# SANTA MARIA VALLEY

A GUIDE TO LOCAL WINERIES AND RESTAURANTS

# "The Santa Maria Valley is an insider's secret..."

—Wine writer Steve Heimoff

Sometimes it's the unbeaten path that leads to the best discoveries. Such is the case in the Santa Maria Valley, where fine wine, world-famous barbecue and open roads make for a uniquely memorable—and flavorful—wine country experience.

The Santa Maria Valley unfolds along the northern perimeter of Santa Barbara County on California's Central Coast. Here, the valley boasts a rare "transverse" geography, an east-west orientation that channels cool ocean air. The result is one of California's longest growing seasons, fostering an exquisite climate for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah and many other varietals.

The perfect conclusion to an afternoon of wine tasting can be enjoyed at a number of local restaurants, several of which specialize in Santa Maria Style Barbecue, a 150-year-old regional culinary tradition founded on native ingredients and methods.

For a complimentary visitor's package, visit www.santamaria.com and www.santamariawines.com or call 1-800-331-3779.

# **BEFORE YOU BEGIN WINE-TASTING...**

We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful wine country. Note that once you leave the city of Santa Maria, the nearest winery is 15-20 minutes away. Please keep in mind that you will be driving in a rural area, with limited access in some remote areas to gas stations, restaurants or other services. Cell phone reception may not be available at certain locations.

Maria, you can reach Foxen Canyon Road by heading east on either Stowell Road or Betteravia Road. Watch for Santa Maria Valley Wine Country signage to guide you to the 18 wineries along the way. You will reach Zaca Station Road at the southernmost end. From there, you'll have easy access to both Highway 154 and Highway 101, as well as Los Olivos, Solvang, Buellton and Santa Barbara.

Similarly, you can take the wine trail from Zaca Station Road off Highway 101/Highway 154 to Foxen Canyon Road for a scenic and peaceful journey north to Santa Maria.

To make your experience safe and enjoyable, we recommend the following guidelines:

 Start your journey with a full tank of gas;

- Bring a picnic lunch and plenty of bottled water. Foods high in fat content are best when wine-tasting, to absorb the alcohol:
- Limit your visits to 3-5 properties per day;
- Plan to stay overnight and enjoy our wine country over a leisurely weekend. Hotel packages are available at www.santamaria.com;
- Be mindful of how many wine samples you are ingesting. Typically, 1-2 ounces are poured per taste;
- Be a safe and responsible wine-taster.
   Bring a designated driver with you or take a guided wine tour. Call (800) 331-3779 for local companies; and
- If you intend to fly home after your visit to the Santa Maria Valley, ask the wineries you visit to ship the wine home for you. There are TSA restrictions on bringing bottles of wine back on the plane.





# **WINE COUNTRY TASTING ROOMS**

# ADDAMO ESTATE VINEYARDS

400 East Clark Avenue, Suite A Old Orcutt (805) 937-6400

www.addamovineyards.com

■ Come see why Addamo Vineyards was voted "Best Tasting Room in Santa Maria Valley." Planted in 1997, Addamo Vineyards is a family owned and operated company. We take pleasure in pairing our ultra-premium wines with savory delights offered on the appetizer menu. Open Tuesday—Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **BYRON WINERY**

2367 Alamo Pintado Avenue, Los Olivos (805) 938-7365

www.byronwines.com

■ Byron Vineyards and Winery specializes in handcrafting Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from estate-owned vineyards in the cool climate of Santa Maria Valley, California. Byron's goal is to honor the remarkable potential of

its estate-grown fruit with the gentlest handling possible and a barrel-by-barrel approach to winemaking that tailors production techniques to each vineyard block. With the help of a multi-level, gravity-flow winery, the winemaking team at Byron strives to produce wines that are rich in character and texture and express the singular personality of Byron's Santa Maria Valley vineyards. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# CAMBRIA WINERY & VINEYARD

5475 Chardonnay Lane, Santa Maria (805) 937-8091

www.cambriawines.com

"Winemaking begins on the vine." Visit this private, family-owned estate winery, established in 1986, and experience the flavors of the Santa Maria Bench. Cambria Winery and Vineyard has carved a reputation for producing lush, tropical Chardonnay, velvety-textured Pinot Noir and rich, spicy Syrah. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

# COSTA DE ORO WINERY

1331 South Nicholson Avenue Santa Maria (at Stowell Road and Highway 101) (805) 922-1468

www.cdowinery.com

Costa de Oro is a family-owned winery producing estate-grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, as well as small lots of Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Our wines are produced in small, hand-crafted lots and can be found in the finest restaurants and retail wine shops across the country. Gourmet foods, picnic items, and gifts are also available. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Open till 7:30 p.m. on Fridays.

# COTTONWOOD CANYON VINEYARD & WINERY

3940 Dominion Road, Santa Maria (805) 937-8463

www.cottonwoodcanyon.com

Cottonwood Canyon grows and produces "distinctively different age





worthy wines"™ from our 78 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah. Taste our wines paired with spicy foods and older vintages at our beautiful tasting room and enjoy unique barrel tastings in our 6,000 square feet of wine caves, on weekends or with an appointment. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please see website for event listings.

# FOXEN WINERY & VINEYARD

7200 Foxen Canyon Road and 7600 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria (805) 937-4251

www.foxenvineyard.com

■ Bill Wathen and Dick Dore have been making wine together since 1985, when they founded Foxen Winery at the historic Rancho Tinaquaic in the Santa Maria Valley. Since that time, their dedication has remained the same—the creation of very small-production, vineyard-designated wines using a "minimalist" approach to winemaking. Taste

Burgundian and Rhone varietals at the new state-of-the-art solar powered winery, and Cal-Ital and Bordeaux wines at the 'shack.' Both open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# KENNETH VOLK VINEYARDS

5230 Tepusquet Road, Santa Maria (805) 938-7896 www.volkwines.com

■ Established in 2005 by veteran Central Coast winemaker Kenneth Volk, this winery specializes in Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Santa Maria Valley. Kenneth Volk Vineyards also features Aqua Pumpkin wines. Open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# McKEON-PHILLIPS WINERY

2115 South Blosser Road #114 Santa Maria (805) 928-3025

www.mckeonphillipswinery.com

This winery has been producing increasingly outstanding, award-winning, handcrafted and unique wines since 1982. McKeon-Phillips Winery brings to the Central Coast of California the very best of European and Early American style of apprenticeship to the making of its fine wines. McKeon-Phillips Winery is essentially a family-run operation that makes small lots of only the highest quality premium wines. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



# RANCHO SISQUOC WINERY

6600 Foxen Canyo<mark>n Road</mark> Santa Maria (805) 934-4332

www.ranchosisquoc.com

■ The winery, one of the region's first, is nestled on a vast ranch in the Santa Maria Valley. Lush green pastures and fruit trees surround the winery and capture the serene beauty of early California at its best. Open Monday—Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday—Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# RIVERBENCH WINERY

6020 Foxen Canyon Road Santa Maria (805) 937-8340 www.riverbench.com

■ From the celebrated Santa Maria appellation comes a new arrival that's headed straight to stardom. With topography and soil exceptionally suitable for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, the 300-acre Riverbench Vineyard has been the behind-thescenes talent for numerous recognized wines of the region for over 30 years.

Winemaker Chuck Ortman, of Napa notoriety, signed on in 2006, and the tasting room opened in April 2008. Riverbench Vineyard & Winery has stepped into the limelight with its own masterful interpretations of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, available to enjoy daily on the tasting room patio. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# TRES HERMANAS VINEYARD & WINERY

9660 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria (805) 937-8451

www.treshermanaswinery.com

Founded in 2001 by Marvin and Paulette Teixeira with the planting of a small vineyard on their cattle ranch, Tres Hermanas (Three Sisters) was named for the couple's three daughters, Stacey, Tracey and Marcey. In 2007 the tasting room opened to the public, and the estate winemaking facility was built. Luke Lindquist was named fulltime winemaker—and not only is he a second-generation winemaker, but his family members are all winemakers in their own right. Tres Hermanas is focused on the creation of fine French and Italian style wines using fruit from some of the leading vineyards on the Central Coast as well as from our own estate grown syrah. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# THE WINE CELLAR & MARTINI BAR

At the Historic Santa Maria Inn 801 South Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 928-7777 www.santamariainn.com ■ You'll enjoy a grand selection of local vintages and wines from along the Central Coast as well as signature martinis and complimentary hors d'oeuvres in this cozy and intimate downstairs nook. Open Tuesday–Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday-Monday.

# LUCAS & LEWELLEN VINEYARDS

1645 Copenhagen Drive, Solvang (805) 686-9336

www.llwine.com

■ Descended from a long line of grape growers, Louis Lucas came to Santa Barbara County and planted his first vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley in 1970. Building a reputation as a skilled viticulturist, he has provided his choice wine grapes to many of California's finest wineries. In 1996, Royce Lewellen joined forces with Louis to form Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards, a venture that continues to create fine wines and sell grapes of the highest quality. The vineyards of Lucas & Lewellen are located in the three principal growing regions of Santa Barbara County: the Santa Maria Valley, the Los Alamos Valley, and the Santa Ynez Valley. Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards has catapulted itself into the wine business with three brands: Lucas & Lewellen, Mandolina (Toccata), and Queen of Hearts. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Open till 8:30 p.m. on Friday-Saturday.

# **SUGGESTED PAIRINGS**

Discover the perfect complement for our famous Santa Maria Style Barbecue!

# ADDAMO VINEYARDS

www.addamovineyards.com (805) 937-6400 2005 Syrah or 2005 Pinot Noir

# RIVERBENCH VINEYARD AND WINERY

www.riverbench.com (805) 937-8340

Estate Pinot Noir or Mesa Pinot Noir

# **BIEN NACIDO VINEYARDS**

www.biennacidovineyards.com 2007 Bien Nacido Vineyards Syrah or 2007 Bien Nacido Vineyards Pinot Noir

# BYRON WINERY

www.byronwines.com (805) 934-4770 2006 Tepusquet Syrah or Clone 667 Pinot Noir

### **CAMBRIA VINEYARD**

www.cambriawines.com (805) 937-8091 2006 Tepusquet Syrah or 2007 Julia's Vineyard Pinot Noir

### **COSTA DE ORO**

www.cdowinery.com
(805) 922-1468
2008 Costa de Oro
Chardonnay,
Santa Barbara County
or 2008 Costa de Oro
Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County

### **COTTONWOOD CANYON WINERY**

www.cottonwoodcanyon.com (805) 937-8463 2005 Bistro Syrah or 2002 Syroir (Syrah/Pinot Noir blend)

# **FOXEN VINEYARD**

www.foxenvineyard.com (805) 937-4251 2006 Syrah Williamson-Dore Vineyard or 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Vogelzang Vineyard

### **LUCAS AND LEWELLEN VINEYARDS**

www.llwine.com (805) 686-9336 2006 Lucas and Lewellen Cabernet Franc or 2008 Lucas and Lewellen Goodchild Chardonnay

# TRES HERMANAS WINERY

www.treshermanaswinery.com

(805) 937-8451 Rosé of Syrah 2006 or Rosé of Syrah 2007

### KENNETH VOLK VINEYARDS

www.volkwines.com (805) 938-7896 2006 Syrah, Nielson Vineyard or 2007 Negrette

# RANCHO SISQUOC WINERY

www.ranchosisquoc.com (805) 934-4332 2007 Sisquoc Barbecue Red or 2008 Sylvaner

# WINE & DINE

These fine dining establishments offer local vintages on their wine list.

Complement your meal with the perfect glass

of Santa Barbara County wine.

### **ADELINA'S BISTRO**

1645 Trilogy Parkway, Nipomo (805) 343-7500 www.adelinasbistro.com

# **CENTRAL CITY MARKET**

345 Town Center East, Santa Maria (805) 925-7766 www.santamariatowncenter.com

### **FAR WESTERN TAVERN**

899 Guadalupe Street, Guadalupe (805) 343-2211 www.farwesterntavern.com

# THE GARDEN ROOM RESTAURANT

At the Historic Santa Maria Inn 801 South Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 928-7777 www.santamariainn.com

### **HITCHING POST**

3325 Point Sal Road, Casmalia (805) 937-6151 or (866) 879-4088 www.hitchingpost1.com

### THE JETTY

135 East Foster Road, Santa Maria (805) 937-5144 www.jettyrestaurants.com

### **PEPPER GARCIA'S**

At the Santa Maria Public Airport 3301 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria (805) 928-4088

# **PORTABELLA BAR & GRILL**

At the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 2100 North Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 928-6000 www.holidayinn.com

# **ROONEY'S IRISH PUB**

201 S. Broadway, Orcutt (805) 934-3777 www.rooneysirishpub.net

# SHAW'S STEAKHOUSE & TAVERN

714 South Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 925-5862

# **TESTA'S BISTRO**

113 South College Drive, Santa Maria (805) 349-1122 www.menuclub.com

# TRATTORIA ULIVETO ITALIAN RESTAURANT

285 South Broadway, Old Orcutt (805) 934-4546 www.trattoriauliveto.com

# **VINTNER'S GRILL**

At the Radisson Hotel Santa Maria 3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria (805) 928-8000 www.vintnersgrillsantamaria.com



# WINE & FOOD SHOPP

# **DINO'S DELI, LIQUOR, FINE WINES & SPIRITS**

750 East Main Street, Santa Maria (805) 925-4438

www.dinosdeli.com

■ Stop by the premier distributor of Central Coast wines. Choose from over 400 wines, fine liquors, unique gifts and gift baskets. We also have a large assortment of premium, imported, and micro-brewed beers. Visit our deli to pick up a freshly packed boxed picnic lunch to enjoy at a beautiful Santa Maria Valley winery location!

# COSTA DE ORO WINERY

1331 South Nicholson Avenue (at Stowell Road/Highway 101) Santa Maria

(805) 922-1468 • www.cdowinery.com

Stop by Costa de Oro to pick up gourmet foods, picnic items and gifts on your way out to the Wine Trail, or end your wine tasting adventures in Santa Maria with us!

### CENTRAL CITY MARKET

345 Town Center East, Santa Maria (805) 925-7766

■ Visit Santa Maria's newest offering for gourmet deli foods, wines, cheeses, meats, salads and desserts. Shop in the deli and 'take with' or dine in!

### **OLD TOWN MARKET**

405 E. Clark Ave. Old Orcutt (805) 937-5619

www.oldtownmarket.net

■ Make the short trip to historic Old Orcutt to visit Old Town Market, a unique sixty-year old grocery store. Wine selections include over 90 local wineries with hundreds of local varietals at great prices. Old Town Market also has an award winning deli, Saturday Night Wine Tastings and a first rate Antique Shop all under one roof. Enjoy the small town charm of Old Orcutt in Santa Maria Valley.

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Sit back and let one of our knowledgeable tour companies do the driving.

# **CENTRAL COAST SHUTTLE SERVICES**

(805) 928-1977 or (800) 470-8818 www.centralcoastshuttle.com

# **GOLD COAST** LIMOUSINES

(805) 937-5466 www.goldcoastlimos.com

## FRIDAY NIGHT WINE DOWN

Costa de Oro Winery 1331 S. Nicholson (at Stowell Road and Highway 101) in Santa Maria (805) 922-1468

www.cdowinery.com

Come out to Costa de Oro Winery every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy live music, wine by the glass and cheese plates.

### WINERY AND VINEYARD WALKS

www.smvwines.com

■ The Santa Maria Valley Wine Country Association hosts free winery and vineyard walks throughout the Santa Maria Valley on the second Saturday of each month from April through October. Tours are led by vineyard managers or winemakers of their properties, beginning at 10 a.m. All tours are free to the public, but you must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Locations vary at Santa Maria Valley vineyards and wineries.

### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY VINTNERS' FESTIVAL**

(805) 688-0881

www.sbcountywines.com

■ This festival is held annually in Lompoc during the month of April, attracting wine lovers from near and far for an opportunity to meet Santa Barbara County vintners, taste their wines and enjoy great food and music in a festive outdoor setting.

### CHARDONNAY SYMPOSIUM

www.smvwines.com

■ Enjoy a full day of Chardonnay-related seminars and tastings at this symposium held in July. Learn all about the golden

grape and taste premium Chardonnay from around the country.

### **AUTUMN ARTS GRAPES AND GRAINS FESTIVAL**

(805) 925-0951, ext. 247

This one-day street faire held along South McClelland Street in Santa Maria on the first Saturday in October, is a celebration of the local harvest and the arts. The day includes a fine arts show and sale, crafting demonstrations and sale, chalk art expose, live entertainment and wine and beer tasting for adults 21 and over. Admission to the festival is free, but there is a charge for tasting tickets.

### **CELEBRATION OF HARVEST**

(805) 688-0881

www.sbcountywines.com

■ The festival is held at Rancho Sisquoc in Santa Maria every October during the excitement of the wine grape harvest. Savor great vintages from over 100 wineries along with delightful edibles from fine restaurants and caterers.

### SATURDAY NIGHT WINE TASTING

Steller's Cellar at Old Town Market 405 E. Clark Ave. Old Orcutt (805) 937-5619

www.oldtownmarket.net

■ Enjoy wine tasting every Saturday Night from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a different theme every week. Many local wineries are featured including hardto-find boutique wineries like William James, Foxhound and Tin House. Learn about local wines and varietals or even meet a local wine maker at one of these fun events. See our website for upcoming

# **WINE COUNTRY RESOURCES**



# SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Visitor & Convention Bureau 614 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454 (800) 331-3779 www.santamaria.com

www.santamariawines.com

■ The purpose of the Santa Maria Valley Visitor & Convention Bureau is to promote the Santa Maria Valley as a destination to the pleasure and business travel market, to increase awareness of the Santa Maria Valley, enhance its image and provide services for the tourists and meetings coming to the Central Coast.

# SANTA MARIA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

P.O. Box 5351, Santa Maria, CA 93456-5351 info@smvwines.com www.smvwines.com ■ The Santa Maria Valley Wine Country Association works as a single community voice to elevate, protect and promote the premium wines of this historical coastal growing region.

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY VINTNERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1558, Santa Ynez, CA 93460-1558 (805) 688-0881 www.sbcountywines.com

The Santa Barbara County Vintners' Association is over 100 members strong, with over 90 wineries, more than 25 vineyards and several vineyard management companies joining together to support and promote Santa Barbara County as a unique and quality wine growing and wine making region.

# CENTRAL COAST WINE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1440, Santa Maria, CA 93456-1440 (805) 928-4950 www.ccwga.org

The Central Coast Wine Growers
Association is a non-profit association





representing more than 100 wineries, vineyards, and industry related businesses in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.

### CENTRAL COAST WINE SERVICES

2717 Aviation Way, Suite 101, Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 928-9210 www.centralcoastwineservices.com

The mission of Central Coast Wine Services is to promote the wine industry in the Central Coast in whatever way they are able: to provide their customers with excellent facilities and service, thereby allowing them the maximum opportunities for quality wine making, expansion, and success within the framework of a safe, professional work environment.

# STAY AND TASTE

Wine tasting packages are available at these Santa Maria Valley properties.

# BEST WESTERN BIG AMERICA PLUS

1725 North Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 922-5200 or (800) 426-3213 www.bigamerica.com

Complimentary upgrade to a two-room mini suite (based on availability), deluxe continental breakfast, heated pool and spa.

# HISTORIC SANTA MARIA INN

801 South Broadway, Santa Maria (805) 928-7777 or (800) 462-4276 www.santamariainn.com

■ Receive a wine tasting passport booklet featuring free tastings and discounts, breakfast for two in the morning, and a boxed picnic lunch.

# RADISSON HOTEL SANTA MARIA

3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria (805) 928-8000 or (866) 292-4676 www.radisson.com/santamariaca

■ Featuring Sleep Number Beds, four (4) 2 oz. tastings for each guest, breakfast for two and picnic lunch for two.

# HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

2100 North Broadway, Santa Maria (800) 226-6573 www.holidayinn.com/santamariaca

■ Deluxe suite accommodations with your choice of one King or two Queens, complimentary full breakfast for two, and a Portabella Bar & Grill dinner youcher.

# Santa Maria Valley

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR AND CONVENTION BUREAU

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