



California Wine Month 2025: Harvest Experiences Worth the Trip

Every September, California comes alive with the sights, sounds, and flavors of harvest. This year, there's even more to celebrate as the Golden State raises a glass to its **175th birthday** alongside **California Wine Month**. From grape stomps and vineyard hikes to long-table dinners and community festivals, wineries and towns across the state are opening their doors for unforgettable experiences.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime fan of California wine country, here are the **must-do harvest experiences of September 2025**, organized by region.



North Coast: Napa, Sonoma & Beyond



- **Calistoga Harvest Table (Sept 7, Napa Valley):** Lincoln Avenue transforms into a 1,000-foot communal table where 12 local restaurants and wineries serve a spectacular harvest dinner under the stars.
- **Alexander Valley Vineyards “Let’s Crush It!” (Sept 13–14, Healdsburg):** Roll up your sleeves for grape picking, stomping, wine bingo, BBQ lunch, and live music.
- **Trefethen Family Winery “Hands-On Harvest” (Sept 13, Napa Valley):** Pick grapes, tour vineyards, and share a rustic al fresco lunch paired with estate wines.
- **V. Sattui Harvest Ball (Sept 13, St. Helena):** An elegant evening of food, wine, and live entertainment — one of Napa’s most anticipated traditions.

- **Capo Creek Harvest Celebration (Sept 5–6, Healdsburg):** A two-day harvest party including a Friday night reception, Saturday grape pick, and themed dinner.
 - **Korbel Champagne Cellars “Bubbles & Bites” (Sept 6, Guerneville):** Sparkling wine paired with seasonal dishes crafted by the winery chef.
 - **Wine Road Harvest Wine Trail (Sept 13, Sonoma County):** More than 30 wineries welcome guests for harvest tastings and festivities.
 - **Merry Edwards Winery Fall Release Party (Sept 13, Sebastopol):** First tastes of the winery’s new Reserve Pinot Noir.
 - **ZD Wines Culinary Pairing (Sept 13, Napa):** A curated food-and-wine tasting experience.
 - **Beringer Private Reserve Celebration (Sept 20, St. Helena):** Exclusive Cabernet Sauvignon debut, tastings, and live music.
 - **Groth Oakville Summer School: Vineyard & Cellar Walk (Sept 20, Oakville):** Family-friendly vineyard walk, cellar tour, and picnic lunch.
 - **AVV Library Tasting (Sept 22–25, Healdsburg):** Explore rare vintages that span decades of Alexander Valley history.
 - **AVV Estate Tour & Garden Brunch (Sept 23–26, Healdsburg):** A behind-the-scenes tour with the Wetzel family, followed by a farm-inspired brunch.
 - **Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival (Sept 25–27, Sonoma Plaza):** Celebrating Sonoma Valley’s 200th anniversary with grape stomps, dinners, kids’ activities, live music, and tastings.
 - **Rodney Strong Share & Pair Sundays (Sept 28, Healdsburg):** Relaxed food and wine pairings to wrap up harvest.
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Central Coast: Paso Robles, Santa Barbara & Monterey



- **JUSTIN Vineyards “Season of Syrah” (Sept 10–15, Paso Robles):** Explore Rhône varietals with special offers during harvest.
 - **JUSTIN Vineyards “Pours & S’mores” (Fridays in Sept, Paso Robles):** Roast s’mores while sipping wine flights.
 - **Sanford Winery Vineyard Tours (Sept 5–28, Lompoc):** Walk through Pinot Noir and Chardonnay blocks during harvest with tastings along the way.
 - **Melville Harvest Jubilee (Sept 28, Lompoc):** Sunset music, estate wines, and wood-fired flatbread pizza.
 - **Flying Goat Winemaker Dinner (Sept 20, La Purisima Mission, Lompoc):** An intimate dinner with Norm Yost at a historic mission.
 - **Theopolis Vineyards Harvest Party (Sept 27, Yorkville Highlands):** Tasting, BBQ, and live music in Mendocino.
 - **Sweet September at Tudor Wines (Sept 1–29, Paso Robles):** Macarons paired with Nacina Ice Wine throughout harvest month.
 - **Austin Hope & Treana “Harvest Happiness” (Sept 1–30, Paso Robles):** Special vertical tastings and sensory analysis at Hope on Park Creative Space.
 - **J. Lohr Vineyard-to-Vintage Tours (Sept, Paso Robles):** Immersive behind-the-scenes production tours every Friday and Saturday.
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Inland Valleys: Lodi, Clarksburg & Sierra



- **Lodi Grape Festival (Sept 11–14, Lodi):** Four days of grape stomps, wine tastings, carnival rides, food, and live entertainment.
 - **Acquiesce Winery Labor Day Harvest Tour & Lunch (Sept 1, Acampo):** Vineyard/winery tour, elevated tasting, and picnic lunch.
 - **Acquiesce “Hog Island Oysters & Picpoul” (Sept 13, Acampo):** A crisp Picpoul Blanc paired with fresh oysters.
 - **Bogle Gives Back (Sept 5, Clarksburg):** Complimentary tastings, food trucks, and live music in honor of Wine Month.
 - **Six Sigma Ranch Guided Hike (Sept 6, Lower Lake):** 4-mile vineyard trail hike during harvest.
 - **Six Sigma Ranch Pinot Noir Release & Club Pick-Up (Sept 6–7, Lower Lake):** Harvest-season wine flight with food pairings.
 - **Six Sigma Ranch Guided Bike Ride (Sept 20, Lower Lake):** Vineyard cycling experience hosted with Konocti Bicycles.
 - **Sample the Sierra Festival (Sept 6, South Lake Tahoe):** Food, wine, and brews from the Sierra Nevada region with live music and mountain views.
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Southern California: Temecula & Orange County



- **Europa Village “Great Taste of Europa” (Sept 14, Temecula):** Food, wine, and live entertainment in wine-country style.
- **Monte de Oro Winery “CRUSH” (Sept 27, Temecula):** A one-night culinary and wine showcase featuring 30 local wineries.
- **Temecula Valley “Crush 2025” (Sept 27, Temecula):** Region-wide festival of flavors.
- **Ponte Winery 23rd Annual Grape Stomp (Sept 28, Temecula):** Grape stomping competition, harvest dinner, music, and dancing.
- **Europa Village Symphony All’aperto (Sept 21, Temecula):** Outdoor evening of wine, food, and music.
- **Pacific Wine & Food Classic (Sept 20, Newport Beach):** Beachside culinary and wine festival with 40 restaurants, 75 wines, and craft cocktails.

Harvest isn’t just about grapes — it’s about community. From **family-friendly grape stomps in Lodi** to **elegant balls in Napa**, and from **hikes through Lake County vineyards** to **sunset dinners in Paso and Temecula**, California wine country invites visitors to gather with friends and create memories that last long after the last grape is picked.

No matter where you are in the state, there’s a harvest experience within reach. To explore the full calendar of California Wine Month events, visit DiscoverCaliforniaWines.com.