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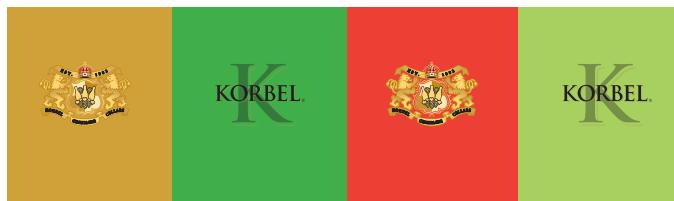
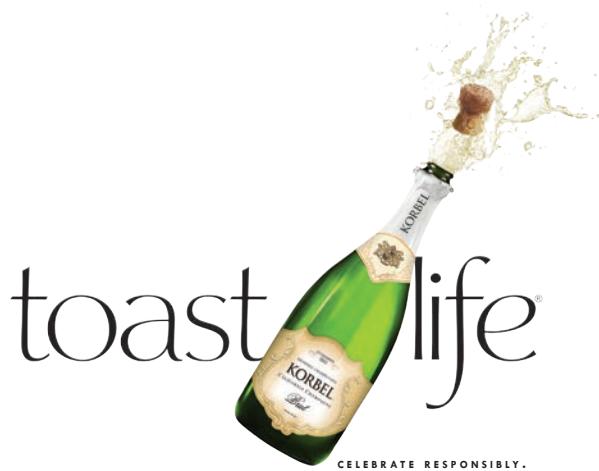
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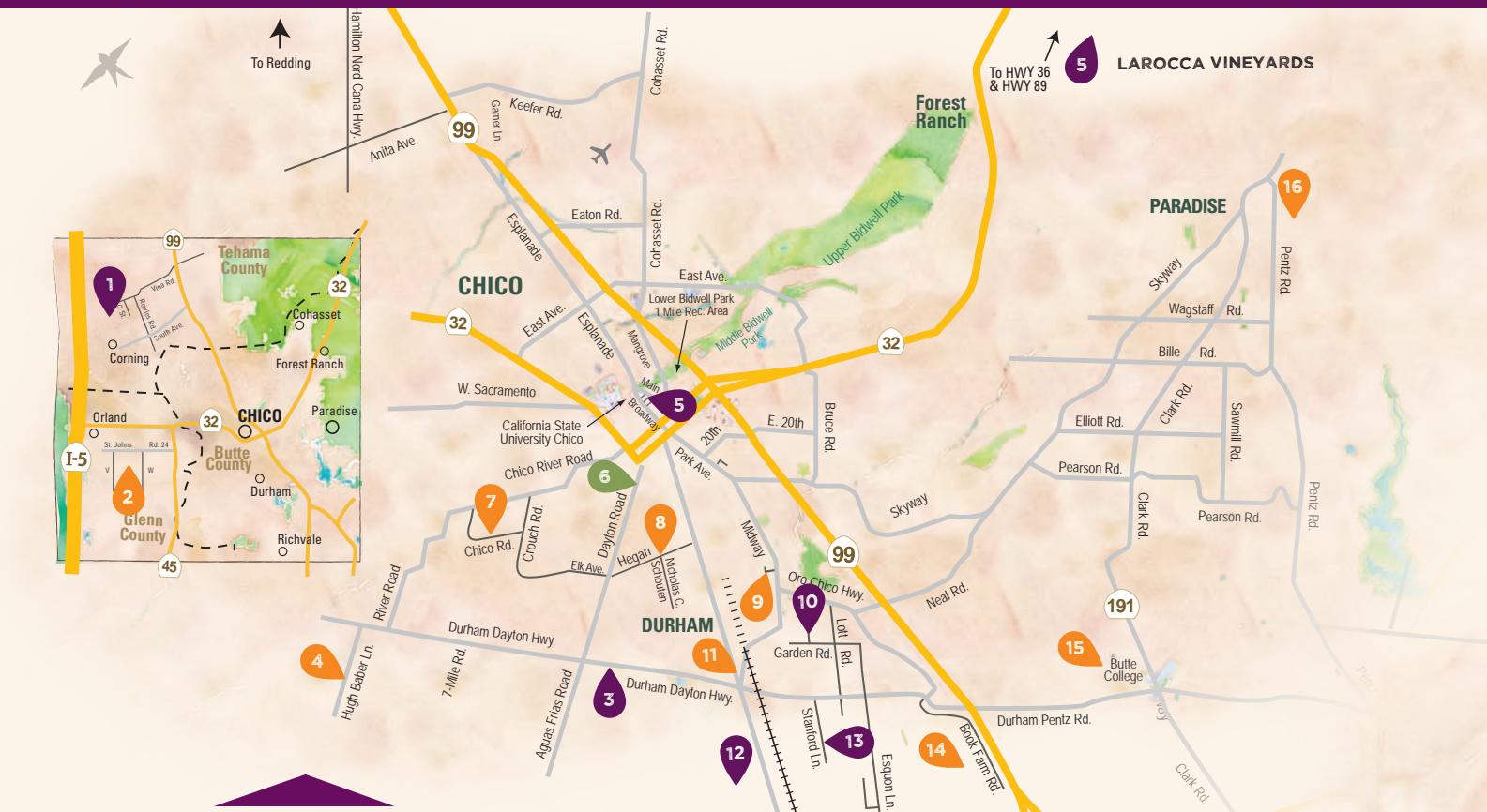
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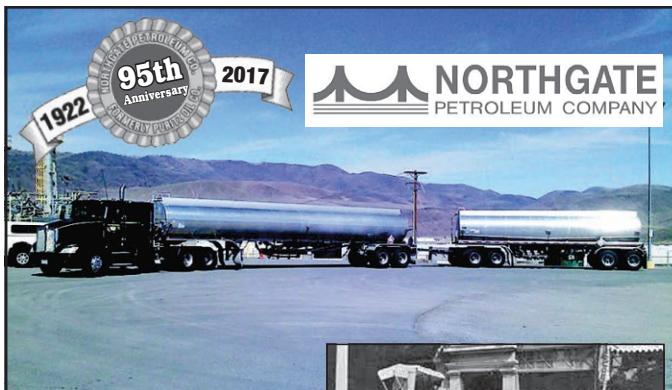
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Sierra Oro Farm Trail Offers Great Opportunity to “Tour...Taste...Toast!”

Food sampling and wine tasting has never been so fun, thanks to the Sierra Oro Farm Trail. The Farm Trail is ideal for foodies, wine and beer enthusiasts and travelers looking for a getaway or a chance to explore and savor the farm-fresh bounty of Butte County. While each Farm Trail member has different hours throughout the year, they band together annually each October for "Passport Weekend. During that event, Passport holders can set their own pace, take self-guided tours of the scenic agricultural trails, meet local farmers and winemakers and sample the amazing bounty of locally-owned wineries and specialty farms located throughout Butte County.

"Butte County is uniquely positioned with a diverse array of farms and wineries, making our annual passport event stand out for both wine and food enthusiasts," said Jamie Johansson, owner and farmer at Lodestar Olive Oil and co-founder of the Sierra Oro Farm Trail. "In addition to a gourmet tasting experience, guests get to meet generations of family farmers and winemakers. That personal relationship with the growers is what makes our tour so special."

In 2017, three new entities joined the Farm Trail: Book Family Farm, Live Vine Wines and Matson Rice, making a total of 14 wineries and 20 specialty farms where guests can enjoy self-guided tours of the scenic agricultural landscape, meet local farmers and winemakers, and sample the amazing bounty Butte County has to offer.

Proceeds from the Sierra Oro Farm Trail Passport Weekend benefit the Sierra Oro Farm Trail Association, dedicated to further developing agritourism in Butte County. Online tickets will go on sale July 20, 2017. For more information, visit www.sierraoro.org or call the Butte County Farm Bureau at (530) 533-1473.

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Passport Weekend is sponsored by the Butte County Farm Bureau, Chico Chamber of Commerce and Tri Counties Bank. Participating farms and wineries include the following: Almendra Winery & Distillery (Bertagna Son Kissed Vineyards), Bangor Ranch Vineyard & Winery, Book Family Farm, Butte College Environmental Horticulture Nursery, Butte View Olive Company, Calolea Olive Oil, CSU Chico University Farm, Dog Creek Cellars, Gale Vineyards, Harrison's California Chestnuts, Harvest Hill Farm, Hickman Family Vineyards, Hodges Nursery & Gifts, LaRocca Vineyards, Lavender Ranch, Live Vine Wines, Llano Seco Rancho, Lodestar Farms, Long Creek Winery & Ranch, Maisie Jane's California Sunshine Products, Matson Rice, Mt. Ida Mandarin Ranch, Nesseré Vineyards, New Clairvaux Vineyard, Noble Orchards, Patrick Ranch Museum, Pedrozo Dairy and Cheese Company, Purple Line Urban Winery, Quilici Vineyards, Sohnrey Family Foods, Spencer Shirey Wines, TJ Farms and Wagon Wheel Market.



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"Fire Up the Grill" Basket

Basque Norte marinade, produced by **Mooney Farms**, is a great addition to any BBQ gift basket. Add some bbq utensils and cookbook and you're sure to inspire some great grillin'! Nothing goes with bbq like a cool, fresh salad. Include almonds in your basket from **Sohnrey Family Farms** and check out their website for their delicious rice salad recipe. Add a bottle of wine from **Bertagna Son-Kissed Vineyard** or **Almendra Winery** and you're just about done. To sweeten things up, add some after-dinner sweet treats from **Joy-Lyn's Candies**.

"It's Picnic Time!" Basket

Grab a basket from **Made in Chico**, then stop by **Maisie Janes California Sunshine Products** for some delicious local treats to add. A bottle of any of **Lodestar Farms** award-winning Olive Oils is the perfect addition (check out lodestar-farms.com for recipe ideas), along with a refreshing bottle of vino from **Doe Mil Vineyards** or **Odyssey Winery**.



Pasta Night Basket

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California Nut Festival: Upscale Food, Wine, Beer and More!

By Alice Patterson

With a focus on locally grown and produced foods and beverages from the North Valley, the California Nut Festival is an upscale food and beverage event. The fun takes place each April on the historic grounds of the Patrick Ranch Museum in Chico, California.

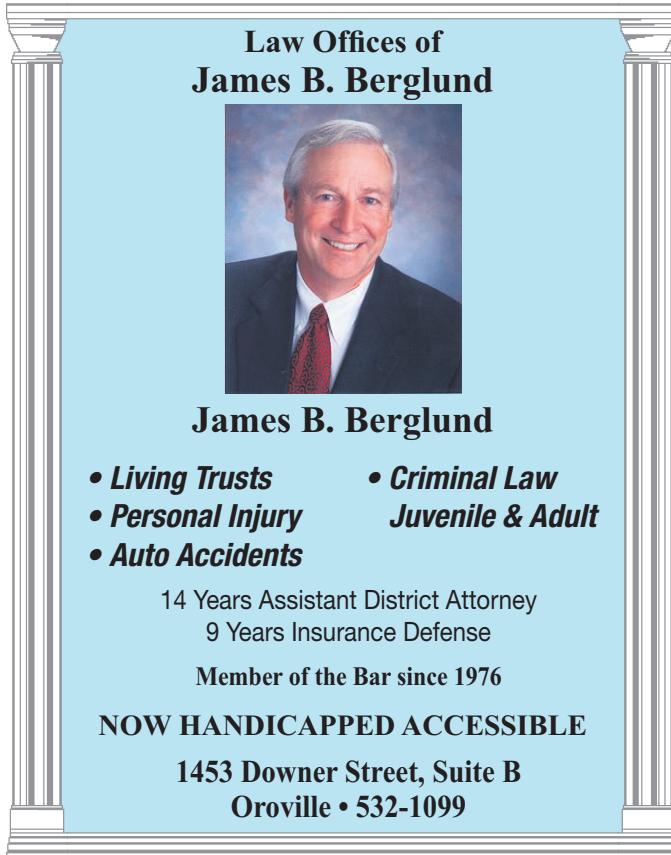
The festival showcases a wide-array of gourmet food offerings, wine and beer samplings, nut-inspired cooking demonstrations, live musical entertainment on two outdoor stages, an art show featuring local artists and more. Locally grown tree nuts -- almonds, walnuts, pecans and pistachios -- take center stage for this event that showcases the culinary delights while paying tribute to the region's strong farming heritage in Butte County.

"In addition to enjoying great food and beverages, attendees get a great opportunity to connect with local farmers and growers, and really learn about the region's agriculture," said Kathy Chance, Event Chair.

Chance, who has been an integral part of organizing the event since its beginning, said that the support of the local farmers over the years has been amazing—and an essential part of putting on such a great event. The event has raised more than \$120,000 in donations, both cash and goods, that have gone directly to supporting the Patrick Ranch over the years.

"The generosity of our farming community is tremendous," she said. "I am so grateful and appreciative for each of our Farmers Circle members who continue to contribute to the event year after year."

The California Nut Festival began as a series of events including a blossom tour, spelling bee, book club and chef demonstrations that took place over the course of a two week period, but lacked a single event that brought



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The “new” California Nut Festival (CNF) is the vision of a group of community volunteers who wanted to bring an upscale food and wine event to the North Valley to celebrate the heritage and provide much needed fundraising to the Patrick Ranch Museum. Kathy Chance, committee chair, states,

“We wanted to increase awareness and consumption of our local products as well as bring people together in a fun and festive atmosphere,” she said.

The mission of the California Nut Festival is to connect consumers and farmers, cultivate an understanding of nut production in California and how California nuts fit into a healthy lifestyle. Proceeds are dedicated to the development of the Patrick Ranch Museum to preserve and interpret the agricultural history of the Sacramento Valley.

For more information about the California Nut Festival, visit www.californianutfestival.com.

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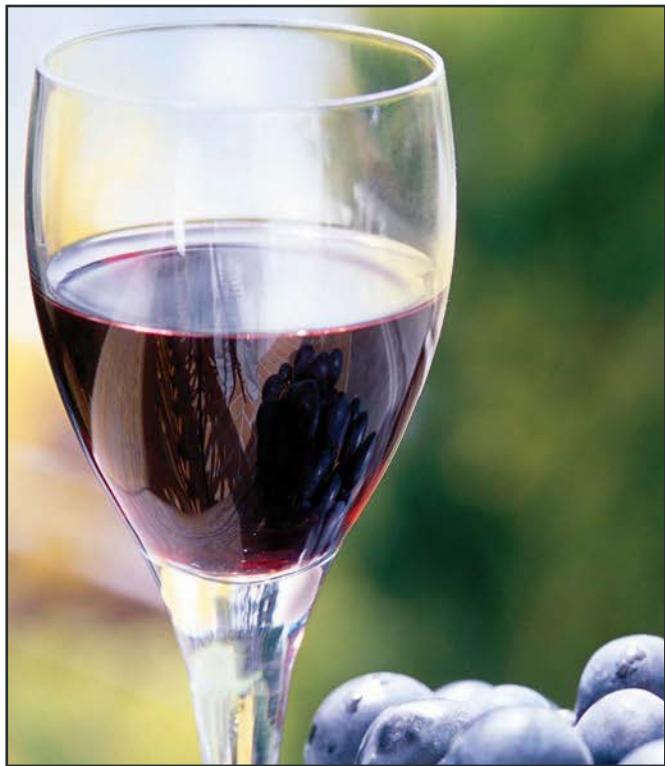
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- 1 1/2 cups amontillado sherry
- 1/4 cup Cointreau
- 2 chilled 750-ml bottles sparkling wine
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- Ice cubes
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar
- Orange and lemon slices, for garnish

In a large punch bowl, stir the lemon juice with the sugar until the sugar dissolves. Add the brandy, sherry, port, Cointreau, sparkling wine and club soda and stir gently until blended. Add the ice and garnish with the fruit.

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- 3 whole cloves
- 1 star anise pod
- 2 cups cranberries
- 2 Granny Smith apples, diced
- One 750-milliliter bottle Spanish rosé
- 1/3 cup ruby port
- 1/3 cup Cointreau
- 1/3 cup cranberry juice
- Ice cubes, for serving

In a saucepan, mix the water, sugar, crushed red pepper, cinnamon, allspice, cloves and star anise. Simmer the syrup over moderately low heat for 15 minutes. Strain into a bowl and add the cranberries and apples. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Step 2

Strain the fruit, reserving the spiced syrup. In a large pitcher, mix the rosé with the port, Cointreau, cranberry juice, fruit and 3/4 cup of the spiced syrup. Refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour. Serve over ice.

Wine & Paint Events Offer Creative Way to Unwind

Let your creative juices flow during an afternoon or evening of sipping wine and painting! Wine tasting and painting events have taken the country by storm, offering a fun and creative way to relax. Generally lasting two hours and led by an instructor, you'll end up with a masterpiece all your own, and memories to last a lifetime. Grab a friend or a group, and reserve a spot today! Paint and Sip parties are offered at a variety of locations throughout the Northstate. Check out the following locations for upcoming workshops. **Enjoy!**

The Studio 561

Local artist Christine Mac Shane offers group classes (and more!) that let you create your very own masterpiece. 561 E Lindo Ave, Chico, CA 95926 (530) 370-1285 Find Christine online at <https://studio561.myshopify.com/> And on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>

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Collecting Wine

Do you intensely study wine bottles before buying? Are you the president of a local wine organization. Do you find yourself researching the history of your favorite wines?

It may be time for you to transform from connoisseur to collector. Uncovering vintage bottles of wine from your favorite period in history can be an exhilarating experience that leaves you excited to find the next one.

STAY ORGANIZED

One of the biggest keys to collecting wine is knowing what you have. What good is a vintage bottle from the early 1920s if you lose track of it in storage? You can develop a spreadsheet system that works to let you know what is coming in and going out.

You also can stay organized by starting small. Instead of buying up a large number of bottles initially, come home with four or five that you can get to know. Each bottle will have a long history behind it, one that you can spend time learning about instead of adding more to your collection. Once you can hold an educated conversation about each bottle, it's time to seek out your next additions.

CONSIDER THE EXPENSE

The feat of starting a wine collection can be an expensive one, especially if your goal is to invest in popular varieties with the potential for creating revenue.

Like in other aspects of business, if you want to earn money, you've got to spend it.

Set a reasonable budget to get your collection off the



ground, and stick to it. If you're earmarking \$500 on collectibles, keep track of every penny you spend as you spend it. This way you won't be tempted to overcharge or overspend your cash for too many bottles.

STORING IT

Wine is very sensitive, especially when you start dealing with old bottles. It is generally best kept in cool, humid environments of about 55 degrees.

Consider this if you're plan-

ning on storing wine in your basement or cellar. The best storage areas for wine are detached, well-insulated and secure. Another option is finding a reputable facility specifically designed for wine storage.

Grape Grammar

Ever try to hold a conversation on grapes with a local grower? Unless you are a fellow expert, you were likely overwhelmed with the terminology, strategy and various varieties of grapes covered within your chat.

The grape growing industry is comprehensive, with multiple complexities. And the experts within it are knowledgeable of a great variety of subjects, including pest management, plant pathology, food science and rootstocks. They have to be if they want to remain ahead of the grape-growing curve.

The next time you take up a conversation at your local winery, mix in some of the terminology below. They are listed in full and in more detail on The Grape Community of Practice (GCoP) website at www.eviticulture.org.

Aging: This is a basic term defined by the period of time a wine spends maturing to achieve its best flavor and aroma. Desired aging can be accomplished in a variety of ways, including within bottles or oak barrels.

Canopy management: First let's define canopy as the foliage of a crop. Managing it involves manipulating the shoots, leaves and fruit for the betterment of the vine and quality of grape.

Fasciation: This occurs when a plant distortion caused by an infection results in thin, flattened or curved shoots.

Legs: Wine with "legs" sticks to the side of a glass when it is swirled and then slowly drips back down into the glass. Wines with higher alcohol content generally produce this effect.



Over-cropping: A serious issue affecting grapevines, this problem occurs when excessive crop on a grapevine results in negatively affected ripening.

Peduncle: In grapes, this is the same as the cluster stem that grows from the point of attachment to the shoot to the first lateral branch on the cluster.

Scuppernong: A variety of grape native to the southeastern U.S. and named for the area where it grows near the Scuppernong River in eastern North Carolina.



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Selecting a Wine Glass

Consider the following scenario and its possible outcomes: You just dropped your favorite wine glass in the sink, watching it shatter into 100 little shards.

Any time is a great time to buy a new set of wine glasses. An online or on-foot search for your next favorite glass will reveal one thing: There is a lot of variety out there.

OPTIONS, OPTIONS

Knowing where to start depends on your preference and how steadfast you are in not straying far from it. Some people stick with one brand, one style and one glass thickness for all wines.

Wine enthusiasts will tell you that finding a slight inward curve at the top of the glass will help focus the aroma of the wine, or that thinner glasses offer a fuller wine flavor than thicker ones.

If you're open to new taste experiences, you should stay flexible. Keep eyes and mind open to find great wine glasses from different producers and stores. If you pigeonhole yourself to one specific brand, you may be missing out on a beautiful relationship with your new favorite glass.

GIFTING GLASSES

A nice set of stemware is always a great gift, no matter if you're buying for a novice or an expert collector. Hint around the next time you're at your friend's house at which wine glasses they prefer, have too many of or not enough of — and let this information guide your purchasing behavior.

Sometimes when buying glasses for yourself, you'll find one that would be perfect for a fellow wine enthusiast.

If you are a recent buyer, you may



be able to find a great deal on a repeat purchase from the same store.

Keep an eye out for email coupons

or check your receipt for this type of promotional deal. There is no harm in finding a great glass and saving money at the same time.



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