**MEDIA ALERT**

Wine and Dine this Weekend with Sonoma’s Best at

Sonoma Wine Country Weekend

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**Who:** Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, Sonoma County’s inimitable weekend celebrating the region’s grape growers, winemakers, and chefs.

**What:** Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is Sonoma County’s signature, and largest, charity event, bringing together over 200 of Sonoma’s top winemakers and growers, along with a collection of the area’s best chefs.

**About:** **Chefs serve, winemakers pour and the proceeds matter.** Enjoy a weekend of captivating wine and food events. Listen to Wine Talks, join private wine tasting tours lead by the country’s hottest sommelier stars, and witness blind tasting challenges. View Crushpad demonstrations for a glimpse into a winemaker’s world. Sample high-quality, artisanal ingredients the local chefs and diners enjoy every day from local producers. Take in Chef Demonstrations and sample bites. Catch the Steel Chef Competition *live* with some of the best Chefs battling it out. Dine with fellow wine lovers at stunning winery properties for private lunches, dinners and BBQ’s. Raise your paddle for one-of-a-kind experiences at the premiere charity auction and more. Pick and choose what to attend as you explore Sonoma and satisfy your senses.

**When:** **Friday, August 29th to Sunday, August 31st** – **Labor Day Weekend**

**Where:** Events take place throughout Sonoma County, America’s leading wine and food region, where the winemakers, chefs, and food producers ply their respective crafts, resulting in an intimate and direct connection with guests offered at no other wine event.

**Tickets:** Tickets range from $85-$500; purchased here:

<https://tickets.sonomawinecountryweekend.com/mainstore.asp?vid=0>

* **Friday, 8/29; 6:30-10pm**

**Sonoma Starlight at Francis Ford Coppola Winery**

300 Via Archimedes Geyserville, CA 95441

Sip and sit poolside at the iconic Francis Ford Coppola Winery against a backdrop of shimmering stars in the Alexander Valley. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of wine, dinner, and music under the stars!

* **Saturday, 8/30; 11-4pm**

**Taste of Sonoma at MacMurray Estate Vineyard®**

9015 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA

Enjoy an afternoon strolling through the historic MacMurray Estate Vineyard property while sipping and savoring the very best of Sonoma County’s rich wines and delectable cuisine presented by more than 200 wineries and 60 chefs.

* **Sunday, 8/31 12:30-6pm**

**Sonoma Harvest Wine Auction at Chateau St. Jean**

8555 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA 95452

Last but certainly not least, this year’s Sonoma Harvest Wine Auction is going to be wild, as the Grand Lawn of Chateau St. Jean will be transformed into the plains of Africa.

**About Sonoma Wine Country Weekend**

A partnership between Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation and Sonoma County Vintners, Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is California’s premier wine, food and social event, taking place on Labor Day weekend each year. The events comprising Sonoma Wine Country Weekend have raised more than $12 million in support of local charities supporting children, the environment, and health in our local communities.. The 2014 Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is presented by Visa Signature.® For a complete list of beneficiaries and sponsors, please visit [www.SonomaWineCountryWeekend.com](http://www.SonomaWineCountryWeekend.com). Jointly produced by the Sonoma County Vintners and the Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation, all proceeds benefit local charities.

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