (855) 366-4156 or email [elyse.chambers@aubergeresorts.com](mailto:elyse.chambers@aubergeresorts.com).

### **Blind Tasting - Guess the Grape**

Back Room Wines will hold a blind tasting of five wines on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. All are “noble varieties” from classic wine regions.

Students with upcoming wine identification exams should definitely attend. Or if you’re just curious about how well you can identify a wine by smell, taste, texture and sight, you should come.

They’ll pour five wines, one at a time. Wines will be identified after you’ve completed your tasting.

The cost is \$10 to taste.



### **David Correa and Tommy Hill Latin Guitar**

David Correa and Tommy Hill play Latin guitar world music at Silo’s Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

Since 1999, Correa has built a fan base entertaining audiences in the San Francisco Bay Area. Keeping true to Latin and Spanish guitar techniques, his music continues to be original.

It combines Latin guitar and Rumba Flamenco fused with Middle Eastern melodies, creating a distinctive style.

Admission is \$10.

### **Moroccan dinner at Hurley’s**

Hurley’s supper club features a Moroccan dinner and belly dancing entertainment on Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$100 with wine.

Reservations are required to 944-2345.

Hurley’s is at 6518 Washington St. in Yountville.

### **Winemaker dinner at Odette**

Winemaker Jeff Owens and managing partner John Conover will celebrate in a winemaker dinner at Odette at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 at the winery's new estate lounge in Stags Leap.

The dinner will be catered by the culinary team from Meadowood.

Dinner will highlight the full-bodied 2013 Odette Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and other selections from the Cade and PlumpJack portfolio.

See [www.odetteestate.com](http://www.odetteestate.com).

### **Pair Off Pour Off Fridays at Mustards**

Mustards celebrates a month of fiery love and chocolate during Friday's Pair Off Pour Off dinners.

On Feb. 26, the food is from France:

- Grilled asparagus with sauce gribiche, salad \$13.95
- Domaine Jean Paul Picard Sancerre 2013 \$8/\$16
- Washington steelhead trout with white-wine-braised leeks, grilled fingerling potatoes and fresh citrus salad \$33.95
- Hudson Rosé of Grenache, Napa Valley 2013 \$5/\$10
- Grilled veal T-bone with thyme and garlic potato purée and classic petit pois \$48.95
- Saint Helena Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2006 \$14/\$28
- Triple chocolate terrine with Chantilly cream and shaved chocolate \$10.75
- Grand Marnier Cordón Rouge, Paris, France \$16

### **Chef and Somm Dinner at Silverado Resort**

Silverado Resort and Spa will have its monthly "Chef and Somm" in The Grill on Friday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The interactive experience, led by chef Pablo Jacinto and sommelier Chris Costas, features three courses with wines:

- Dungeness crab cake-citrus salsa and pea shoot salad paired with Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc-Viognier
- Rabbit sugo and pappardelle pasta with pancetta, shiitake mushrooms and Parmesan cheese with Sebastiani Sonoma Pinot Noir

- Meyer lemon tart with whipped vanilla cream and toasted coconut paired with Domaine Chandon NV Brut Classic

The cost is \$60. Reserve at 257-5400.

Silverado Resort and Spa is at 1600 Atlas Peak Rd. in Napa.



### **Charlie Daniels Band at the Uptown**

The Charlie Daniels Band appears at the Uptown Theatre on Friday Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

In Daniels' 50-plus years of entertaining, he has It's sold out. Call 259-0123 for the wait list.

See [www.uptowntheatrenapa.com](http://www.uptowntheatrenapa.com).

### **Under Twelve Bucks a Bottle Tasting**

Back Room Wines breaks out seven top-notch "value wines" from around the world on Friday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. for the semi-annual Twelve Bucks a Bottle Tasting.

They'll serve reds, whites and pinks:

- Moulin de Gassac Rosé "Guilhem" Pays d'Hérault 2014 \$9.90
- Domaine La Hitair "Les Tours" Blanc Côtes de Gascogne 2013 \$9.90
- Grange Des Rouquette Viognier Pays d'Oc 2013 \$10.80
- Bielsa Garnacha "Viñas Viejas" Cariñena 2013 \$11.70
- Finca Cuarta Ribeira Sacra Mencia (Grape) 2014 \$11.70
- Benito Ferraro Aglianico Campania "Passo Del Lupo" 2012 \$11.70
- Maritavora Tawny Port \$11.70

Prices listed are the 10-percent-off prices for the event. The tasting is \$10.



### **Serf & James EP release at Silo's**

Serf & James have a release party at Silo's on Friday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. for their EP "Wav."

They opened Live105's BFD 2015, and won Music City SF's Battle of the Bands 2015.

The first 15 advance tickets will get a free mp3.

The show also features music by SF-based Unlikely Heroes – solo hip-hop artist meets IndieRock band, creating high-energy melodies and grooves.

Admission is \$15.

### **Soulful DJ at St. Clair Brown**

St. Clair Brown Winery presents "The Speakeasy" Winter Music Sessions with DJ Taj Turner on Friday, Feb. 26 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Enjoy a glass of wine, candlelight and the sophisticated melodic sounds of Soulful House DJ Taj Turner in the cellar.

Huge in Switzerland, Sweden, South Africa, Japan and the UK, this fusion of sultry tribal music and electronic rhythm has taken New York, Miami, and Atlanta by storm.

Click the peace sign at [stclairbrownwinery.com](http://stclairbrownwinery.com) to get the weekly password to the party.

The cover charge \$10.

St. Clair Brown Winery is at 816 Vallejo St., Napa.

### **Hands-on irrigation workshop**

The UC Master Gardeners of Napa County will hold a workshop, "Irrigation Hands On," on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the UC Cooperative Extension meeting room, 1710 Soscol Ave. in Napa.

Participants will learn how to modify their current irrigation system to make it more efficient and effective. There will be demonstrations and

hands-on time to learn about irrigation controllers, sprinklers, drip systems, rain water capture and grey water systems.

For the hands-on segment with drip irrigation, they suggest you bring garden gloves to protect your fingers, and a pair of scissors or garden shears.

The charge is \$5.

Register at [www.ucanr.edu/2016irrigation](http://www.ucanr.edu/2016irrigation).

For additional information, call 253-4221.

### **Home Vineyard Part 1**

The UC Master Gardeners of Napa County will hold a workshop, "Home Vineyard Part 1" on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the UC Oakville Experimental Station.

This workshop will discuss what to do in your vineyard, what to look for and what to plan for between February and August.

The classroom discussion will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a discussion in the vineyard from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Part 2 of this workshop will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 in Oakville.

Registration is \$5.

Register at [www.ucanr.edu/2016homevineyard1](http://www.ucanr.edu/2016homevineyard1).

For additional information, call the UCCE office at 253-4221.

The UC Oakville Experimental Station is at 1380 Oakville Grade in Oakville.

### **Odette release party**

Odette winemaker Jeff Owens will be on hand to answer questions, autograph bottles and give tours of the winemaking facility at Odette Vineyards on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Guests will enjoy passed bites provided by Meadowood and tastes of the 2013 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and other selections.

### **Whitehall Lane and Laura Chenel cheese**

Whitehall Lane Winery and Laura Chenel Cheeses have teamed up to create a wine and cheese tasting experience on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy a flight of Whitehall Lane wines paired with Laura Chenel cheeses for \$35.

To buy tickets, contact Dustin at [dustin@whitehalllane.com](mailto:dustin@whitehalllane.com) or 963-9454 x32.



### **Blues to Psychedelia in Markham Gallery**

Join artists Harold and Peggy Francis to view their new Blues to Psychedelia art installation in The Markham Gallery on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This installation highlights the enduring influence of American Southern blues on contemporary music and the colorful abstraction of psychedelic art.

Enjoy live music by guitarist Al James, and the opportunity to chat with the artists about their works.

It's free and open to the public.

Markham Vineyards is at 2812 St Helena Hwy. north of St. Helena.

Phone 963-5292.

### **LolliPOPS! concerts at Lincoln Theater**

Napa Valley Performing Arts Center presents LolliPOPS!, a free concert series on Saturday, Feb. 27 with shows from 9 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon.

These chamber music concerts feature professional musicians from the artist in residence (AIR) program in a fun, age-appropriate and engaging way that introduces young children to the world of symphonic music.

Following the concerts, musicians provide a hands-on musical instrument petting zoo where children can hold, touch, and play the instruments they heard.

Make reservations at [www.lincolntheater.com](http://www.lincolntheater.com).

Napa Valley Performing Arts Center is at 100 California Dr. in Yountville.

### **First Christian School crab feed**

First Christian School's 16th annual benefit crab feed will be on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Copia building at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 to \$70 at [www.fccnapa.org](http://www.fccnapa.org).

### **Snow Elementary School crab feed**

Jamieson Ranch has adopted Snow Elementary School and will host its crab feed on Feb. 27.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with all you can eat salad, bread, pasta and crab.

Tickets are \$55 at [www.bit.ly/1M1Tnl5](http://www.bit.ly/1M1Tnl5).

Email [ssherman@jamiesonranch.com](mailto:ssherman@jamiesonranch.com) or call 287-6665.

Jamieson Ranch is at One Kirkland Ranch Rd. in American Canyon.

### **Crab feed at Berryessa Senior Center**

Berryessa Senior Center is having a crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 27 starting with a no-host cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m.

It includes crab, salad, pasta, bread and wine.

For information or tickets, call 966-0206.

The senior center is at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. at Lake Berryessa.



### **Blue Collar Men tribute to Styx at Silo's**

Blue Collar Men brings its tribute to Styx to Silo's for two shows on Saturday, Feb 27 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Blue Collar Men is a three-time nominee for the *Sacramento News & Review* Sammie Awards and the KCRA A-List.

Starting in 2008, and originally formed as Renegade, Blue Collar Men, A Tribute to Styx has fast become one of the most sought-after rock tribute bands in Northern California.

Admission is \$15.



**Der Rosenkavalier at Jarvis**

Jarvis Conservatory presents Richard Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier* From The Salzburg Festival directed by Harry Kupfer, conducted by Franz Welser-Möst and starring Krassimira Stoyanova and Sophie Koch on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

In *Der Rosenkavalier*, Strauss and his librettist, Hugo von Hofmannsthal, summon a half-imaginary, half-real Vienna of 1740, capturing both the intricacies of aristocratic ceremony and the temporality of human existence.

Tickets are \$20 at [www.jarvisconservatory.com](http://www.jarvisconservatory.com) or the door.

Jarvis Conservatory is at 1711 Main St. in Napa .



**Marching for Rights: We Were There**

Prominent Civil Rights leaders Charles A. Black and Dr. Lonnie C. King Jr. will share their first-hand experiences working side-by-side with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to organize student participation in the Civil Rights Movement while they were students at Morehouse College in Atlanta in the 1960s.

This presentation on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. will provide a unique opportunity to hear accounts from two individuals who were part of the inner circle with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the early days of desegregation.

They also will share thoughts about the continuing impact of their actions on race relations in America today. A question and answer period will follow.

Ellen Patterson will provide piano music for this event.

The talk is free. See [www.lincolntheater.com](http://www.lincolntheater.com)



**Family of artists in one show**

Two generations of artistic creativity are on view at Robert Mondavi Winery in an exhibit.

“Generate: One Family’s Painting, Photography and Music” features the paintings of John Bonick, the photography of Dona Kopol Bonick, and the work of their sons, Dylan and Max Bonick.

Dylan is a street artist and photographer.

Max is a multi-instrumental jazz musician who will perform original compositions during the opening reception.

This is the first one-family show in the winery’s years of exhibits of northern California and international artists.

The runs through April 24, with an artists’ reception on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the winery’s Margrit Mondavi Vineyard Room.

Call 226-1395.

Robert Mondavi Winery is at 7801 St. Helena Hwy. in Oakville.



### **Steve Sage & Friends at Silo's**

Steve Sage & Friends appear at Silo's on Sunday, Feb 28, at 2 p.m.

Sage is best known for creating and sustaining the "Rock, Rhythm & Blues" program at Diablo Valley College, a program that has helped groom many professional players over the past 20 years.

Admission is \$15.

### **Future events**

#### **Leap year party at Compadres**

Compadres will hold a Leap Year Rock n' Roll Party on Monday, Feb. 29 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Davies-Dukes will be in the house playing in the large party room, and they will feature their regular Monday Margarita Madness specials of \$5 back bar, top shelf and Casa Margaritas all day, and a complimentary Nacho Bar.

This is a party that can happen only every four years.

Compadres Rio Grille 505 Lincoln Ave. Napa 253-1111

#### **Lucky Penny's announcement party**

Lucky Penny will announce its upcoming season at a party on Saturday, Mar. 5.

Enjoy food, beverages, an auction items and more.

They'll preview performances from *The Andrews Brothers* and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and offer teasers from the upcoming season. Previews from the upcoming shows will feature some favorite performers, including Dani

Beem, Heather Buck, James Sasser, Jane Scatena, Shannon Rider and many more.

The party begins at 6 p.m. with the unveiling of the 2016-17 season at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 at [www.luckypennynapa.com](http://www.luckypennynapa.com).

### **Ryan Gregory fundraiser**

Ryan Gregory, candidate for Second District Napa County Supervisor will have a fundraising dinner featuring Congressman Mike Thompson on Monday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at Silverado Resort and Spa.

The cost of \$250 includes fine local wines and a gourmet dinner.

RSVP to [voteryangregory@gmail.com](mailto:voteryangregory@gmail.com) or call 337-4962.

### **Yountville Red & White Affair**

The Red & White Affair for Yountville Elementary School will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Barrel Room at V Marketplace.

The evening will begin with a silent auction and cocktail reception followed by a seated Cuban meal prepared by executive chef Kevin Miller and paired with Napa Valley wines from Groth Winery and Keever Vineyards.

After dinner will be a live auction and dancing to Carlos Herrera and his five-piece band.

Tickets are \$150 at [www.theredandwhiteaffair.com](http://www.theredandwhiteaffair.com).

### **California Artisan Cheese Festival**

California's Artisan Cheese Festival is celebrating its 10th year March 18-20, in and around the Sheraton in Petaluma.

The festival brings together chefs, artisan cheesemakers, farmers, educators, authors, brewers, winemakers and enthusiastic guests for three days of cheese tasting and celebration.

In honor of this exciting milestone, celebrity chef Joey Altman is emceeding two spirited evening events Under the Big Top: Friday's lively "Cheesemongers' Duel – The Best Bite," and Saturday's "California Cheesin' – We Do It Our Whey" 10 Year Celebration.

There is also an array of educational seminars and pairing demonstrations on Saturday morning and afternoon led by some of the world's most respected cheese experts like Napa's own Janet Fletcher.

Seminar topics range from pairing cheese with sake to the similarities of making cheese and chocolate, and will take place at the Sheraton Sonoma County and the new Cowgirl Creamery Warehouse in Petaluma.

The festival also features farm and dairy tours and lunches.

Get information and tickets at [www.artisancheesefestival.com](http://www.artisancheesefestival.com).

### **Wine Country Hospitality Symposium**

Napa Valley College presents the 11th annual Wine Country Hospitality Symposium, an educational forum and networking event for hospitality professionals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 22 at Napa Valley College's St. Helena campus.

The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch with wine pairing and a networking/wine tasting reception. The food will be prepared by students at Napa Valley Cooking School and paired with Napa Valley College Estate wines.

Registration is \$149, \$119 for students and educators.

Register at [www.winecountryhospitality.com](http://www.winecountryhospitality.com).

The Napa Valley College Upvalley Campus is at 1088 College Ave. in St. Helena.

### **Appellation St. Helena bASH**

Appellation St. Helena (ASH) will host the annual bASH food and wine pairing competition on Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the historic barrel room at the Culinary Institute of America. Wines from 35 ASH wineries will be paired with savory bites prepared by "Rising Star" students at the CIA, as well as by St. Helena restaurants and chefs.

Each ticket enters to win 35 bottles of wine, 1 bottle from each participating ASH winery.

Attendees will also judge food and wine pairings. Proceeds benefit Appellation St. Helena and the scholarship fund of the Culinary Institute of America.

Tickets are \$125 at [www.appellationstheleena.com](http://www.appellationstheleena.com).

### **Youth Symphony's Red Gala**

This year the Napa Valley Youth Symphony's Red Gala brings Angel Romero, an icon in the world of classical music, to Lincoln Theater on April 16 starting at 5 p.m.

A soloist, composer and conductor, Romero is one of the most celebrated musicians on the concert stage, appearing in the world's major cultural centers, including London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Zurich and New York, among others.

Romero made his debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the age of 16, performing Joaquín Rodrigo's famed "Concierto de Aranjuez."

He will be performing this very personal concerto as well as Vivaldi's Concerto for Guitar in D Major accompanied by the Napa Valley Youth Symphony.

A VIP dinner and concert ticket is \$130. The concert only is \$25 to \$75.

For more information tickets, see [www.nvyso.org](http://www.nvyso.org) or call 227-9997.

The Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater is in Yountville.

### **River School Riviera Rendezvous**

River Riviera Rendezvous Monte Carlo Night is the 20th annual auction fundraiser for River School.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, April 30 at the Runway by Patrick by the Napa County Airport.

Get more information at [www.riverschool.org](http://www.riverschool.org).