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HOLIDAY IN THE VINEYARDS ARRIVES AT LIVERMORE VALLEY WINERIES NEAR MARRIOTT HOTELS

Guests at two local Marriott Hotels can tour Livermore Valley wineries and enjoy holiday cheer.

(10/25/10) – Everyone has their own holiday traditions. In the Livermore Valley wine region, the legendary wineries have maintained their own. A celebration of wine and local art takes place with the Holiday in the Vineyards, held on the weekend of December 4th and 5th. The fall crush may be drawing to a close, but guests can sample the region’s legendary wine and art at all participating wineries while enjoying festive cheer, good spirits and company. The [San Ramon Marriott](#) and the [Pleasanton Marriott](#) Hotels are located near the Livermore Valley and offer comfortable accommodations for a weekend getaway to the wine country.



With the holiday shopping season under way, the festival is a perfect opportunity for visitors to make some unique purchases for the Oenophile or art collector in their family. In the spirit of giving, the Holiday in the Vineyards also helps support local charities and will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Foundation. Guests to the wineries during the holiday season are encouraged to bring a toy donation for this charitable cause, which benefits children in surrounding Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Those who have visited the Livermore Valley know the high-quality wine the region produces. The region is home to over 40 wineries and is also one of the oldest wine-making regions in California. With vineyards dating back to the 1760’s its reputation gained worldwide recognition. In fact, in 1889 a Livermore Valley winery became the first American gold medalist at the Paris Exposition. The tradition of excellence continues to this day.

That same committal to excellence can be found at the San Ramon and Pleasanton Marriott Hotels, located just a few miles from the Livermore Valley. Guests should book their rooms at one of these Marriott Hotels today and plan their holiday season wine tour. The hotels even offer a special package that includes transportation for the day. No other time of year combines the cheer of the holidays along with the good cheer of a fine vintage. For more information about the area wineries, visit the [Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association](#) website.

About the San Ramon Marriott

The San Ramon Marriott Hotel presents an idyllic setting for enjoyable getaways, special events or business ventures. Located in a park-like setting in Bishop Ranch, California, the hotel places guests close to a variety of wineries, championship golf courses and many unique shops and restaurants. The hotel is also close to numerous entertainment and dining options in Walnut Creek, Pleasanton, Danville and Alamo. 368 beautifully-decorated guest rooms are designed with Marriott’s iconic bedding, inviting guests to experience restful slumber. Those interested in maintaining fitness routines while traveling can visit the San Ramon Marriott’s spacious fitness center, where the latest cardio equipment keeps heart rates up. Deliciously fresh meals are available on-site at Stixx and Steaks restaurant and after-dinner drinks can be sipped leisurely on the patio lounge. For more information about the hotel, visit www.marriott.com/OAKSR



About the Pleasanton Marriott

The Marriott Hotel in Pleasanton, CA, surrounds guests with a soft ambiance of the East Bay wine country. Each of the Pleasanton Marriott's well-appointed guest rooms feature luxurious bedding, HDTVs and thoughtful amenities. Aside from the hotel's accommodations, the Pleasanton Marriott offers 5,000 square feet of meeting space, including a ballroom that can host meetings or events. The hotel's business center has the newest technology and the exercise room overlooks the outdoor pool oasis. The Pleasanton Marriott hotel, located near Dublin, California, offers a complimentary shuttle service within a five mile radius, which includes a BART train station—perfect for exploring more of California. The ceiling-to-floor wine rack in the hotel's restaurant features regional wines from Livermore, Sonoma and Napa, to be paired with the freshest Northern California dishes. For more information about this hotel, visit www.marriott.com/OAKMC

