



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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What's new in St. Helena

Cindy Tzafopoulos, the city clerk for St. Helena, has conveniently listed the retail news for the town. Here's a summary:

Chamber relocates

The St. Helena Chamber plans to relocate to the space at 1136 Main St., which will make its current space available for the future home of the JCB Tasting Lounge.

Charlie's Place

Elliott Bell, a 10-year veteran of Thomas Keller's The French Laundry, plans to open a restaurant at 1327 Railroad Ave. (formerly Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen). Charlie's will offer a full bar with cocktails, Champagne and local wines that compliment a casual new American menu. He plans to open in summer 2023. www.charliesnv.com

Elyse Walker

The women's clothing and accessories boutique will move from its location on Adams Street to the Vasconi building where Tweed and Vine is now, at the corner of Main and Adams streets. The Elyse Walker store could open in May.



Houtskool Dumplings

Houtskool Dumplings, an artisan dumpling house, plans to open in spring or summer at 1136 Main St., formerly the Big Dipper. It's owned by Syd Kato and Lucas Moderacki.

www.houtskoordumplings.com

JCB Tasting Lounge

JCB will renovate the space at 1320 Main St. with the Keller Meat sign. Construction is expected to start in 2024.

NO|MA House Cafe & Collective

NO|MA ("North Main") House Café & Collective should open this spring at 1429 Main St. in what was Archetype. www.nomahousecaféandcollective.com



Orin Swift Tasting Room

Orin Swift cellars will expand its tasting room at 1321-1325 Main St. to 62 seats, including a shaded outdoor patio behind the building. Construction will start this quarter.

Pizza Station

Joel Gott, who owns Gott's and The Station in St. Helena, has bought the space at 1149 Main St. that was That Pizza Place and hopes to open The Pizza Station in February.

Tweed and Vine

Formerly located at the Vasconi Pharmacy building at Adams and Main Street, this upscale resort wear retailer is moving to the vacant space at 1239 Main St. on Feb. 15. Owner Kenny Blenis ran Button Down for 40 years in San Francisco.

The visual arts



di Rosa lends three sculptures to First Street Napa

In a long-term agreement with First Street Napa, di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art has installed three sculptures in the downtown Napa shopping complex.

From left, they are Alexander Stewart MacLeitch *Three Social Skyscrapers*, 2005; Richard Mendelson *Red, White & Blue*, 2001; and Mary Bates Neubauer *Incendiary Totem*, 1987.



Napa Lighted Art Festival continues

The Napa Lighted Art Festival celebrates creative arts, technology and lights, and supports innovative techniques using light and light technologies as a growing art medium.

This walkable outdoor experience is free in downtown Napa from Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m., when 10 lighted art sculptures will be on view. Projected artwork is back this week on Courthouse, Presbyterian Church and Brown Street walkway.

Visit donapa.com for information and a map.

Photo by Tim Carl

Where's the best displays of mustard for artists and photographers?

Tell me at paul@paulfranson.com. I'll list them at an event at Jessel Galley on Feb. 18.

Mustard Celebration this week

The celebration of the mustard season continues as the plant blossoms over more and more of Napa Valley.

Art Association Napa Valley (AANV) will show mustard-themed art by many of its members from January to March at AANV Art Gallery, 1307 First St., Napa, and at the AANV Art Center, 1520 Behrens St., Napa.

Calistoga is having a special recognition of mustard. See next item.

See www.napavalleymustardcelebration.com for more information.

Mustard Celebration in Calistoga

Calistoga will showcase its resident artists and galleries as well as its tasting rooms and restaurants as part of the Mustard Celebration on Jan. 28 and 29. They'll feature artworks and menu items that highlight all things mustard.

The Calistoga Mustard, Art & Wine Celebration will feature mustard-inspired artwork by Karen Lynn Ingalls, Therese Legere and Shawn Smith. Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with artists' reception 2 to 4 p.m. with wine and small bites.

Mustard Celebration menu items in Calistoga. Most are served Jan. 27 to 29, **Calistoga Inn & Brewery**, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga

- Pork belly with Israeli couscous, fried egg, grain Dijon mustard, pickled mustard
- Arugula & mustard salad with Pink Lady apples, candied walnuts, vinaigrette.
- Bone-in prime rib, broccolini, mustard fingerling potatoes, balsamic roasted red onion, Dijon grain mustard au jus.

Cami Art + Wine, 1333B Lincoln Ave., Calistoga Friday, Jan. 27, 6 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$150 per seat. Seats are limited. 707-709-6889, info@camivineyards.com

- Rustic rabbit liver & sage crostini
- Salad of many mustards, chèvre truffles, golden beets, radish, mustard blossom vinaigrette
- Braised rabbit mustard sauce, crispy potato gnocchi, baby spinach
- Filet of king salmon, golden coin sauce, saffron potatoes, asparagus
- Meyer Lemon floating islands

Fleetwood, 1880 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga

Pork chop with Brussels sprouts with honey mustard and an orange mustard glaze.

House of Better, 1507 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga

Prix fixe dinner for \$36 pp

First course (choice)

Herb and maitake salad with Little Gems, sauteed maitake mushrooms, edamame, pickled zucchini, apples, fresh herbs, honey mustard dressing.

Cup of New Mexican hatch green chile stew (pork, chicken or veggie, crema, tortilla)

Second course:

Chile relleno - roasted poblano pepper stuffed with Oaxaca, pecorino and white cheddar cheese, sautéed maitake mushroom and side of grilled skirt steak. Served with mild red, green or Christmas sauce.

Third course:

Green chile apple pie slice (cheddar crust, walnut streusel, red chile honey drizzle) from Chile Pies Baking Co

Johnny's Bar, 1457 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga

Mustard rubbed pork ribs with whole grain mustard potato salad

Solbar, 755 Silverado Trail N, Calistoga

Pork schnitzel: crispy Kurobuta pork, apple butter, winter cabbage, Calvados-mustard sauce, pickled mustard seeds

Napa Restaurant Week

Napa Restaurant Week continues until Jan. 29. Many Napa Valley restaurants offer special deals on meals. Don't neglect to make reservations – tables fill up fast.

Napa

- Alba at River Terrace Inn 3-course dinner \$55
- Angèle Restaurant & Bar 3-course menu \$35
- Bear at Stanly Ranch 15% off breakfast, lunch or dinner
- Boon Fly Cafe brunch for two \$50
- Carpe Diem 3-course dinner \$49
- Charlie Palmer Steak House 3-course dinner \$95
- Compline Restaurant 2-course lunch \$29 and 3-course dinner \$39
- Eiko's 4-course menu for two \$75
- Empress M 3-course lunch \$18 and 3-course dinner \$28
- Farm at Carneros Resort free starter and wine
- Galpão Gaucho Steakhouse full rodizio dinner \$60
- Grill at Silverado Resort 2-course lunch \$39 and 3-course dinner \$59
- Grove at Copia 3-course dinner \$48
- Little Summer at Marriott 3-course dinner \$55
- Napa General Store 3-course lunch \$25
- Napa Palisades Saloon 3-course lunch \$23
- Sky & Vine Bar at Archer Hotel 2-course lunch \$35
- Southside Cafe (Century) 2-course lunch \$19.50
- Tarla Mediterranean Grill 2-course lunch \$29 and 3-course dinner
- The Grove at Copia 3-course dinner \$48
- Wilfred's Lounge 3-course lunch \$25

Yountville

- Brix Restaurant 2-course lunch \$30 and 3-course dinner \$48
- La Calenda 2-course menu \$35
- Lucy Restaurant at Bardessono 2-course lunch \$35
- Regiis Ova Champagne Lounge free Champagne

St. Helena

- Acacia House 3-course dinner \$49
- Brasswood Bar+ Kitchen 4-course dinner \$48
- Gary's Napa Valley picnic lunch for two \$40
- Harvest Table at Harvest Inn 2-course brunch \$39 or 3-course dinner \$49

Calistoga

- Campo Poolside at Four Seasons 3 courses for \$35 (if weather cooperates)
- Fleetwood 3-course dinner \$35
- House of Better 3-course dinner \$36
- Lovina 2-course brunch \$39, 3-course dinner \$59
- Truss Restaurant at Four Seasons 3-course menu \$95

Find more information and perhaps added restaurants at www.visitnapavalley.com.

Food and restaurants

Alex Soto from Lane 33 opens taqueria in Factory Outlets

Last Friday, Alex Soto, the celebrated chef from Lane 33 Bowling Center, who also goes by Cali-Man, opened Lencho's Mexico Food in the Food Court at the Factory Stores in Napa. He received a lot of publicity but left abruptly at the height of his fame.

He offers tacos, burritos, tortas and quesadillas of asada, pastor, pollo and carnitas, plus hotdogs, BLTs, sandwiches and fries. The taqueria is open Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. but closed for staff lunch from 3 to 4 p.m. 707-294-2776, calaverasnapa@gmail.com. #piche soto. The address is 623 Factory Store Dr., Napa

Bistro Don Giovanni temporarily closed

Bistro Don Giovanni is temporarily closed for kitchen maintenance and plans to reopen on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Kitchen Door starts serving brunch this weekend

Kitchen Door starts serving brunch with all the usual favorites and more this weekend from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Menu at www.kitchendoornapa.com.

Kitchen Door, 1300 First St. Suite 272, Napa, 707-226-1560

Be Bubbly happy times

Be Bubbly's Bubbly Hour is 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday with half off some bubbles, beers and spritzers. They're closed Tuesday and Wednesday in January. In addition, Monday is industry bubbly hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday and Thursday, they offer a grilled cheese sandwich and Crémant for \$22.

Be Bubbly, 1407 Second St., Napa, www.bebubblynapa.com, 707-637-4532

Forge Pizza Happy Hour

Forge Pizza has happy hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. The specials include Shishito peppers, \$6; meatballs, \$7; Margherita pizza, \$12; any specialty Forge pizza, \$5 off and cheese curds, \$8. Draft beer \$2 off, well spirits, \$7, house red or white wine, \$7 and cocktails, \$9.

Forge Pizza, 155 Gasser Drive, Suite B, Napa, www.theforgepizza.com, 707-927-3394

Fried chicken to go from Brix

Brix offers a box of fried chicken to go of eight pieces, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables and biscuits for \$48 (nightly but Tuesdays) from 5 to 8 p.m. www.brix.com

Retail news

Flywithwine sale

Flywithwine is having a warehouse clearance sale from Jan. 23 to 31, both online and at its south Napa showroom. They will be offering deals up to 60% off VinGardeValise wine suitcases. They're open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flywithwine, 902 Enterprise Way, Suite B, Napa, www.flywithwine.com

Help direct NapaLife's coverage

What do you find interesting and useful in *NapaLife*? News, events, wine business news, this week's music table and the table of upcoming events. paul@paulfranson.com.

The performing arts



***Disney's Descendants: The Musical* at Lucky Penny Community Arts Center**

Lucky Penny Productions presents *Disney's Descendants: The Musical*, a Young Actors Production, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 12.

The story is set in the kingdom of Auradon where all of Disney's heroes and royalty are living happily ever after, safe from the terrifying villains and troublesome sidekicks they have banished to the magic-free Isle of the Lost.

But everything changes when Ben, the benevolent teenage son of Belle and King Adam (The Beast), offers a chance for redemption. Soon Mal, Evie, Jay and Carlos — the troublemaking offspring of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Cruella De Vil and Jafar — are welcomed to Auradon Prep to attend school with the children of their parents' sworn enemies.

The four Villain Kids have a difficult choice: Should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, *Disney's Descendants: The Musical* is a brand-new musical comedy featuring beloved characters and hit songs from the films.

Buy tickets at www.luckypennynapa.com. Contact Lucky Penny at 707-266-6305 or email info@luckypennynapa.com.

Lucky Penny Community Arts Center, 1758 Industrial Way, Napa

***Oklahoma!* at Justin-Siena High School**

Justin-Siena is presenting *Oklahoma!*, inspired by the musical's 80th anniversary, with performances from Thursday, Jan. 19, to Sunday, Jan. 22, and Jan. 26 to 29. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Siena Hall.

Buy tickets at www.justin-siena.org/tickets.

Justin-Siena, Siena Hall, 4026 Maher St., Napa, 707-255-0950 x659

***Oklahoma!* at St. Helena High School**

The St. Helena High School spring musical this year also will be *Oklahoma!*, the first collaboration of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

The musical is set in Western Indian territory just after the turn of the 20th century. A spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys is the backdrop to Curly and Laurey's love story.

It will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 10 to 12 and 17 to 19, with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Buy tickets at ca50000465.schoolwires.net/Page/925.

All performances will be at the Performing Arts Center on the St. Helena High School campus at 1401 Grayson Ave., St. Helena.

Lodging



Meritage begins guestroom remodel and adding features

The Meritage Resort and Spa is undergoing an extensive redesign of its 322 guestrooms.

The remodel, spearheaded by HBA San Francisco, includes updating and modernizing the resort's 157 Meritage guestrooms and 165 Bordeaux guestrooms with completion slated for March 2024.

The Meritage Resort and Spa's guestroom renovations is part of a series of upgrades following a \$25 million investment by the Busch Family and Pacific Hospitality Group.

Other upgrades to the property include the recently remodeled 15,929 square foot Meritage Ballroom and 7,358 Carneros Ballroom and The Village Bistro, a French-influenced pop-up dining experience with a wine country twist that opened in July.

Forthcoming upgrades include a refreshed lobby and lobby bar, Blend restaurant, Crush Lounge, a new steakhouse and Champagne bar and pool area.

The Meritage Resort and Spa, 875 Bordeaux Way, Napa, www.meritageresort.com

This week in Napa Valley

Films at the Cameo Cinema

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

Monday, Jan. 23: closed

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

Film Class: *Winter Light*, 1 p.m.

Living, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

Living, 2, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26:

Living, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27:

Living, 2, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28:

Living, 2, 5 and 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29:

Living, 2 and 5 p.m.



All movies and showtimes are subject to change. See www.cameocinema.com.

Cameo Cinema, 1340 Main St., St. Helena

Jazz at Regiis Ova Cocktail Lounge

Here's the live jazz at Regiis Ova Lounge this week.

- Thursday, Jan. 26: Kyle Athayde, piano and Mat Muntz, bass
- Friday, Jan. 27: Lilan Kane, vocals, Kyle Athayde, piano, and Tiny Lindsey, bass
- Saturday, Jan. 28: Sophie Powers, vocals, Kyle Athayde, piano, Steve Hogan, bass and Brian Fishler, drums
- Sunday, Jan. 29: Kyle Athayde, piano

Regiis Ova Caviar & Champagne Lounge, 6480 Washington St., Yountville, www.regiisova.com, 707-947-7181

Music at JaM Cellars Studio this week

Here's this week's music at JaM Cellars Studio and tasting room.

- Thursday, Jan. 26: Greg Lamboy
- Friday, Jan. 27: The Deadlies, 9 to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 28: Noelle Glory, 9 to 11 p.m.

Napa, 707-265-7577, www.jamcellars.com

Mike Greensill concerts online

St. Helena pianist Mike Greensill generally streams Jazz in the Afternoon live on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. See www.facebook.com for information and to see him playing.

Donate at PayPal (mike@mikegreensill.com) or Venmo @Mike-Greensill.

Monday, Jan. 23

Yountville Locals & Industry Day

Every Monday, Locals & Industry Day offers special deals and discounts from participating restaurants, wine tasting, shopping, spas and resorts in Yountville.

They consider anyone in town that day eligible. See all the deals at yountville.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Cameo film class series considers God in the movies

This week's film in the six-part series exploring the depiction of religious themes is *Winter Light* (1963) on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Winter Light is an uncompromising Swedish masterpiece about a disillusioned priest coping with his loss of faith because of God's terrible silence.



Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Cameo Cinema. 1340 Main St., St. Helena, www.cameocinema.com, 707-963-9779

Oxbow Public Market Locals Night

Oxbow Public Market hosts its weekly Locals Night on Tuesday at 4 p.m. Most vendors have special deals and they have music on the last Tuesday of the month (next week).

Oxbow Public Market, 610 First St., Napa

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Ethiopian menu plus sip and support at Clif Family

Join Clif Family on Wednesday, Jan. 25 for a flavorful, plant-based Ethiopian street food menu featuring *injera* (spongy flatbread), *misir wat* (red lentils), *gomen wat* (sauteed greens) and *shiro wat* (simmered chickpea stew).

It will also be a Sip & Support Day benefiting Soroptimist St. Helena Sunrise, a local chapter of Soroptimist International, a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Clif Family will donate 20% of all revenue generated from wine and food sales from 4 to 7 p.m. to Soroptimist St. Helena Sunrise.

The menu, as well as regular food truck menu items and wine orders, will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to enjoy on the Clif Family patio or to-go.

All orders can be placed online, by phone or in person at the food truck. The street food menus sell out quickly. Orders will be available until sold out.

Orders for pickup will be outside the Clif Family Kitchen at 1284 Vidovich Ave.

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

Clif Family, 709 Main St., St. Helena, 707-301-7188

Virtual Fire Town Hall

The community is invited to join a virtual Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. to discuss current and future fire services provided by Napa County.

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin will host the virtual meeting, with AP Triton's consultants moderating and providing an overview of the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the consultants will launch a survey to provide further opportunities for community input.

The Virtual Town Hall will be held on Zoom at bit.ly/fire-townhall, passcode 856614. The survey will be available after the town hall at bit.ly/fire-survey.

Locals Night at Blue Note: the Noteworthy Band

Tony Saunders and the Noteworthy Band come to the Blue Note for locals Pro Jam Night on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.

Tony Saunders is an American bass and synthesizer player in the genres of jazz, gospel, R&B, pop and world music. He is a composer, arranger, music producer and head of his own studio.

Formed during the pandemic, the Noteworthy Band is performing songs from their first release, *Sweet Breeze*. The group is currently on the Smooth Jazz.com Top 100 chart and is getting airplay nationwide. The band is Tony Saunders, bass; John Wheeler, guitar; Greg Rahn, keyboards; and Steve Trovao, drums.

There's no charge for locals unless they reserve a seat, then it's \$5 or \$10.

Blue Note, 1030 Main St., Napa, www.bluenotenapa.com



Faila wine at Cadet

Cadet Wine & Beer Bar will host Faila on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Winemaker and founder Ehren Jordan loves to experiment with his favorite varieties, coaxing out their various incarnations from different climates (cool, cooler and coolest), soil types and rootstock. These wines showcase classic Sonoma Coast terroir.

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

Thursday, Jan. 26

***NapaLife* live on KVYN**

I join Barry Martin for *Wine Country Live* on Thursday at about 7:30 a.m. on KVYN 99.3 FM or www.kvyn.com to talk about the latest news of mostly food and wine.



Napa Valley College Trips and Tours Show

Start planning your getaways for 2023 and 2024 with Napa Valley College's free Trips and Tours Travel Show on Jan. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Napa Valley College's McCarthy library.

Napa Valley College Trips & Tours offers guided trips around the world with enriching and cultural experiences. Trips booked with NVC Trips & Tours include airfare, meals, excursion packages, medical and travel insurance.

Proceeds are used to help students achieve their academic goals and fund programs and educational events at Napa Valley College.

Napa Valley College, 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway, Napa

P. Harrell Bubbly & Wine Tasting at Be Bubbly

Be Bubbly highlights wines from P. Harrell on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Most Californians love wine, but few can match the passion of San Francisco native, founder and creator of P. Harrell Wines, Paula J. Harrell.

They will pour four P. Harrell wines.

- 2019 Dry Creek Valley "Three Fifteen" Zinfandel
- 2019 "Haight Street" dry Riesling
- P.J. Rosé
- 2018 "Broadway Street" Blanc de Noirs sparkling wine.



DJ Jerry Ross will be spinning tunes.

Be Bubbly, 1407 Second St., Napa, www.bebubblynapa.com, 707-637-4532

Tasting at Outer Space Wines

A Sherry Five Ways Tasting is this Thursday, Jan. 26, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about how different Sherries are made and taste five distinctive styles: Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso, Palo Cortado and Pedro Ximenez. The tasting is \$20.

Outer Space Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, www.outerspace.wine, 707-657-7401

Friday, Jan. 27

Long Meadow Ranch farmer's market

Long Meadow Ranch holds a mini farmer's market at Farmstead in St. Helena on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon.

Enjoy a free drip coffee from Farmstead Café while you're shopping.

The market features products from Long Meadow Ranch and Santa Rosa Seafood, Perfect Edge Cutlery, West Won Bread, Mi Fiesta, Madeleine's Macarons and Gerard'Z Honeybees.

Farmstead, 738 Main St., St. Helena, www.longmeadowranch.com



Grape esoterica at Outer Space Wines

Outer Space Wines pours grape esoterica on Friday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

These are "off the beaten path" grapes made into wine. These esoteric grapes are long-established and revered in certain parts of the world, just not so well known around here. They include Ribolla Gialla, Trousseau Gris, Frappato and more. Five wines will be poured in all.

The cost is \$20 per tasting.

Outer Space Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa,

www.outerspace.wine, 707-657-7401

Chance McCauley at Levendi

Singer and guitarist Chance McCauley performs at the Levendi Winery Tasting Room on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.

There is no cover charge and wine will be sold by the glass and bottle. Seating is limited.

Levendi Winery Tasting Room, 1465 First St., Napa,

www.levendiwinery.com



An evening of drag, drinks and dancing

Ava Lashay, the Doll of the East Bay, returns for her first evening performance at Be Bubbly with Avery Night in A Blush and Bubbly Evening of Drag, Drinks & Dancing on Friday, Jan. 27, from 8 to 11 p.m.

California-based drag queen, show hostess, producer and comedian Lashay delights audiences all over the Bay Area.

Get ready to dance and sing to the Blush & Bubbly performance.

Be Bubbly, 1407 Second St., Napa, www.bebubblynapa.com, 707-637-4532



Cooking with Comedians at the Meritage

Join chefs of the Meritage Resort as they team up with comedians to bring you a Laugh Cellar original show, *Cooking with Comedians*, on Friday, Jan. 27, from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants gain culinary tips and tricks, with plenty of laughs and tastes along the way.

Stand-up comedian and inspirational speaker Dr. Laura Hayden is a practicing physical therapist, touring headliner comedian and speaker.

She was a featured headliner on the comedy special *Stand Up In Stilettos* on the TV Guide Network. She lends her humorous take on the absurd, bizarre and rare moments that make living and healing such a great part of the human experience.

The price is \$130 at www.meritageresort.com

The Village Food & Wine Center, Meritage Resort, 850 Bordeaux Way, Napa

Lenny Williams sold out at Blue Note

The concert by Lenny Williams of Tower of Power on Thursday, Jan. 27 is sold out.

Blue Note, 1030 Main St., Napa, www.bluenotenapa.com

Saturday, Jan. 28

Napa Farmers Market

The Napa Farmers Market is held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at 1100 West St. at Pearl.

It features fresh produce, food and artisan goods from local farmers, food makers and artisan vendors.

Though it's winter, there are plenty of vegetables and fruits available.

Among the vendors this week who weren't there last week are Golden State Pickle Works, Ollie's Artisan Bread Co., Rollz Baking Co. and Valley Boba *Next Week*

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



Calistoga Farmers Market

The Calistoga Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza and Community Center on Washington Street.

It offers vegetables and fruits, eggs, herbs, cut flowers, fresh seafood and meat plus gourmet and pre-packaged food, Mediterranean deli items, olive oils and vinegars, savory breakfast treats, creative crafts and gift items.

Get information at calistogafarmersmarket.org.

Sidewalk sale at First Street Napa

First Street Napa is having its first sidewalk sale on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with clearance on select items.

Garden Ergonomics:

The city of Napa and UC Master Gardeners present “Using the Right Tool the Right Way” on-site at the new Los Flores Learning Garden on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Learn some basics about body mechanics and ergonomic tools for gardening. They will discuss how to avoid common garden habits or activities that are potential risk factors for ergonomic injuries, as well as how to choose and use garden tools correctly for a particular gardening job.

Although the meeting is indoors, they encourage attendees to dress warmly and be prepared for outdoor activities, weather permitting.

Las Flores Community Center is at 4300 Linda Vista Ave., Napa.

Space is limited; you must pre-register at surveys.ucanr.edu.

Check Master Gardeners website for upcoming events. napamg.ucanr.edu

Crab feeds

American Canyon High School Choir and St. Apollinaris Catholic School have crab feeds on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Find the list of crab feeds in the valley at www.napalife.com/crab2023.pdf and tell us if you know of others.



American Canyon High School Choir crab feed

The eighth annual American Canyon High School Choir crab dinner will be on Jan. 28 on in the Trincherro Room of the Boys and Girls Club of American Canyon. The dinner will begin with a Champagne reception, with time to browse the opportunity drawing and dessert auction.

The crab dinner is the primary fundraising event for the ACHS Choir.

Enjoy featured performances by the ACHS choirs followed by a plated, multi-course crab dinner, no-host

bar and live auction.

The Crabtacular silent auction will be live virtually Jan. 14 to 26, featuring captivating items and packages. All auction items will be available for pick up at the event on Jan. 28. A single ticket is \$85. See achsc.betterworld.org.

Boys and Girls Club of American Canyon, 60 Benton Way, American Canyon

St. Apollinaris Catholic School crab feed

St. Apollinaris Catholic School will have a crab feed on Jan. 28, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets include cleaned and cracked crab, salad, pasta, wine, live music and good times with friends and family in the St. Apollinaris gym.

Tickets cost \$105 per person at stapolls.ejoinme.org.

St. Apollinaris Catholic School, 3700 Lassen St., Napa, 707-224-6525



La Bohème at Jarvis Conservatory

Experience the love, laughter and loss of *La Bohème* from the magnificent Handa Opera, filmed at Sydney Harbor at Jarvis Conservatory on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

Puccini's classic is the original bohemian love story. His music swells with love, soars in ecstasy, crackles with jealousy and cries with heartache.

With lavish sets and costumes transforming the harbor stage into a Paris winter, Opera Australia's glittering production is an unforgettable delight.

Tickets are \$20 at jarvisconservatory.com.

Jarvis Conservatory, 1711 Main St., Napa, 707-255-5445

Kindred the Family Soul at the Blue Note

Kindred the Family Soul plays the Blue Note on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Kindred The Family Soul is Aja Graydon and Fatin Dantzer, artists, songwriters, lovers, family. They got their start in music as teenagers, with Dantzer producing his first material with Bell Biv Devoe at 17 and Graydon receiving her first contract from Delicious Vinyl at 14.

In 1997, they were introduced via hip hop band The Roots' production camp when Dantzer was hired to write songs for Graydon's solo project.

By the fall of 1998 they were husband and wife and decided to try performing as a team. Kindred The Family Soul was born.

Since then, the couple has released six albums, received a Soul Train Award and a BET Award nomination and produced events that showcased the undiscovered talents of folks such as John Legend and Jazmine Sullivan. They also founded a media company, produced a short film and raised six children.

Tickets are \$45 to \$85.

The Blue Note, 1030 Main St., Napa, www.bluenotenapa.com



50th anniversary Bruce Cockburn concert

Canadian musical legend Bruce Cockburn celebrates his 50th anniversary in music in the JaM Ballroom at the Napa Valley Opera House on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are VIP balcony, \$69; Gold Circle floor seating \$55; and floor general admission seating, \$45,

Cockburn continues to find inspiration in the world around him and concentrate those ideas in his music.

JaM Cellars Ballroom at Napa Valley Opera House,

1030 Main St., Napa, www.bluenotenapa.com



Mozart in Napa Valley

Napa Valley Music Associates celebrates Mozart’s 267th birthday with its 28th annual Mozart in Napa Valley concert on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2:30 p.m. in Loretta C. Silvagni Recital Hall at Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center in Napa.

The performing artists include mezzo-soprano Taraneh Seta with pianist Jonathan Khuner, and pianist William Corbett-Jones and pianist Lise Deschamps Ostwald in a duet.

Tickets are \$20 in advance at www.napavalleymusicassociates.org or \$25 at the door.

Seniors and students are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

RSVP and get more information at www.napavalleymusicassociates.org, call 707-322-8402 or email info@napavalleymusicassociates.org.

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

Sunday, Jan. 29

English social tea at Ackerman Heritage House

Spend an afternoon enjoying traditional English tea with a Napa twist at Ackerman’s 1889 Victorian Estate on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. It includes tea sandwiches, tarts, savory bites, house-made jam and premium teas served on antique China with sterling silverware.

Tickets are \$70 plus tax and service charge per person.

Ackerman Heritage House, 608 Randolph St., Napa, ackermanfamilyvineyards.com, events@ackermanfamilyvineyards.com, 855-238-9463

Tastes and Tails at Cuvaison Winery

Experience an afternoon of music with Toree McGee while enjoying a tasting from eight boutique winemakers and food from the Heritage Eats Food truck as Cuvaison Winery supports Jameson Humane Animal Rescue Sunday, Jan. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will be for the Jameson Humane Vet Mobile, which provides low-cost veterinary care including vaccination and wellness clinics.

Boutique winemakers include but are not limited to:

- Arrow & Branch
- Ancien
- Black Dog/Beresini Vineyards
- Cuvaison
- Earthshine Wines
- Kerr Wines
- Mojave Wines
- Suhr Cellars
- Unwritten



The cost is \$100 at www.exploretock.com and includes the tasting and a \$25 food certificate for the Heritage Eats Food Truck.

Cuvaison, 1221 Duhig Road, Napa, www.cuvaison.com

Faith Ako at the Blue Note

Hawaiian music star Faith Ako comes to the Blue Note on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m.

Faith Ako has graced the stages of Northern California, Osaka, Japan, Martha's Vineyard and her home state of Hawai'i for the last three decades.

The late mayor Ed Lee's San Francisco Citizen Award recognized her for leadership and understanding and appreciation for multiculturalism and diversity in the greater Bay Area. Her recent awards include a Nā Hōkū Hanohano nominee for Traditional Hawaiian Album of The Year and Polynesian Heritage Awards Entertainer of The Year nominee.

Her charisma, sultry tones and local girl style of "aloha" will welcome you back to the islands without ever getting on a plane.

Tickets are \$30 to \$45.

Blue Note, 1030 Main St., Napa, www.bluenotenapa.com



Upcoming events

Grand reopening of JaM Wine & Music Studio

The JaM Wine & Music Studio just got a facelift. They've opened up the front of the studio to let the Napa sunshine in and JaMSession tunes out onto the patio while you sip and listen.

The grand reopening is on Feb. 4, with DJ Uriah Francisco from 1 to 4 p.m. and live music by Matt Bolton from 9 to 11 p.m.

RSVP to jamtr@jamcellars.com or call 707-265-7577.

JaM Cellars, 1460 First St., Napa, www.jamcellars.com



Daylong wellness retreat at Harvest Inn

Cultivate a day of wellness while soaking up vineyard views at Harvest Inn on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reconnect into stillness, practice meditation, move mindfully, journal and eat delicious and nourishing foods prepared by the chefs of Harvest Table.

The day will close with a wine tasting

highlighting local Napa Valley wineries.

The cost for the retreat is \$175 per person and includes rental yoga mats (or you're welcome to bring your own), beverages, lunch and wine tasting. See www.harvestinn.com.

The retreat will be led by yoga/meditation teacher and wine expert Tamara Stanfill. Harvest Inn, One Main Street, St. Helena

Make Ahead Breakfast class with chef Sarah Gott

Avoid the morning mayhem of whipping up a substantial breakfast by prepping the night before. Chef Sarah Goff teaches you how in a class at Silverado Cooking School on Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class is \$175 at silveradocookingschool.com. View more classes at silveradocookingschool.com.

Silverado Cooking School, 1552 Silverado Trail, Napa

Yountville Arts Legacy Roundtable Series

The first Legacy Roundtable, featuring four legendary viticulturists and sponsored by Yountville Arts, will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at Yountville Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

The four viticulturists who will lead the discussions are:

- Doug Hill, founder and owner of Oak Knoll Farming and vineyard manager and proprietor of Hill Family Estates
- Mike Moone, founder of Moone-Tsai Wines, formerly president of Beringer Wine Estates and co-founder of Luna Vineyards
- Pete Richmond, founder and director of Silverado Farming Company
- Bob Steinhauer, president of Wineland Consulting LLC, previously 25-year vineyard manager and vice president of Beringer Wine Estates.

Four wine tastes with a cheese platter will be included in the ticket price of \$30.

Attendance will be limited to 40 guests. www.yountvillearts.com

Soroptimist of Napa Fellowship Tea

Join Soroptimist of Napa for tea, lunch, conversation, door prizes and an art auction on Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Napa County Office of Education, 2121 Imola Ave., Napa.

This event is its annual fundraiser that directly supports women pursuing STEM and in their final years of their doctorate degree.

Tickets are available at www.soroptimistnapa.org.

Culinary experiences at Robert Mondavi Winery

Robert Mondavi Winery explores Global Culinary Exploration on Saturday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Travel between food stations featuring executive chef Jeff Mosher's interpretation of culinary delights from around the world. Explore the nuances of Napa Valley wine appellations and experience the Robert Mondavi wine portfolio. The cost is \$185.

Mondavi features director of winemaking Sally Johnson Blum (shown) in the first in a series of winemaker dinners in 2023 on Saturday, April 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Johnson Blum will guide guests through a four-course meal prepared by executive chef Jeff Mosher and paired with Mondavi wines. The cost is \$345.



Book at reservations@robertmondaviwinery.com or 888-766-6328 ext. 2

Robert Mondavi Winery, 7801 St. Helena Highway, Oakville, robertmondaviwinery.com

News for the wine and ag community

Unified Wine & Grape Symposium

The 2023 Unified Wine & Grape Symposium, North America's largest gathering of the wine and grape-growing business, will be held Jan. 24 to 26 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento.

Robin McBride, co-founder and president of McBride Sisters Wine Company, will give the keynote address at luncheon and share how she and her sister, Andréa McBride John, created the largest Black-owned wine company in the United States.



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Hear from industry movers and shakers about the latest trends and information critical to business decision-making:

- General sessions
- Winemaking
- Grape-growing
- Business/operations
- Marketing/public relations
- Workshop in Spanish
- Keynote luncheon

Browse 850-plus exhibit booths to learn more about the latest products and services in the wine and grape-growing industry.

Stay for the wine tasting, as more than 20 wine associations from all over the U.S. will be pouring their top brands.

Get more information and register at www.unifiedsymposium.org. You can also call 888-529-9272 or 415-604-3525.

John Anthony Vineyards celebrates 20 years

We usually note winery anniversaries when they hit 50 years or some other significant number, but John Anthony Vineyard's 20th anniversary this year is well worth noting.

The winery has had influence far beyond most 20-year-old wineries, and in fact, more than most wineries in the wine market and in Napa Valley life by any standard.

Started by Napa Valley vintner John Anthony Truchard in 2003, John Anthony Vineyards was the first brand in the John Anthony Family of Wines portfolio.



John Anthony and Michele Truchard

John Anthony Truchard is a second-generation vintner who learned the art of winegrowing from his father Tony and other pioneering Napa Valley vintners in the 1970s and '80s.

His brother Anthony manages the family's respected but separate Truchard Vineyards founded by their parents, Tony and Jo Ann Truchard.

As a young entrepreneur, John put his expertise to work first by starting his own vineyard management company, Farm, eventually planting vineyards and, along with his wife, Michele, launching the John Anthony label.

His John Anthony Vineyards wines are upscale offerings that can be found at fine-dining restaurants and wine purveyors or at the John Anthony Tasting Lounge Truchard opened in downtown Napa in 2010.

Since 2003, the John Anthony Family of Wines portfolio has expanded to include Serial Wines, a collection of wines from Paso Robles and beyond; Weather Wines, a luxury collection of Burgundian varietal wines from Napa and Sonoma and, especially, JaM Cellars, which makes high-quality, accessible Californian wines at the sub-\$20 price point.

Its Butter Chardonnay, the number two selling Chardonnay above \$13 in the U.S, is one of the few wines that have basically created new niches, like Sutter Home's White Zinfandel and Dave Finney's The Prisoner.

But it's beyond wine that Truchard has had some of his biggest impacts locally.

Over the years, Truchard's contributions have not been limited to winemaking. His investment in Napa is far reaching, with a particular focus on entertainment and philanthropy.

JaM Cellars has been integral in elevating Napa as a destination for live music as well as wine, starting with serving as presenting sponsor of BottleRock for seven consecutive years.

Truchard has also hosted regular live music performances at his JaM Cellars Wine & Music Studio and sponsored the JaM Cellars Ballroom at the Napa Valley Opera House, then bought both the Napa Valley Opera House and the Uptown Theatre, taking on challenged venues with high upkeep and maintenance to benefit the community.

Truchard also is involved with Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Farmworkers Foundation, and the V Foundation Wine Celebration.

Truchard was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Napa Chamber of Commerce for his impact through numerous business endeavors, philanthropic contributions and continued investment in Napa as a destination for wine, the arts and entertainment.

John Anthony Vineyards will commemorate its 20 years with 20 events this year.

The festivities include a series of dinners paired with featured wines at Truchard's historic vineyard residence and a 20th anniversary soirée hosted by John Truchard.

Other special activities include a 20th anniversary spring release and tasting featuring food and wine pairing by John Anthony's estate chef and an October vintner trip to Texas, with a dinner to be hosted by Truchard in his birthplace of San Antonio, followed by hospitality at the Formula 1 event in Austin.

The promotional calendar will also include philanthropic events with Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Grapegrowers and Farmworkers Foundation and V Foundation, as well as wine industry events and festivals coast to coast.

A full calendar of events, which will be updated on an ongoing basis, will soon be available at www.JohnAnthonyVineyards.com.

NapaLife's live music this week in Napa Valley

This is a listing of music in Napa Valley. It includes both free and paid concerts. The blank space are places that often have music then, but don't announce them very far in advance, if at all.

I update at least the pdf version during the week as I learn more, so check later before planning your weekend. Tell me if you know more at paul@paulfranson.com.

Royln Hiatt's Napa Muse page on Facebook on Thursday is another source.

Day	Venue	Artist	Time	Address
Monday, Jan. 23 Napa	Avow	Paused until spring	5:30-8:30 pm	813 Main St.
	Jax White Mule		6-9 pm	1122 First St.
Tuesday, Jan. 24 Napa	Embassy Suites	Kendall Osbourne	6-8 pm	1075 California Blvd
	Palisades Saloon	JourneyDay	6-8 pm	1000 Main St.
Wednesday, Jan. 25 Napa	Andaz lobby	Kyle Turner	6-10 pm	1450 First St.
	Blue Note locals	The Noteworthy Band	7:30 pm	1030 Main St.
Thursday, Jan. 26 Napa	Downtown Joe's	DJ	9:30 pm	902 Main St.
	Elks Lodge	Open mic	6:30 pm	2840 Soscol Ave.
	Feast It Forward	Locals night	5-8 pm	1031 McKinstry St.
	JaM Music Studio	Greg Lamboy		1460 First St.
Yountville	Regiis Ova Lounge	Kyle Athayde, piano and Mat Muntz, bass	6:30-9:30 pm	6480 Washington St
Calistoga	Pacifico	Steel drums	5:30 pm	1237 Lincoln Ave.
Friday, Jan. 27 Napa	Andaz lobby	Duo Sonics	7-11 pm	1450 First St.
	Be Bubbly	Drag show		1407 Second St.
	Blue Note	Lenny Williams <i>sold out</i>	7 pm	1030 Main St.
	Farm at Carneros	Carlos Herrera	6-9 pm	4048 Sonoma Hwy
	JaM Music Studio	The Deadlines	9-11 pm	1460 First St.
	Levendi Winery	Chance McCauley	6-8 pm	1465 First St.
	Taqueria Maria	Mariachi night	5 pm	640 Third St.
St. Helena	The Saint	Kevin Hague	7-10 pm	1460 First St.
Yountville	Regiis Ova Lounge	Lilan Kane, vocals, Kyle Athayde, piano & Tiny Lindsey, bass	6:30-9:30 pm	6480 Washington St
Saturday, Jan. 28 Napa	Andaz lobby	Asher	7-11 pm	1450 First St.
	Be Bubbly	DJ Hi C		1407 Second St.
	Blue Note	Kindred the Family Soul	6:30 & 9 pm	1030 Main St.
	Downtown Joe's	Salty Dawgs	9:30 pm	902 Main St.
	JaM Ballroom	Bruce Cockburn	8 pm	1030 Main St.
	Farm at Carneros	Carlos Herrera	6-9 pm	4048 Sonoma Hwy
	JaM Music Studio	Noelle Glory	9-11 pm	1460 First St.
Yountville	Regiis Ova Lounge	Sophie Powers, vocals, Kyle Athayde, piano, Steve Hogan, bass & Brian Fishler, drums	6:30-9:30 pm	6480 Washington St
Calistoga	Lincoln Ave. Brewery	Swollen Pines	6-9 pm	1473 Lincoln Ave.
	Pacifico	Steel drums	5:30 pm	1237 Lincoln Ave.
Sunday, Jan. 22 Napa	Blue Note	Faith Ako	3 & 6:30 pm	1030 Main St.
Yountville	Regiis Ova Lounge	Kyle Athayde, piano	6:30-9:30 pm	6480 Washington St

NapaLife's calendar of future events

Here are upcoming live events scheduled for Napa County. Send details of future events to paul@paulfranson.com. Shows and events added after Monday publication are in red so check *NapaLife* later in the week as well as on Monday morning.

Jan. 24-26	Unified Wine & Grape Symposium in Sacramento	unifiedsymposium.org
Jan, 25	Locals Night: Pro Jam Night at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 27-Feb 12	<i>Disney's Descendants: The Musical</i> at Lucky Penny	luckypennynapa.com
Jan. 28	Bruce Cockburn at JaM Cellars Ballroom	bluenotenapa.com
Jan, 28	Kindred the Family Soul at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Jan. 28	Mozart in Napa Valley at Napa Valley College	napamusicassociates.org
Jan. 29	Faith Ako at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 2-5	Yountville International Short Film Festival	yisff.com
Feb. 3	Nicolas Bearde at the Blue Note with NV Jazz Society	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 4	Napa County Pruning Contest	farmworkerfoundation.org
Feb. 4	A Cappella Extravaganza Featuring M•PACT at Uptown	aftontickets.com
Feb. 4 & 5	Greg Adams & East Bay Soul at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 5	NVC Orchestra with NV Youth Symphony Concert	performingartsnapavalley.org
Feb. 9	Mat Kearney - The Acoustic Trio Tour at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
Feb. 9	Sol Horizon Celebrates Bob Marley's Birthday at Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 10	Stanley Jordan at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 10-12	Emergence Festival at Napa Valley College	performingartsnapavalley.org
Feb. 10-25	Premiere Napa Valley wine trade auction	napavintners.com
Feb. 11	Johnny & June Forever at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 17	Eric Johnson at the Uptown Theatre	uptowntheatrenapa.com
Feb. 17-19	Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 18	Writers' Salon at Jessel Gallery	jesselgallery.com
Feb. 19	The Eloquence Quartet at the White Barn	thewhitebarn.org
Feb. 19	E&M Presents T Sisters at Yountville Community Center	eandmpresents.com
Feb. 22	Locals Night: Pro Jam at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 23	Yasmin Williams at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 23	Stephen Marley at JaM Cellars Ballroom	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 24-26	The Spinners at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 25	Soroptimist of Napa Fellowship Tea	soroptimistnapa.org
Feb. 25	Forejour Tribute to Foreigner and Journey at JaM Ballroom	bluenotenapa.com
Feb. 28	Kindred the Family Soul at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 4	Rick Braun at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 5	Napa Valley Marathon	napavalleymarathon.org
March 5	Larry Vuckovich Jazz Trio with Alvon Robertson at Cameo	cameocinema.com
March 5-8	Wine Writers' Symposium at Meadowood	winewriterssymposium.org
March 9	Annual "Ag Day" at Napa Valley Expo	napafarmbureau.org
March 10	The Fab Four at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 11	Gary Gulman at JaM Cellars Ballroom	bluenotenapa.com
March 11 & 12	Bob James Quartet at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 12	Kith & Kin at the White Barn	thewhitebarn.org
March 15	Kith & Kin at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 17	The Samples at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 17-26	The SpongeBob Musical at Napa Valley College	performingartsnapavalley.org

March 18	Yachtley Crew at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
March 21-23	Collective Napa Valley Open the Cellar Wine Offering	collectivenapavalley.org
March 19	Ben Rosenblum Trio at the White Barn	thewhitebarn.org
March 22	Locals Night: Thru the Haze at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
March 29	Locals Night: Pro Jam at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
April 1	Calistoga Wine & Culinary Experience at Four Seasons	calistogawinegrowers.com
April 1	¡Viva Mariachi! at Napa Valley College	napavalley.edu
April 7 & 8	Mindi Abair at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
April 11	Napa Valley Chamber Orchestra Baroque Concert	napavalleychamberorchestra
April 13	Colin Hay at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 21-23	The Paris Effect at the White Barn	thewhitebarn.org
April 22	Aldea's 51st Anniversary at Tre Posti	aldeainc.org
April 23	Steven Curtis Chapman at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 29	ParentsCAN High Hopes gala at the Westin	parentscan.org
April 29	E&M Presents Dan and Claudia Zanes at Yountville CC	eandmpresents.com
May 3	Yountville Art, Sip & Stroll	yountvillearts.com
May 4	David Sedaris at the Uptown	uptowntheatrenapa.com
May 4 & 5	Peabo Bryson at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
May 5	Inspire Napa Valley Spring Wine Weekend	inspirenapavalley.org
May 6	Neighborhood Table in St. Helena	shhfoundation.org
May 6 & 7	Morgan James at the Blue Note	bluenotenapa.com
May 11	Napa Valley College Jazz Ensemble Concert	performingartsnapavalley.org
May 18	Rockout Knockout Cancer at The Charter Oak	shhfoundation.org
May 18-21	Ole Health Vida OLE weekend	olehealth.org
May 19	Chardonnay Classic at the Meritage	meritageresort.com
May 12-21	She Kills Monsters at Napa Valley College	performingartsnapavalley.org
May 21	Napa Valley College Chorale Concert	performingartsnapavalley.org
June 1-3	Collective Napa Valley Signature Weekend	collectivenapavalley.org
June 10	Adam Carolla	uptowntheatrenapa.com
April 29	E&M Presents Okee Dokee Brothers at Yountville CC	eandmpresents.com
July 28-Aug 20	Music in the Vineyards	musicinthevineyards.org
July 14-23	Festival Napa Valley	festivalnapavalley.org
July 15	Festival Napa Valley's Taste of Napa at the Meritage	festivalnapavalley.org
Nov. 14	Winejobs.com HR Summit	winebusiness.com
Nov. 14 & 15	Wine Industry Financial Symposium	winebusiness.com
Jan. 23-25, '24	Unified Wine & Grape Symposium in Sacramento	unifiedsymposium.org



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The NapaLife Insider's Guide to Napa Valley

by Paul Franson

The *NapaLife Insider's Guide to Napa Valley* is the perfect gift for friends and relatives who visit Napa Valley or for you,

I moved here in 1996 and since then, I have written extensively about the valley (and wine and the wine business) for publications and online from local newspapers to international media.

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 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.

It's a great gift to newcomers to the valley from real estate agents and friends.

You can buy copies locally at all three Bookmine stores, The Napa Valley Visitor Center, The Wine Train Station, Oakville Grocery, Raymond Vineyards, JCB Yountville and Jessel Gallery!

You can also order it on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) for \$19.95.

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