



NapaLife

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

An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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A reprieve for the *Register* – for now

Napa Valley Register owner Lee Enterprises' board rejects Alden's offer

The board of directors of Lee Enterprises, parent company of the *Napa Valley Register*, *St. Helena Star* and *Weekly Calistogan*, has unanimously voted to reject an unsolicited takeover proposal from Alden Global Capital, a hedge fund known for firing journalists and selling resources and assets at local papers to maximize profits.

Alden offered \$24 per share. An investment adviser to one of Lee's larger shareholders wrote to Lee's board saying it believed Alden's takeover proposal "is insufficient, opportunistic, and grossly undervalues Lee's business," and that it believes Lee's shares "are worth north of \$100 today," reports an article in *Editor & Publisher*.

That's pretty optimistic, though Lee has already cut journalists and sold the real estate here in Napa Valley, leaving little locally for Alden to exploit.

I don't believe we've heard the last of this bid, however. Lee's annual meeting is in February, and things are likely to heat up by then.

One of the best places to follow this story is at *Editor & Publisher's* daily news page, which is free. It's at www.editorandpublisher.com.

A new food column in the Register

I've started writing a weekly column called "A Taste of the Valley" in the weekly food section of the *Napa Valley Register* each Tuesday. It will often include items that have run in *NapaLife*, but will never scoop it!

Here's last week's column: napavalleyregister.com.

It may occasionally include events, but even those will be at least a day later than here. Expect some things that don't fit into *NapaLife*, like recipes.

KVON going 100% Spanish and Barry Martin switching to KVYN FM

Wine Down Media, the parent company of Napa Valley's radio stations, KVON and KVYN, will expand Spanish programming to full time on KVON AM the new year to reach the growing Hispanic population in Napa County and surrounding areas.

It will also switch KVON's "Wine Country Live" morning show with Barry Martin to KVYN FM as a variety show covering community stories, trending topics and features, with KVYN and KVON alum Jamie Miller joining Barry.

KVON broadcasts on 1440 AM. The new format will feature Wine Down Media's bilingual voices, Gabriela Fernandez and Nicolas de Luna. Listeners can also access the new format online by streaming on www.kvon.com.

Listeners anywhere can find KVYN at 99.3 FM or stream it at www.kvyn.com.

Local sports legend Ira C. Smith will also be coming on to KVYN with weekday sports reports and community-favorite play-by-play coverage of local sports on Friday nights.

Food, wine drinking and restaurants



Copia selling produce from its garden

The CIA's Copia garden is overflowing with produce, and they've decided to share some with neighbors.

They will be selling a selection of fresh, seasonal produce at the Marketplace daily. It is harvested every Thursday and available while supplies last.

To find out what's available each week, follow the CIA at Copia on Instagram or just pop in — and get a sandwich at Lunch Box while you're there.

The CIA at Copia, 500 First St., Napa, www.ciaatcopia.com

Caviar and wine experience

Caviar must be the new cheese and crackers:

Cuvaision is the latest winery to announce a caviar pairing, the Cuvaision & Caviar Experience for two. Five Cuvaision estate-grown wines are served with Regiis Ova caviar and traditional accompaniments. It's \$150 per couple by appointment only.

Cuvaision, 1221 Duhig Road, Napa, membership@cuvaision.com, 707-942-6266

Silverado Vineyards now offers three food pairings to compliment your wine tasting including caviar for two served with potato chips and crème fraîche for \$85.

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa, silveradovineyards.com, 707-257-1770

As far as I remember, however, Domaine Carneros pioneered this decadent pairing, which it serves on the patio with its excellent bubbly if the weather is good.

Domaine Carneros, 1240 Duhig Rd., Napa, www.domainecarneros.com, 707-257-0101

Charles Krug named the #1 Winery in the World for Arts and Culture

The campaign to make Charles Krug the center for important events in Napa Valley seems to be paying off. It has been named the #1 Winery in the World for Arts and Culture by the Great Wine Capitals Global Network. It won the Best in the United States award and qualified for a global vote against eight wineries in leading wine regions.

Rancho Gordo celebrates Virgen de Guadalupe Monday

The Rancho Gordo retail outlet, which closed for a bit, has reopened. It will be serving churros and chocolate on Monday from noon to 3 p.m. Check out the gift boxes and Steve Sando's latest book, *The Rancho Gordo Vegetarian Kitchen, Volume 2*.

Rancho Gordo, 1924 Yajome St., Napa, www.ranchogordo.com

Yurts at Charter Oak soon available every night

Beginning Monday, Dec. 27, the cozy yurts at the Charter Oak in St. Helena will be available every day of the week. The yurt experience includes a glass of sparkling wine, the Legacy Menu and a cognac cocktail finale for \$135 per guest. Part of the proceeds are dedicated to The Cameron Thompson Legacy Scholarship honoring the memory of a member of The Restaurant at Meadowood family.

The Charter Oak, 1050 Charter Oak Ave., St. Helena, www.thecharteroak.com, 707-302-6996

Making spirits bright at Auberge du Soleil

Auberge du Soleil is “Making Spirits Bright” this season with festive decor, cocktails and culinary delights. Throughout December, The Bistro and Bar will have a special cocktail menu featuring *vin chaud* (mulled wine), peppermint martinis, merry margaritas, apple cider mimosas and espresso martinis.

Auberge du Soleil, 180 Rutherford Hill Road, Rutherford, aubergeresorts.com

Winter breaks

It's very common for Napa Valley restaurants to take a winter break. Here are some:

- Angèle will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9, reopening Jan. 10.
- Monday Bakery will be closed for vacation from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1.
- Market Restaurant will be closed during January.

New in St. Helena

Here's some news from St. Helena thanks to Alexandra Dale at the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce:

- Gallo's Orin Swift Winery is moving into the old St. Helena Bottle Shop next door to the Orin Swift tasting room. The two stores will open as one and have a door in the walls to enter both rooms for tastings. There's no opening date yet.
- Classic clothing store Tweed and Vine is now open in the old Vasconi's building and are hoping to make the storefront a permanent location. They are open Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.
- Noey's Barbershop is coming to 1080 Main Street. More details to come. This is great news to people in St. Helena as King X Barber is permanently closed.

Performing arts



***A Napa Valley Christmas Carol* continues at Lucky Penny**

Lucky Penny productions continues the world premiere of a new musical, *A Napa Valley Christmas Carol*. It runs through Dec. 19 at the Lucky Penny Community Arts Center.

The new family-friendly show features a book by Lucky Penny co-founder Barry Martin, and music and lyrics by Rob Broadhurst.

A Napa Valley Christmas Carol tells the tale of Alexander Yuge, a man who is successful in the wine industry but whose heartless attitude earns him few friends. Even his loyal nephew Joe Patchett wonders what has gone wrong until mysterious yet familiar Christmas Eve visitors help Yuge remember what really matters.

Starring as Yuge is North Bay favorite Tim Setzer, who played Kris Kringle in *The Miracle on 34th Street* at Lucky Penny in 2019. Setzer has also been featured in Lucky Penny's productions of *Chicago*, *Cabaret*, *Into the Woods*, *Clue* and *Bingo the Musical*.

Buy tickets at www.luckypennynapa.com, 707-266-6305 or info@luckypennynapa.com.

Lucky Penny Community Arts Center, 1758 Industrial Way, Suite 208, Napa

***The Nutcracker* from Napa Regional Dance**

Napa Regional Dance Company presents its 20th anniversary performance of *The Nutcracker* Dec. 17 to 19 at Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center. See www.naparegionaldance.com.

NRDC will present four performances:

- Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.



Buy tickets at www.eventbrite.com. Search for Napa Regional Dance for the specific performance you want. Tickets are \$35 to \$50.

Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center, 2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway, Napa

Festival Napa Valley Patron Pass Holiday Sale

Save 15% on any multi-day pass to Festival Napa Valley's summer 2022 season, July 15 to 24. Enjoy preferred concert seating and access to the Patron Lounge as well as vintner's luncheons and patron dinners.

All passes include a tax-deductible donation supporting the festival's arts education and community access programs. This offer is valid until Jan. 15. See www.festivalnapavalley.org.

Contact Sarah Wells, audience growth and engagement manager, at sarah@festivalnapavalley.org or 707-927-3115.



Apply for Blackburn Music Academy and Manetti Shrem Opera Program

Festival Napa Valley is accepting applications from college and conservatory musicians for the Blackburn Music Academy and Manetti Shrem Opera Program taking place July 6 to 24, 2022.

Blackburn Music Academy is a summer conservatory for emerging professional instrumentalists. Led by musicians from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music and other music schools and orchestras, the academy lets participants study and perform with accomplished artists.

Academy musicians participate in chamber and orchestral concerts, workshops and professional development activities during the two-week program.

The Manetti Shrem Opera Program includes a fully staged opera, a residential conservatory for college-aged students and recent graduates, a vocal arts concert series and the Manetti Shrem Prize. Participants learn from leaders in their field and engage in advanced performance opportunities during the festival.

Participants in both programs receive scholarships and housing, as well as assistance toward food and local transportation expenses.

The application deadline for both is Jan. 31. See festivalnapavalley.org.

Napa Neighbor deals on the Wine Train



Few experiences in Napa Valley are more fun than taking the Wine Train (a hot-air balloon trip comes close) but it can be pretty expensive. That's why it's a treat to learn that the Wine Train is offering a special Cabernet Season promotion for Napa Neighbors, locals who can prove that they live here.

These deals aren't just for the regular train rides, either, but for two of the most desirable experiences and they come at a big discount.

The first is the Gourmet Express Lunch, which includes a welcome glass of sparkling wine, a multi-course gourmet meal and the three-hour train journey.

The Local Cab Season Promo is \$100 with code: LFF22G. It's normally \$240 or more.

The Legacy Tour is a full-day winery tour, departing at 10:15 a.m. and returning at 4:15 p.m. It includes a glass of sparkling wine, a four-course meal, a one-hour vineyard tasting and photo opportunity at the Napa Valley sign, and one-hour tours and tastings at Charles Krug and V. Sattui.

The Napa Neighbor discounted trip is \$150 rather than the \$400 normally charged. The discount code is LFF22L.

Call reservations at 707-253-2111 and mention the Napa Neighbor offer code for your selected experience. Tell them how you heard about the offer. (I don't get anything, but it can't hurt.)

For both offers, there is small print, which I'll print full size: It's good now through March 2022 on Monday through Thursday only and you have to call to make the reservation, not do it online. Blackout dates are Dec. 24. through Dec. 31, Jan. 17, Feb. 10 to 14 and Feb. 21. The train is closed Jan. 1 to 6.

It is not valid on holidays for special events, or on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Additional restrictions may apply.

Remember: you have to call to snag this deal. You can't book it online.

Benefits and good works

Toys for Tots in American Canyon

The American Canyon Fire Protection District with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve is sponsoring the Toys for Tots drive in American Canyon through Dec. 30. Donate new, unwrapped toys for children up to age 16 at the City Hall, American Canyon Public Safety Building, East American Canyon Fire Station, all the schools, Walgreens and Walmart.

Anyone wishing to receive toys or to donate food or clothing can contact the American Canyon Family Resource Center at 707-980-7024.

Follow updates at Facebook/AmCanFire and Instagram/american_canyon_fire.

Icons of Design Tribute raises \$220,000 for MITV



Molly Chappellet and Robilee Frederick Deane with moderator Eleanor Coppola

A tribute dinner for two Napa Valley icons of design, Molly Chappellet and Robilee Frederick Deane, raised more than \$220,000 for Music in the Vineyards (MITV).

Nearly 150 attendees gathered at Inglenook Estate for Music in the Vineyards' first holiday gala on Saturday, Dec. 4. Eleanor Coppola moderated.

The celebration included a candlelit dinner in the estate's barrel room with festive décor designed by Erin Martin, a fundraiser auction and a tribute video produced by American Zoetrope.

A virtuoso music performance by violinists Maureen Nelson and Daria Adams was followed by

dancing to live music by Garuda Blue.

Sponsors included Anne and Matthew Golden, First Republic Bank, Steph Martin and Dennis O'Neil, Checkerboard Vineyards, Kathryn and Craig Hall, Hall Wines, Erin Martin, Steve Juelsgaard and Lori Cook, and Deborah and William Harlan.

Proceeds from the gala will support the musicians who make the summer chamber music festival possible and whose livelihoods were at stake during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to the annual festival, the organization offers community outreach programs including its String Quartet Fellowship Program and community concerts, weekly open rehearsals and scholarships for local music students.

For more information, see www.musicinthevineyards.org.

Annual holiday donation tree at Cuvaison

Buy ornaments at Cuvaison's tasting room for \$5, and at the end of December, Cuvaison will match the total amount raised to benefit the local Bleating Hearts Farm and Sanctuary, which provides a haven for farm and domestic animals in need of a permanent home.

Tastings are by appointment only. Email membership@cuvaison.com.

Cuvaison 1221, Duhig Road Napa, 707-942-6266

Napa Valley Youth Symphony holiday wine auction

Napa Valley Youth Symphony's third annual holiday wine auction runs through Dec. 19.

The symphony provides music education to 70-plus diverse young musicians in and around the Napa Valley. They are coached weekly by professional musicians and learn to work as a team while striving for excellence and honing leadership skills.

The orchestras play at Jarvis Conservatory, Napa Valley College and the Lincoln Theater and have performed at Carnegie Hall and Musikverien.

View the lots and bid at www.biddingforgood.com. If you choose the buy-now option, they will deliver locally within 24 hours.

Learn more about at www.nvyso.org.

Email ssurh@nvyso.org with questions.

Rutherford Dust Society's hopes to restore Rutherford Depot



The Rutherford Depot in its heyday

The 150-year-old Rutherford Depot, which is owned by the Wine Train, is one of Napa Valley's most visible landmarks but is also one of the most endangered. It has been vacant for more than a decade and it is rapidly deteriorating.

(The other most endangered historic buildings in Napa County are the old Aetna Spring resort in Pope Valley.)

The Rutherford Dust Society is trying to restore the depot, maintaining historical integrity while providing the Wine Train economic return and compatible use. It could also include a Rutherford AVA wine education, historic and cultural preservation space.

The society has been working with the Wine Train to support the restoration of the depot but little progress has been made, partly due to Covid, which heavily impacted the train. The train is considering more ambitious development, which the Rutherford Dust Society considers incompatible with its location and history.

The Rutherford Depot is historically significant; it continuously lands on Napa Valley Landmarks list of the county's most endangered historic buildings, and, if restored, may qualify for addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Gaining this designation will qualify the restoration for Historic Preservation tax credits totaling 20% of the cost of restoration.

Restoration will be expensive, especially the type of accurate restoration needed for the national landmark designation. Because it is a rail depot and part of an operating railroad, federal government loan funds are available to restore and reactivate the depot as a multi-modal transit hub.

The Napa Valley Vine Trail is planned to follow the Wine Train right-of-way through Rutherford. Adding attractions for pedestrians and bicyclists at the depot would meet the multi-modal qualification and help the Wine Train secure financing through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The society sees a huge opportunity to restore the endangered landmark. It will not be a trivial project, but we must act now or lose this historical jewel forever. The Rutherford Dust Society welcomes all business and community members to help save the Rutherford Depot.

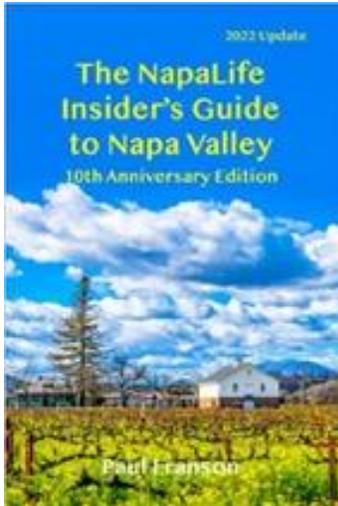
Tim Carl wrote a long piece on the depot in the *Napa Valley Register*: napavalleyregister.com. Get more information at www.rutherforddust.org.



Today's dilapidated Rutherford Depot

The NapaLife Insider's Guide to Napa Valley: 10th Anniversary 2022 Edition

by Paul Franson



The 10th anniversary 2022 edition of the *NapaLife Insider's Guide to Napa Valley* is now available.

In the past, I updated it every six months, but last went through that laborious process in January 2020 due to the changes caused by Covid. Since then – and the Glass fire in 2020 – there have been vast changes in Napa Valley, with many restaurants and wineries, lodgings and venues for the arts changing, closing or opening.

This edition is heavily updated. It includes the new Four Seasons resort in Calistoga, Wilfred's Lounge, a Tiki bar in downtown Napa, and Thomas Keller's Regiis Ova Caviar & Champagne Lounge in Yountville, all newly opened.

This is not the usual impartial guidebook, but a book of opinions about America's most famous wine region by a longtime writer and observer. I first visited Napa Valley in the late '60s and visited a lot to make homemade wine in the '70s, then moved here in 1996 and have lived in the valley for more than 25 years. During that time, I have written extensively about it (and wine and the wine business) for publications and online for local newspapers to international media.

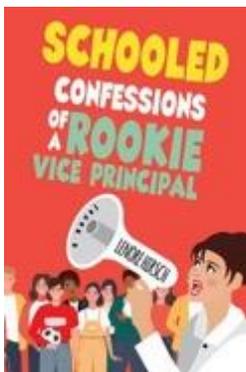
I publish *NapaLife*, the Insider's Guide to Napa Valley – for those who live there, or wish they did. As you know, this is a paid newsletter that exhaustively covers the news and events of the valley weekly.

- Newcomers and visitors: The *NapaLife Insider's Guide to Napa Valley* will let newcomers and visitors discover why Napa Valley is a favored destination for international and national visitors as well as those lucky enough to live here. It's ideal for visitors even if they've been to Napa Valley many times.
- For those who live in Napa Valley, it's a great reference and you're sure to learn things about the valley you didn't know. It's also the perfect gift to give friends and relatives to entice them to visit but also to save you from answering questions and giving tours.
- For inns, it's a great addition to the library or coffee table, or even each room. A fabled local luxury inn bought copies for each room, and one large resort even ordered a special edition with its image on the cover.
- Wineries may well want to sell it in their tasting rooms, and the staff is sure to find information to impress visitors.

You can buy copies at Bookmine or soon other places in the valley like Oakville Grocery or on [Amazon](#) for \$19.95. A [Kindle version](#) is \$4.95.

If you want to buy bulk copies, email paul@paulfranson.com

New book of local interest



Schooled: Confessions of a Rookie Vice Principal

Lenore Hirsch, retired principal of Browns Valley Elementary school, has spent the last two years writing a novel that includes some of the more bizarre events in her long career as an educator.

Schooled: Confessions of a Rookie Vice Principal is narrated by Cynthia Walker, a 30-something new middle school administrator. She deals with bomb threats, fire and pythons on the loose as well as bullied kids, abusive parents, dysfunctional homes, a few clueless teachers and an obnoxious boss. She'd like to date the handsome history teacher, if only she weren't his supervisor.

Dr. Barbara Nemko, Napa County superintendent of schools, loved the book. She thinks readers will "relate to the behind-the-scenes trials and tribulations of working in education."

Lenore and Barbara are scheduled for a Bookmine streaming event on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss the book and those challenges. The book costs \$17 and is available at Bookmine, Jessel Gallery and Amazon (print and e-book). www.lenorehirsch.com

Ongoing events

There is so much happening during the holiday season that I'm going to summarize it in one section. One-time events will still be listed under the day they occur.

Feast It Forward Studio and Yard

The Studio by Feast it Forward hosts a number of events each week. They change fairly often, so it's best to check their Facebook page or website before jumping in your car:

- Food Truck Friday is every week from 5 to 7 p.m. The food trucks vary. You can buy wine from 16 wineries and enjoy live music from resident musician Christopher Todd.
- Autumn Wineland is Friday and Saturday at The Yard. Outside food from Oxbow Public Market is welcome. It's 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday.
- On Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., it's open mic time with a designated host.

Feast it Forward, 1031 McKinstry St., Napa, feastitforward.com

Holidays in St. Helena

Until Jan. 3, St. Helena has these holiday activities:

- A 30-ft tall Holiday Wine Barrel Tree is shining on Hunt Avenue.
- The Holiday Wine Barrel Tour includes more than 180 decorated wine barrels throughout St. Helena. View the map to find them at www.sthelena.com.
- View St. Helena's 26-foot tall Sparkling Snowflake until Jan. 2 at 905 Main St.
- Hall Winery's Bunny Foo Foo Reindeer has made its annual appearance.
- The Holiday Gift Guide is featured at holidays.sthelena.com.
- Try holiday recipes from local chefs to cook at home. holidays.sthelena.com
- The holiday event calendar is at www.sthelena.com.
- The Little Book of Big Experiences Wine Passport is good at 12 wineries until April. The cost is \$85 at www.sthelena.com.

For more information, see www.sthelena.com.

Merry Meritage festivities

Holiday fun continues at the Meritage Resort and Vista Collina.

The ice-skating rink at Vista Collina is open until Jan. 2. Hours are Monday to Friday from 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for 90 minutes including skate rental.

Buy beer and wine from tasting rooms to enjoy and rent a fire pit area to stay warm.

- Robin McKee-Cant's Bring It Karaoke & Entertainment hosts a free Carol-Oke show at the Vista Collina's ice rink every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Vista Collina Resort hosts Trivia Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. through Dec. 28 on the lawn. The cost is \$15 per person. RSVP at www.cellarpass.com.
- Santa Claus visits on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Dec. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. Reading time is at 4:30 p.m.
- Food truck, and cocktail and wine purchases are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during December from noon to 8 p.m.
- Vista Collina Resort hosts a Merry Meritage Artisan Market on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Children's teas with sandwiches, cookies, storytelling and princess appearances are on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 for adults, \$20 for kids ages 4 to 13. www.meritagecollection.com
- Vista Collina Resort hosts Sunday brunches by The Rink from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.exploretock.com.

Meritage Resort and Vista Collina, 850 Bordeaux Way, Napa, meritagecollection.com

This week in Napa Valley

Friends of the Napa Library book sale

Friends of the Napa Library will hold an in-person book sale through Saturday, Dec. 18. in the Napa County Library's Community Meeting Room.

- It's open Monday, Dec. 13 to Thursday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17, is half-price day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a senior shopping hour from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 18, is bag day. You fill a bag for \$5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Napa County Library, 580 Coombs St., Napa

JCB online

Jean-Charles Boisset hosts JCB Live Happy Hours online every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. I only highlight those episodes focusing on Napa Valley.

On Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Santa Claus is coming to town with Oakville Grocery & Oakville Wine Merchant.

On Friday, Dec. 17, JCB discusses stewardship in action with Napa Green executive director Anna Brittain. Explore an innovative concept for certifying responsible, conscientious business practices for Napa Valley vineyards and wineries. The program will feature Foreverness Blanc de Blancs and 1881 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon.

Learn details at jbcollection.com.



Films this week at Cameo Cinema

Here are movies showing at the Cameo Cinema in St. Helena this week:

Monday, Dec. 13: closed

Tuesday, Dec. 14: No film class

House of Gucci, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

House of Gucci, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

House of Gucci, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17:

West Side Story, 1 and 7:45 p.m. Francis Ford Coppola will introduce 7:45 p.m. show

Friday, December 17, 2021

Showtime : 7:45 pm

Saturday, Dec. 18:

West Side Story, 1, 4:30 and 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19:

West Side Story, 1, 4:30 and 7:45 p.m.

Movies and showtimes can change. See www.cameocinema.com for latest information.

Cameo Cinema, 1340 Main St., St. Helena



Live music at JaM Cellars this week

Here are the musicians playing at JaM Cellars tasting room and studio Napa this week:

- Thursday, Dec. 16: John Vincino, 8 to 10 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17: Kristen Van Dyke, 9 to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 18: Nicole Marden, 9 to 11 p.m.

The music at JaM Cellars requires reservations and costs \$10.

JaM Cellars, 1460 First St., Napa, 707-265-7577, www.jamcellars.com

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Jewelry trunk show at Silverado

Come to Silverado Spa on Dec. 15 and enjoy a jewelry trunk show featuring products by Kathy Kamei. Admission is free.

Silverado Spa, 1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, www.silveradoresort.com, 866-384-4596, fb@silveradoresort.com

Napa High School Vocal Music Workshop sings at Oxbow Public Market

The Napa High School Vocal Music Workshop will perform seasonal songs and holiday favorites on the Napa River Deck at Oxbow Public Market on Wednesday, Dec. 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

After the performance, they will be caroling throughout the market spreading holiday cheer for all to hear.

Oxbow Public Market, 610 First St., Napa

Sip & Support Nimbus Arts with Thai menu at Clif Family

Clif Family will host a Sip & Support for Nimbus Arts with a Thai street food menu on Wednesday, Dec. 15. They will donate 20% of all revenue generated from orders placed at the food truck throughout the day.

Here's the menu:

- Duck curry noodles: Pan-seared Mary's duck breast served over egg noodles in a spicy red curry sauce with herbs and farm brassicas, \$19.50
- Thai-style coconut mussels: Steamed mussels in a fragrant coconut broth with herbs and pickled chilies. Served with coconut rice, \$19
- Som Tom: Traditional Thai green papaya salad with tomatoes, pole beans, dried shrimp, toasted peanuts, Thai chilies tossed in a chili-lime dressing, \$13.50

The menu and wine orders will be available to go from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or to enjoy on the Clif Family patio until 5 p.m. All orders can be placed online, by phone or in person at the truck.

The Wednesday menus are popular and sell out quickly. Orders will be accepted starting the Sunday evening prior and available until sold out.

Contact Clif Family to order at 707-301-7188 or order online at www.cliffamilyfoodtruck.com.

Pickup will be outside the Clif Family Kitchen at 1284 Vidovich Ave. next door.

Christmas party at Napa Cigars

Napa Cigars is having a Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Jonathan at 707-251-1513 or jon@napacigars.net.

Napa Cigars, 1147 First St., Napa, 251-1513, www.napacigars.net



Yappy Hour at River Terrace Inn

Round up your four-legged friends for Santa Paws Yappy Hours at Alma at River Terrace Inn on Dec. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy cocktails, snacks (for people and pups), prizes and more.

Be sure to RSVP as event space is limited.

Enter the raffle and holiday sweater contest with a donation to Jameson Humane for a chance to win prizes.

RSVP to www.eventbrite.com but there's no charge to attend.

River Terrace Inn, 1600 Soscol Ave., Napa

Cadet Wine Bar pops off

Cadet Wine + Beer Bar holds its annual Champagne tasting on Wednesday starting at 5 p.m.

They will get you nice and toasty just in time for the holidays. Expect Champagne flights of all styles.

Champagne is available to go at retail pricing.

Cadet Wine + Beer Bar, 930 Franklin St., Napa, cadetbeerandwinebar.com

Thursday, Dec. 16

Learn more from NapaLife on KVON, then KVYN

On Thursday mornings, I join Barry Martin's Wine Country Today program on KVON to discuss the latest in food, wine, entertainment and more. We expand on the week's news and events and sometimes sneak in new information. Catch the program at 1440 kHz AM or www.kvon.com between 7:30 and 8 a.m. this week; then it skips two weeks and will switch to KVYN 99.3 FM in January.

Locals Day in Yountville on Thursday

Every Thursday is Locals Day in Yountville, but everyone in town is considered a local. Find special deals at yountville.com.

Friday, Dec. 17

Farmstead Community Farmers' Market

The Farmstead Community Farmers' Market is held every Friday with products from Long Meadow Ranch and other vendors.

It operates through April from 8 a.m. to noon at Farmstead/Long Meadow Ranch.

Farmstead, 738 Main St., St. Helena



Dine & Donate at Heritage Eats for Napa Parks & Recreation Foundation

Dine & Donate at Heritage Eats to support the Napa Parks & Recreation Foundation Youth Scholarship Program on Friday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Twenty percent of proceeds will go to scholarships. You need to show the flyer, which you can download at www.supportnapaparks.org.

For more than a decade, the City of Napa and the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation have partnered to provide recreation program grants for local youth to participate in summer camps, swimming and tennis lessons and classes in art, music and science. In Napa, more than 4,500 children qualify for the scholarship program.

The pandemic has created the need for more support for the program, and the foundation is launching a fundraising campaign called "Play It Forward." Donors are directed to the Give!Guide site. Scholarships cover 85-95% of the fee for any youth recreational program (age 17 and under) with a \$500 maximum per household. Over 100 camps and recreation programs are available.

Heritage Eats, 3824 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa

Exhibition in focus at di Rosa

Di Rosa presents its last lunchtime art talk of the year, *Exhibition in Focus*, about [*The Incorrect Museum, Nut Art*](#) on Dec. 17 from noon to 12:30 p.m. in Gallery 2.

The talk will feature curatorial associate Twyla Ruby.

It's free with admission or membership.

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, 5200 Sonoma Highway.



Christmas Vacation outdoor at Solage

Families can enjoy holiday cheer and hot cocoa under the stars at Solage on Dec. 17 with a screening of *Christmas Vacation*. Children can also enjoy cookie decorating kits and write their wishes in letters to Santa to send via Solage's mailbox to the North Pole.

Solage, 755 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, aubergeresorts.com

Christmas show at Napa Bowling Center

Krooked The Band plays at the annual Christmas show at Napa Bowling Center on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Dress up and enjoy the party.

Napa Bowling Center, 494 Soscol Ave., Napa,

Cooking with Comedians: Holiday Edition!

Vista Collina Resort presents Cooking with Comedians on Friday, Dec. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Join Chef Jose Mejia as he teams up with comedian Karen McCarthy.

The cost is \$149 per person and includes the comedy, a three-course farm-to-fork dinner and a glass of wine or beer. Buy ticket at www.crushersofcomedy.com.

Vista Collina Resort, 850 Bordeaux Way Napa

Saturday, Dec. 18



Napa Farmers Market

The Napa Farmers Market takes place from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Saturday at 1100 West St. at Pearl.

December vaccination clinics at Napa Farmers market will be on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and 28.

St. Helena Hospital Foundation will provide free flu and Covid vaccines, including Moderna and Pfizer boosters six months after your second shot. Bring your ID and proof of vaccination. No appointment or insurance is necessary.

In addition, for the last Saturday market of 2021 on Dec. 18 — the market will be closed on Dec. 25 and

Jan. 1 — they're teaming up with First 5 Napa County, Rainbow Action Network, Teens Connect, and LGBTQ Connection for a Rainbow Winter Holiday Celebration.

Kids and families are invited to stop by the park across the street for bilingual children's story time, music and movement, lantern-making, a farmers market scavenger hunt and more surprises.

While still strongly encouraged for unvaccinated people, masks are now optional and shoppers are free to eat and drink at the market. Except for bona fide service animals, dogs are prohibited at the market.

Get details or sign up for the newsletter at www.napafarmersmarket.org.

Calistoga Farmers Market

Calistoga Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza and Community Center, 1311 Washington St. The Calistoga Market operates year-round. It offers vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, dried fruit and nuts, herbs, olive oil, cut flowers, fresh seafood, meat and more. www.calistogafarmersmarket.org.

Makers Market open air marketplace

Makers Market hosts an outdoor marketplace with 50 local artists and live music from Dave Chapman in downtown Napa on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jewelry, wine barrel products, art, ceramics, scarves, candles, CBD products, chocolate, organic body, home goods, apparel, glass and more will be for sale in this outdoor, open-air marketplace. All products are handcrafted and eco-friendly.

Visit the adjoining brick-and-mortar shop for more handcrafted goods.



Makers Market at First Street Napa, 1300 First St., Suite 301, Napa

RSVP to www.eventbrite.com so they will know how many people to anticipate.

Honor Vets with wreaths at Yountville Vets Home Cemetery

Wreaths Across America returns this year to honor veterans at the Yountville Memorial Grove Cemetery at the Yountville Veterans Home on Dec. 18 at 9 a.m.

Wreaths Across America is a winter holiday wreath-laying ceremony that honors the service and sacrifice of U.S. veterans across the country. The holiday wreath symbolizes rebirth and renewal. Find out more at www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Wreath making at Solage

Discover the art of wreath-making at Solage in Calistoga on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn from one of HBO's "Full Bloom" contestants and Bay Area local Christina Yan about this increasingly popular craft. Handmade wreaths will be for sale.

Join them on the front drive in Christina's brand-new mobile workshop.

Solage, 755 Silverado Trail N, Calistoga, aubergeresorts.com

Holiday open house at Oakville Grocery

Oakville Grocery will host a holiday open house on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy light bites, special wine pours, holiday offers, gift basket raffle, fun activities for children and a guest from the North Pole.

Stop by Oakville Wine Merchant and receive 25% off by-the-glass tastings.

They will be accepting donations for the Toys for Tots national program. Bring an unwrapped new toy and receive an additional 10% savings on purchases at Oakville Grocery.

Oakville Grocery, 7856 St Helena Highway, Oakville, www.oakvillegrocery.com



Half off at NapaRio

Everything at NapaRio is 50% off on Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 5-8 p.m. Rose Winters and Marty Harris (aka The Grinch) will lead a Christmas Sing-A-Long with hot chocolate and sweet treats.

NapaRio, 943 Water St., Napa, 707-927-5825.



Holiday Family Workshop

Di Rosa presents a special afternoon of holiday fun on Dec. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Gallery 1 patio. Enjoy hot apple cider and holiday cookies as your family creates festive ornaments and decorations. All ages are invited.

This event is free with admission. Advance tickets are recommended for adults. www.dirosaart.org

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, 5200 Sonoma Hwy., Napa, 707-226-5991, www.dirosaart.org

Larry Vuckovich online

Internationally famed jazz pianist (and Calistoga resident) Larry Vuckovich streams music live on Saturday at 1 p.m. Listen at www.facebook.com. Subscribe at youtube.com. Get more details at larryvuckovich.com. You can tip him through PayPal at www.paypal.me.

Santa's Shootout

Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park will have a Santa's Shootout on Saturday, Dec. 18.

This two-person team scramble begins at 8:30 a.m. and is open to all golfers. Grab a partner and register. Team entry includes a green eggs and ham breakfast sandwich at check-in followed by a day of golf. Sport your favorite holiday sweater for a chance to compete in the ugly sweater contest.

Register at www.playnapa.com.

Taste the best of the Valley

Taste the best of Napa Valley wine on the Mansion Terrace at Silverado Resort and Spa from noon to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday. The wines are paired with bites prepared by Chef Rodrigo.

Wines poured this month are Robert Mondavi Fume Blanc, Hess Panthera Chardonnay, Siduri Pinot Noir, Rombauer Zinfandel and Hagafen Cabernet Sauvignon.

The cost is \$79 plus tax per person at www.eventbrite.com.

Silverado Resort and Spa, 1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa

La Saison pop ups

La Saison is holding holiday pop-ups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays during December. They offer Hilary Molloy Jewelry Designs from a native Napan who specializes in hide-made earrings and cuffs and vintage clothing pieces. They also carry wellness brands such as Moon Juice and Alexis Smart Flower Remedies, and holiday foods and cheese boards.

La Saison, 748 California Blvd., Napa, www.lasaisonnapavalley.com, 707-637-3722

Charles Dickens Christmas with Santa

Get into the holiday spirit by visiting Napa's historic Victorian home, the Ackerman Heritage House, to enjoy a Charles Dickens Christmas on Dec. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a holiday treat while awaiting your private visit and photos with jolly old Saint Nicholas.

The cost is \$12 per person for groups of six people or fewer.

Reserve at www.exploretock.com, or email kristie@ackermanfamilyvineyards.com.

Ackerman Heritage House, 608 Randolph St., Napa, ackermanfamilyvineyards.com



A Christmas Celebration with Take 6

The Blue Note presents a Christmas Celebration with Take 6 Dec. 17 to 19.

Take 6 is an American a cappella gospel sextet formed in 1980 on the campus of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. The group integrates jazz with spiritual and inspirational lyrics. Take 6 has received Grammy awards as well as Dove awards, a Soul Train award and nominations for the NAACP Image award.

The band has worked with Ray Charles, Nnenna Freelon, Gordon Goodwin, Don Henley, Whitney Houston, Al Jarreau, Quincy Jones, k.d. lang, Queen Latifah, The Manhattan Transfer, Johnny Mathis, Brian McKnight, Luis Miguel, Marcus Miller, Joe Sample, Ben Tankard, CeCe Winans, Stevie Wonder and Jacob Collier.

All original members grew up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Buy tickets at www.bluenotenapa.com.

The Blue Note, 1030 Main St., Napa, 707-880-2300

Sunday, Dec. 19

Be Bubbly presents ‘Merry Britmas!’ benefit for LGBTQ Connection

Be Bubbly hosts a “Merry Britmas!” benefit for the LGBTQ Connection Napa on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 4 p.m.

Music by DJ Rotten Robbie will celebrate the holidays and Britney Spears’ emancipation. Performers, including drag, singers, interpretive dancers and mime, are welcome to present Britney Spears numbers. Submit song choices to DJRJD@mac.com.

LGBTQ Connection fosters a healthier, more vibrantly diverse and inclusive community. Each year, LGBTQ Connection engages 3,500 LGBTQ people, their families and community, and trains 500 providers from local organizations across Northern California to increase the safety, visibility and well-being of LGBTQ residents. In Napa and Sonoma counties the program operates local LGBTQ community centers, supporting underserved LGBTQ youth and elders.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation at the door of \$5 or more benefitting the LGBTQ Connection Napa. Champagne punch and #BeBubbly bubbles will be for sale.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com.

Be Bubbly, 1407 Second St., Napa

Architectural tour of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Take an architectural tour of historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church followed by a traditional Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided after the service. The tour guide is Kara Brunzell and there’s no cost.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1917 Third St., Napa

Krampus Holiday Pop Up Market

Napa City Ghosts & Legends presents The Krampus Holiday Pop Up Market at The Napa Valley Distillery on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Napa Valley Distillery, 2485 Stockton St. Napa, napaghosts.com



Bird walk at Di Rosa

Join a leisurely bird walk for all levels of experience at di Rosa on Dec. 19 and Jan. 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. These outings will explore the banks of di Rosa's Winery Lake and the many birds that call it home.

This event is free with admission but advance tickets are required. www.dirosaart.org

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, 5200

Sonoma Hwy., Napa, 707-226-5991, www.dirosaart.org

Upcoming events

Christmas and New Year's meals

Find restaurants open for the holidays at www.napalife.com/Holidays.pdf.

Most are open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and many on New Year's Day but very few serve on Christmas Day.

Get details at www.napalife.com/Christmas.pdf and www.napalife.com/Newyears.pdf.

News for the Napa wine community



Boisset buys Elizabeth Spencer Winery

The Boisset family has added Elizabeth Spencer Winery in Rutherford to its collection of wineries and destinations. Boisset's purchase includes the Elizabeth Spencer wine portfolio of small-production wines from Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino; and its location on the Rutherford Cross Road in the historic 1872 Post Office building welcomes guests into a tasting room, gardens and studio.

The husband-and-wife team of Elizabeth Pressler and Spencer Graham embarked on

individual careers in the wine industry before they met. After they married, they pursued their vision together and established their bonded winery in 1998, naming it Elizabeth Spencer to reflect their committed partnership.

The Rutherford winery builds on Jean-Charles Boisset's interest in Napa Valley, where he owns wineries and destinations in Calistoga, St. Helena, Yountville and, coming soon, downtown Napa.

"We love Napa Valley...we want to be in every village of our valley," Boisset said, "and as a Frenchman, Rutherford has been a dream of mine for many years. It breathes the story of wine and the origins of this great valley. The 1872 brick post office building is a gem of Napa's history and we intend to continue to be its steward, as Elizabeth and Spencer have done so well."

Boisset's portfolio includes historical and lifestyle and gourmet retail destinations in Burgundy, Beaujolais, Jura, the Rhône Valley, Provence, the South of France, the Russian River Valley, Sonoma and Napa.

Duckhorn reports enviable results

It's been a long time since any Napa Valley winery was a public company that reported earnings. Now Duckhorn (NYSE: NAPA) does, and they're very respectable:

The Duckhorn Portfolio, Inc. reported its financial results for the three months ended Oct. 31.

- Net sales were \$104.2 million, an increase of \$12.6 million, up 13.7% versus the prior year period.
- Gross profit was \$52.4 million, an increase of \$8.1 million, or 18.3%, versus the prior year period.
- Net income was \$21.3 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, versus \$17.5 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, in the prior year period. Adjusted net income was \$23.5 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, versus \$18.6 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, in the prior year period. Adjusted net income increased \$5.7 million, or 32.0%, when compared against the prior year period.



Saintsbury partners L to R: David Graves; Ward family members Linda Reiff, Trent Ward and Philippa Ward; winemaker Tim Colla

Saintsbury celebrates 40 years

Saintsbury Winery is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the winery's founding by the late Richard Ward and David Graves in 1981.

Saintsbury continues making Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in Carneros.

With this milestone, Graves has announced his retirement. He has been serving as chairman of the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee and other community endeavors. He is running for county supervisor, too.

Trent Ward has been named the managing partner, and winemaker Tim Colla, who has been with the winery for 11 years, has been appointed a partner. Linda Reiff is a partner in the business.

Many of Saintsbury's past and current winemakers recently met with the owning partners and family members to commemorate the winery's 40th anniversary: Bill Knuttel (1983-1996), Byron Kosuge (1996-2001), Jerome Chery (2004-2013), Chris Kajani (2013-2015) and Tim Colla (2015-present).

Tim Colla carries on Saintsbury's foundation in Carneros, as well as a newly expanded winemaking program that encompasses other California Pinot Noir regions including the Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, Anderson Valley, Santa Cruz Mountains, Central Coast, Monterey and Santa Barbara appellations. Saintsbury's estate vineyards, with longstanding relationships with grape growers and partnerships with new vineyards throughout California, are key to this evolution.

Saintsbury's Home Ranch vineyard is being replanted based on the knowledge gleaned over the past decades and a commitment to sustainably grown and produced Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, as well as interesting varieties such as Gamay and Chenin Blanc.

The company recently released its Pét-Nat, and the first Saintsbury Santa Barbara Pinot Noir will be released next year.

For information or to schedule a visit call 707-252-0592 or go to www.saintsbury.com.

Q4 GFA Webinar

Join Jon Moramarco, partner and editor of the Gomberg Fredrikson Report and managing partner of bw166, for the Q4 GFA webinar on Dec. 16 at 9 a.m.

Key points:

- YTD wine performance in the US
- Preliminary forecast for 2021 year-end data
- Overall beverage alcohol trends
- Beverage alcohol trends across channels and between data sources
- Early view of the 2020 census and legal drinking age population

Reserve a seat at zoom.us.

UC Davis Wine Executive Program: From Grape to Table

The UC Davis Wine Executive Program: From Grape to Table will be held March 20 to 24.

It is presented by the UC Davis Department of Viticulture and Enology and Graduate School of Management.

Now in its 22nd year, the UC Davis Wine Executive Program is designed to teach the fundamentals of winemaking and the management skills necessary to be profitable in today's challenging and dynamic wine industry. More than 1,000 wine professionals and their companies have benefited from the program. It includes:

- In-depth sessions led by top UC Davis wine and business experts
- A tour of the experimental vineyard at the Robert Mondavi Institute
- Networking with global attendees
- Latest best practices in winery management, vineyard challenges, finance, accounting and marketing strategies

Register at www.wineserver.ucdavis.edu. Save \$250 by registering by Dec. 31.

Save on DTC Wine Symposium registration

You have until Friday, Dec. 17, to save \$25 on virtual or in-person registration to the Direct-to-Consumer Wine Symposium on Jan. 19 and 20.

Multiple in-person registrations for the in-person conference receive an additional \$50 off per registrant.

The DTC Wine Symposium will be held at the Hilton Concord Hotel as well as online.

Visit www.dtcwinesymposium.com/program for more information.

Hospitality industry news

Career Fair at Stanly Ranch

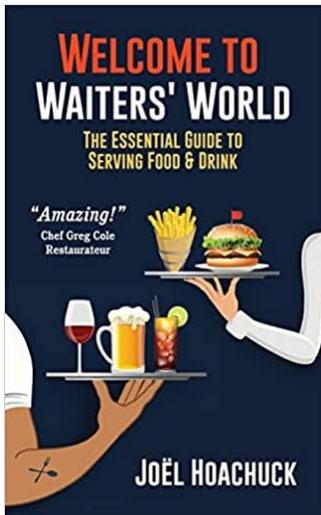
Stanly Ranch, Auberge Resorts Collection in Carneros will be hosting a week-long Career Fair from Thursday, Dec. 16, to Wednesday, Dec. 22, excluding Sunday, Dec. 19. No registration is necessary and all are welcome.

Hiring departments include guest services, banquets, culinary, food and beverage, housekeeping, spa, and talent and culture.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Saturday, Dec. 18, when it ends at 1 p.m.

Stanly Ranch is at 200 Stanly Crossroad, Napa. Meet at Stanly Ranch House.

Find more information at theapplicantmanager.com.



Joël Hoachuck's *Welcome to Waiters' World*

Many of us will remember Joël Hoachuck as the consummate professional host and server at local restaurants Tra Vigne, Bouchon, Auberge du Soleil and Bottega.

Now Joël has written *Welcome to Waiters' World: The Essential Guide to Serving Food and Drink*, a comprehensive yet easy-to-read guide for serving guests with finesse and confidence.

With more than 30 years' experience in the restaurant industry worldwide, author Hoachuck wrote this book to provide everything a waiter needs to be successful. In addition, it offers both waiters and restaurant management the means to create consistent, positive experiences for guests.

"The techniques in this book will save waiters and restaurant management hours of on-site training in the COVID-19 era and beyond," says Hoachuck. "It includes important tips and techniques for delivering superior service, maximizing sales and increasing your income, whether you work in a local diner or a four-star restaurant."

This guide includes examples of how to interact with customers and coworkers in different situations, step-by-step instructions on performing the tasks of a waiter effectively, with supporting illustrations for quick reference. "Whether you are a professional or someone wishing to enter the restaurant business, reading Joël Hoachuck's book, *Welcome to Waiters' World*, is a must," says Alain Pierrat, former president, Marriott Hotels of Canada. "Written in a very concise way, it covers a lot of ground that restaurant owners and operators will benefit from."

The book also provides an easy-to-understand overview of wine service and an extensive glossary of restaurant lingo. It finishes up with a quiz to test the reader's knowledge.

"I've experienced how these recommendations have helped restaurants improve service, while increasing retention, loyalty, earnings, and satisfaction of the people in this industry," says Hoachuck. "People will learn from this book how to make their work more enjoyable and fulfilling."

Joël Hoachuck has overseen and trained restaurant teams from ten to hundreds of employees over his more than 30 years in the restaurant industry.

He began his career in France as a waiter, set sail on the QE2 as captain waiter and settled in Napa Valley to hone his skills at the renowned and lamented Tra Vigne before holding various restaurant management positions at a variety of four-star restaurants including Bouchon, Auberge du Soleil, and Bottega.

He is currently general manager at El Dorado Kitchen in Sonoma, California.

The publisher is Restaurant Service Press and its website is welcometowaitersworld.com.

The book is \$19.95 at Bookmine or www.amazon.com



NapaLife's live music this week in Napa Valley

This is a listing of music offered at venues in Napa Valley. Most of the shows are free. I update during the week if I find out who's playing. Royn Hiatt's Napa Muse page on Facebook is a good source for last-minute listings and I often get some dates from her late in the week.

Day	Venue	Artist	Time	Address
Monday, Dec. 13 Napa	Be Bubbly	Industry night	6-9 p.m.	1407 Second St.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 Napa	Embassy Suites	Austin Hicks	6-8 p.m.	1075 California Blvd
Wednesday, Dec. 15 Napa	Andaz	John Vicino	5-9 p.m.	1450 First St.
Thursday, Dec. 16 Napa	Acumen Cellars	Guitar	5-7 p.m.	1315 First St.
	Elks Lodge	Open mic	6:30-9:30 pm	2840 Soscol Ave.
	JaM Cellars	\$ John Vincino	8-10 p.m.	1460 First St.
Friday, Dec. 17 Napa	Alba at River Terrace	Vincent Costanza	5:30-8 p.m.	1600 Soscol Ave.
	Andaz	Cincinnati Ambassadors	5-9 p.m.	1450 First St.
	Be Bubbly	DJ Carl	7-10 p.m.	1407 Second St.
	Blue Note	\$ Take 6	7 & 9:30 p.m.	1030 Main St.
	Empress M	Smorgy	7:30-10 p.m.	221 Silverado Trail
	JaM Cellars	\$ Kristen Van Dyke	9-11 p.m.	1460 First St.
	Taqueria Maria	Mariachi music	5 p.m.	640 Third St.
St. Helena	The Saint	Monica Da Silva & Chad Alger	7-10 p.m.	1351 Main St.
Calistoga	Picayune Cellars	Chance McCauley	5-7 p.m.	1329 Lincoln Ave.
Saturday, Dec. 18 Napa	Alba at River Terrace	Twango Valentine	5:30-8 p.m.	1600 Soscol Ave.
	Blue Note	\$ Take 6	7 & 9:30 p.m.	1030 Main St.
	JaM Cellars	\$ Nicole Marden	9-11 p.m.	1460 First St.
Sunday, Dec. 19 Napa	Barnhouse Brews	Doug Houser	1-3 pm	1004 Clinton St.
	Blue Note	\$ Take 6	3 & 6:30 p.m.	1030 Main St.
	Be Bubbly	Merry Britmas LGBTQ event	4 p.m.	1407 Second St.
	NapaRio	Xmas singalong with Roe Winters & Marty Harris	5 pm	943 Water St. on the Napa River in the Oxbow District
Calistoga	Buster's BBQ	Robert Watson plus	3 p.m.	1207 Foothill Blvd.
	Hydro Grill	Swing music	6-9 p.m.	1403 Lincoln Ave.

Send details of future events to paul@napalife.com.

NapaLife's calendar of future events

Here are upcoming live events scheduled for Napa County. Whether the show goes on depends on state, county and city guidelines, of course. Send details of future events to paul@napalife.com. **Changes since last Monday publication will be in red.**

Dec. 17-19	Take 6: A Christmas Celebration at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	New Year's with Kenny G at the Blue Note – show added	www.bluenotenapa.com

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Jan. 7 & 8	All-4-One at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 14 & 15	KT Tunstall at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 14-17	Napa Truffle Festival <i>postponed</i>	www.napatrufflefestival.com
Jan. 15-Mar. 13	Lighted Art Festival in downtown Napa	donapa.com
January	Napa Valley Restaurant Week	www.visitnapavalley.com
Jan. 19	The Struts: Strange Days Are Over Tour with guest World's First Cinema in JaM Cellars Ballroom	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 20	Zoso -The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience - Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 23	Jim Curry tribute to John Denver at JaM Cellars Ballroom	www.jamcellarsballroom.com
Jan. 23	Stephane Wrembel Band: Django Reinhardt Birthday Celebration in JaM Cellars Ballroom	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 27	Big Head Todd and The Monsters at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
Jan. 28	Mama Said at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 28-Feb 6	<i>Disney's High School Musical</i> at Lucky Penny	www.luckypennynapa.com
Jan. 29	Weekend Youth in JaM Cellars Ballroom	www.jamcellarsballroom.com
Jan. 30	Masters of Hawaiian Music at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 30	Marc Maron at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
Jan. 31	Napa Valley Music Associates' Mostly Mozart	napavalleymusicassociates.org
Feb. 3	Renegade Orchestra at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 4 & 5	Acoustic Alchemy at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 5 & 6	Hiroshima at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 11, 12, 14	Sheila E. at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 11-14	Yountville International Short Film Festival	www.yisff.com
Feb. 17-20	Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 18	Eric Johnson at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
Feb. 25	Lewis Black at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
Feb. 25 & 26	Greg Adams & East Bay Soul at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Feb 25-Mar 13	<i>The Marvelous Wonderettes</i> at Lucky Penny	www.luckypennynapa.com
Feb. 26	Brian Regan at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 2	Rosanne Cash at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 3	Andy Grammar at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 4	Taj Mahal at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 4 & 5	Rick Braun at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
March 5	Buddy Guy at the Uptown Theatre	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 6	Napa Valley Marathon	napavalleymarathon.org
March	Yountville Live + Taste of Yountville	www.yountvillelive.com
March 11	Who's Bad tribute to Michael Jackson at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 12	Ukulele player Jake Shimabukuro at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 11 & 12	Morgan James Memphis Magnetic Tour	www.bluenotenapa.com
March 12	Ol' School Dance Party with Monophonics to support St. Helena Cooperative Nursery School	www.sthelenacoop.org

March 19	Taylor Tomlinson at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 24	Colbie Caillat with Nick Davisson at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 25	Blackberry Smoke at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 25-27	Musiq Soulchild at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
April 1	Steve Vai at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 1 & 2	Euge Groove at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
April 2	Appellation St. Helena Bash	www.appellationsthenapa.com
April 2	Anjelah Johnson-Reyes at the Uptown. 2nd show added	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 9	The Fab Four at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 8-24	<i>The How and the Why</i> at Lucky Penny	www.luckypennynapa.com
April 15	The Robert Cray Band at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 16	Keb Mo at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 22-24	Stags Leap District Vineyard to Vintner celebration	www.stagsleapdistrict.com
April 23 & 24	Larry Carlton's Farewell Tour at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
April 24	Napa Valley Wine Library Grand Tasting	napawinelibrary.com
April 29 & 30	Keiko Matsui at the Blue Note	www.bluenotenapa.com
Apr 29-May 1	Inspire Napa Valley Wine Weekend	www.inspirenapavalley.org
April 30	Aldea's 50th Anniversary Gala	www.aldeainc.org
April 30	David Sedaris at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
May 1 & 2	Inspire Napa Valley Winter Wine & Food Fête	www.inspirenapavalley.org
May 20 & 21	Boz Scaggs at the Uptown Theatre	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
May 21	Art, Sip and Stroll in Yountville	www.artsipstroll.com
May 27-29	BottleRock at Napa Expo	www.bottlerocknapavalley.com
June	Ole Health Foundation Salud Napa Valley	www.olehealth.org
June	Jameson Humane WinePAWlooza	www.jamesonhumane.org
June 1-5	Napa Valley Wine Futures Auction	www.napavintners.com
June 8-11	Napa Valley Jazz Getaway	www.JazzGetaway.com
July 15-24	Festival Napa Valley	www.festivalnapavalley.org
July 4	Independence Day celebrations in each city and town	
July 4	Napa County Fair in Calistoga	www.celebratenapavalley.org
July 23	Abba the Concert at the Uptown	www.uptowntheatrenapa.com
July 31	Porchfest in Old Town Napa (scheduled)	www.napaporchfest.org
Aug. 3-21	Music in the Vineyards	www.musicinthevineyards.org
Aug. 11-14	Napa Town & County Fair	www.napavalleyexpo.com
Aug. 27	Napa Valley Grapegrowers Harvest Stomp	www.napagrowers.org

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