2018 Down To Earth Events, Tours and Offers in California Wine Country

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NORTH COAST & SAN FRANCISCO

**Signature Sonoma Valley**
April 6-8, 2018
Individual events or three-day package
Cost: Varies
Sonoma Valley
707/935-0803 x1, abigail@sonomavalleywine.com
Enjoy vineyard explorations, iconic wine tastings, designer meals and vintner talks in Sonoma County, a region committed to 100% sustainability by the year 2019.

**Taste of Mendocino**
April 7, 2018
1-5 pm
Cost: $60
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, Gallery 308
707/901-7629, info@mendowine.com
Wine tasting with 30+ wineries and artisanal food bites. Mendocino County has a high enrollment of green certifications for sustainable, organic, biodynamic and Fish Friendly farming.

**Conversations at Copia: Sustainable Seafood & Bay Area Watersheds**
April 7-8, 2018
12 Noon
Cost: $15-$35
Culinary Institute of America at Copia, Napa
707/967-2500, [Event website](http://www.discovercaliforniawines.com/d2e)
Through live panels, film, art, dialogue, and food and beverage tastings, guests will learn more about sustainability and what chefs, fishmongers and winemakers are doing to protect rivers and oceans for the future.
**Flavors of Spring at Korbel Champagne Cellars**  
April 21, 2018  
Time: 10:30 am-1 pm and 2-4:30 pm  
Cost: $25  
Korbel Champagne Cellars, Guerneville, Sonoma County  
707/824-7316, webstore.info@korbel.com  
Flavors of Spring at Korbel Champagne Cellars Celebrate Earth Day and enjoy the opening day of the historic garden tours at Korbel's picturesque grounds.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of the Agricultural Preserve**  
April 21, 2018  
Time: 10:30 am  
Cost: $100  
Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard, Rutherford, Napa Valley  
concierge@aowinery.com  
Celebrate Napa's historic agriculture Preserve with Alpha Omega winemaker Jean Hoeflinger who will lead a tour and tasting benefiting those affected by wildfires.

**Earth Day Napa**  
April 22, 2017  
Time: 11 am-4 pm  
Cost: Free  
Oxbow Commons, Napa  
taylorradek@gmail.com  
Featuring exhibits, food, live entertainment, kids' activities – and of course, wine.

**Passport to Dry Creek Valley**  
April 27-29, 2018  
Time: Varies  
Cost: $25-$175  
Venues throughout Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
707/433-3031, info@wdcv.com  
Tastings, food and wine pairings, and a vineyard tours highlighting how sustainability operates in the vineyards.

**Earth Day Hike and Wine Tasting**  
April 22, 2018  
Time: 1-3 pm  
Cost: 30  
Benziger Family Winery, Glen Ellen, Sonoma County  
707/935-3052; alandolt@benziger.com  
Celebrate Mother Earth with an hour-long hike around our Sonoma Mountain property followed by a tasting of biodynamic wines. Open to Club Members and general public.

**Stags Leap District Wineries: Vineyard to Vintner**  
April 27-29, 2018  
10 am-4 pm  
Cost: $195
Stag’s Leap Wineries along Silverado Trail, Napa Valley
707/255-1720, nancy@stagsleapdistrict.com
Visit winery open houses with special access to owners and winemakers. Enjoy caves, cellars, barrel tastings, dinners by celebrated chefs. Committed to its community, the association is donating 5% of open house tickets to the Napa Valley Community Foundation.

SAN FRANCISCO EAST BAY & SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

**Wines & Vines Class at Captain Vineyards**
April 8, 2018
Time: 1-3 pm
Cost: $44
Captain Vineyards, Moraga, Contra Costa County
925/330-2440
Captain Vineyards, the first green winery in Contra Costa County, will show you how wine is processed using green and sustainable practices.

**Santa Cruz Mountains April Passport Celebration Day**
April 21, 2018
Time: 12 noon-5 pm
Cost: $65
Participating 50+ wineries throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains
831/685-8463, contact@scmwa.com
Each winery has a unique experience with many organic and sustainable wines.

CENTRAL COAST: PASO ROBLES & SANTA BARBARA

**First Fridays at Still Waters Vineyards**
April 6, 2018
Time: 11 am-5 pm
Cost: N/A
Still Waters Vineyards, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County
888/367-9977, Reservations@halterranch.com
Celebrate Earth Day early and learn about Sip Certification and how Still Waters employs those practices to make their vineyard more sustainable.

**Halter Ranch Vineyard Hike**
April 7, 2018
Time: 9 am
Cost: Free
Halter Ranch Vineyard, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County
888/367-9977, Reservations@halterranch.com
Join the vineyard manager for a five-mile tour of the winery’s sustainable vineyard.

**36th Annual Santa Barbara Vintners Festival**
April 21, 2018
Time: 1–4 pm  
Cost: $55-$70  
River Park, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County  
Taste wines from over 100 wineries and gourmet food from 30 regional restaurants. Enjoy live music and live cooking demonstrations. Many growers use sustainable practices, allowing the natural quality of the grapes to flourish.

**Open House Library & Barrel Tasting**  
April 22, 2018  
Time: 11 am  
Cost: $20  
Fiddlehead Cellars, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County  
805/735-7728, info@fiddleheadcellars.com  
Taste library wines, current releases and future releases, all grown at the sustainably certified Fiddlestix Vineyard.

**Vineyard Walk & Scavenger Hunt**  
April 22, 2018  
Time: 10:30 am-1 pm  
Cost: $40-$45  
Buttonwood Farm Winery & Vineyard, Solvang, Santa Barbara County  
805/688-3032, info@buttonwoodwinery.com  
Search this sustainably farmed vineyard for scavenger items, ending with prizes, brunch and wine.

**SIERRA FOOTHILLS**

**Earth Day Vineyard Tour**  
April 22, 2018  
Time: 11:30 am  
Cost: $5  
Iron Hub Winery, Amador County  
209/245-6307, info@ironhubwines.com  
A fun vineyard tour to celebrate Earth Day.

**27th Annual El Dorado Wine Region Passport Wine Adventure**  
April 21-22 and 28-29, 2018  
Time: Varies  
Cost: $65-$95  
Venues throughout El Dorado County  
916/862-0956, passport@eldoradowines.org  
Access to 20+ participating wineries, some committed to sustainable growing and winemaking practices.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Ponte Winery Vineyard Estate Tour**  
April 1-30, 2017  
Time: Varies
Cost: $32-$85
Ponte Winery, Temecula, Riverside County
951/694-8855, info@pontewinery.com
Tour a sustainable, working winery by electric bus.

**South Coast Winery Behind the Scenes Tour**
April 1-30, 2017
Time: 1 pm and 3 pm
South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Temecula, Riverside County
Cost: $45
951/587-9463
Our Behind the Scenes tour takes guests on a 60-minute walking tour from our Certified California Sustainable vineyards to crush pad. Enjoy a 30-minute food and wine pairing.

**Co-Existing with Wildlife in the Vineyard**
April 7, 2018
Time: 2 pm
Ramona Ranch Vineyard & Winery, Ramona, San Diego County
Cost: Free
760/789-1622
Join us for a discussion on the different wild animals in our area and how they’re good for biodiversity, which results in healthier ecosystems.

**Blessing of the Vines**
April 8, 2018
Time: 5-8 pm
South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Temecula, Riverside County
Cost: Contact the winery, 951/587-9463
This fun event includes great wines, a buffet of farm-to-table locally-sourced food, unlimited games with vine-based prizes and tours through the sustainable vineyards.

**Celebrate Earth Day with Raptors, Cheese & Wine**
April 21, 2018
Time: 1 pm
Ramona Ranch Vineyard & Winery, Ramona, San Diego County
Cost: Free
760/789-1622
Meet falcons and raptors up close and learn how they are used in the vineyard.

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