

CALENDAR

Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall, the SYV's got it all! Food, drink and art take center stage, with festivals, parades and events celebrating (& serving up) everything from olives to æbleskiver. + MUSIC, THEATER AND SPORTS TO SATISFY EVERY FAN AND ENTHUSIAST'S PALATE.

Here's a seasonal sampler highlighting a host of popular annual happenings.

Please check the official event websites for current info and to confirm dates.

WINTER

DECEMBER

Solvang Julefest: (Yule-fest) Solvang's light-filled holiday celebration features free visits with Santa, an interactive Nisse (Christmas Elf) hunt, candlelight tours, a nightly light and music show, open houses, the Annual Tree Lighting and the Saturday Parade. Enjoy extended hours at shops, tasting rooms and eateries, a maker's market and more magical events. solvangjulefest.org

Santa Ynez Small Town

Christmas: Witness the lighting of the largest Christmas tree in the Valley, along with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, visits with Santa, live entertainment, cookies and cider. 805.350.8517, santaynezchamber.org

Olde-Fashioned Christmas in Los Olivos:

Activities for the entire family, including various crafts for the kids and shopping for adults and a Gingerbread Wonderland fundraiser at St. Mark's-in-the-Valley. LosOlivos.com

Buellton WinterFest: Breakfast with Santa, enjoy an afternoon holiday concert, and an evening of fun on the Avenue of Flags featuring 20 tons of snow, music, food, wine, beer, spirits, vendors, a light parade and tree lighting. discoverbuellton.com

JANUARY

Annual Christmas Tree Burn & Safety

Demonstration: Community Christmas trees are piled high in a huge bonfire. Enjoy free live music, plus food and warm drinks for purchase. 5-7 pm. 1760 Mission Drive, 805.688.7529, cityofsolvang.com

Santa Ynez Valley Restaurant Weeks:

Participating restaurants offer a variety of delectable 3-course menus that highlight the Valley's farm-fresh bounty and many award-winning area chefs' culinary creativity for \$30, \$40 and \$50. dinesyv.com

SPRING

MARCH

Buellton Wine and Chili Fest: Sample wine, craft brews and spirits; try chili and salsa made by competing local chefs, plus live entertainment at Flying Flags RV Resort. 805.688.7829, buelltonwineandchilifestival.com

Alisal Ranch BBQ Bootcamp: Twice a year (Spring & Fall), participants learn about all

things barbeque from in-house and guest experts. The three-day event is packed with exciting workshops, outdoor activities and excellent dining. 805.693.4208, alisal.com

APRIL

Annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Egg Hunt: The Valley's largest egg hunt starts at 10:00 am sharp at River View Park in Buellton. Free fun with activities, group games, Easter crafts and more! For info, go to solvangusa.com or discoverbuellton.com.

MAY

Buellton Brew Fest: This annual festival features libations from 50+ breweries, wineries and distilleries, along with live entertainment. Enjoy a great assortment of food trucks, vendors, lawn games and mega-sized beer pong! River View Park in Buellton. buelltonbrewfest.com

Santa Barbara Wine Country Half Marathon: Run a scenic course from downtown Santa Ynez through Los Olivos to Solvang. Celebrate at the post-race Wine & Music Festival in Solvang Park. destinationraces.com



SUMMER

JUNE

Los Olivos Jazz & Olive Festival: Savor local wines paired with food prepared by over 30 chefs, plus olive product vendors and world-class live jazz. Lavinia Campbell Park, downtown Los Olivos, jazzandolivefestival.org

JULY

Independence Day Parade, Festival & Fourth of July Fireworks Solvang: The parade starts at 11:00, followed by a BBQ at Solvang Park, and afternoon activities and evening fireworks at 9:00 at Old Mission Santa Inés. solvangusa.com

Buellton BBQ Bonanza: Enjoy a barbeque, activities, demonstrations and learn about local clubs and organizations. River View Park, discoverbuellton.com

AUGUST

Wine and Fire: Winemaking members of the Sta. Rita Hills Winegrowers Alliance showcase wines with an opening party Friday night, followed by a weekend of seminars, wine tasting and exclusive dinners. staritahills.com

FALL

SEPTEMBER

Annual Solvang Danish Days: Celebrate Solvang's Danish heritage with authentic foods, live entertainment, dancing, parades (Torchlight on Friday night, Main Parade on Saturday and Children's on Sunday), artisans, living history exhibits, æbleskiver breakfasts, beer and wine gardens and more. solvangdanishdays.org

Los Alamos Valley Old Days: The community gathers to celebrate the town's authentic Western heritage with the Chili Kick-off and dance, tri-tip sandwiches and beer garden, Old Days Stampede 5-K Run, classic car show, artisan's faire and Sunday morning parade. losalamosvalleyolddays.com

OCTOBER

Santa Ynez Valley Scarecrow Fest: Enjoy more than 200 scarecrows around the Valley throughout the month, with the public invited to vote for their favorites. syvscarescrows.com

Chumash Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow: Head to Live Oak Campground for a day of Native American music, dance contests, drum competitions, food, arts and crafts, pottery, jewelry and more. santaynezchumash.org

39th Annual Santa Barbara Vintners Festival: The weekend's highlight is the Festival Grand Tasting on Saturday, where guests can enjoy new release wines from 70+ wineries, tastings from 30+ food purveyors, live music, wine and culinary demonstrations, local artisans and a silent auction. Get a Vintners Visa Wine Country Tasting Pass for complimentary offerings at up to 12 out of 40+ participating wineries and tasting rooms from Thursday through Monday. sbvintnersweekend.com

Los Olivos Day in the Country: Small-town charm and the friendly Los Olivos lifestyle are paired with great food, fun runs, a parade, vendor booths and live music. Grand Avenue, Los Olivos, losolivosca.com



Solvang Halloween Haunted House and Street Fest: 6:00-9:30 pm. Family-friendly fun in the transformed Solvang Festival Theater, accompanied by food, drinks and games. 805.688.7529, cityofsolvang.com

Santa Ynez Halloween Street Faire: Live music, food vendors, a costume contest, candy, free pony rides, a tricycle racetrack and bounce houses make this a fun family celebration. 5:00-8:00 pm. 805.350.8517, santaynezchamber.org

NOVEMBER

Buellton Holiday Bazaar: Start your holiday shopping early and enjoy all of the creative talent the area has to offer. Free admission. Buellton Rec Center - 301 2nd Street, 805.688.1086, buelltonrec.com

Buellton Fall Festival: Family fun abounds at this festival and carnival, including games and rides (with a Ferris Wheel on Avenue of the Flags), 25+ bands on two stages, a street fair, food vendors and free admission. discoverbuellton.com

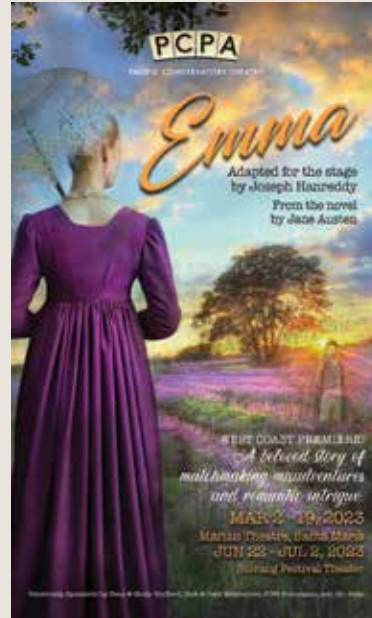
Vaquero Show & Sale: Celebrate the lifestyle and renowned horsemanship of the California Vaquero, and enjoy food, demonstrations and live music. Held annually at The Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum and Parks-Janeway Carriage House, 805.688.7889, santaynezmuseum.org



YEAR-ROUND & SEASONAL

Solvang Village Farmers Market: Every Wednesday, featuring local and organic produce, meats, herbs, cheeses, jams, honey, flowers and more at First Street between Mission Drive and Copenhagen Drive, 2:30-6:30 Summer, 2:30-5:30 Winter, sbfarmersmarket.org

JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER



PCPA Pacific Conservatory Theatre presents critically acclaimed, professional productions under the stars from June through October at Solvang Festival Theater. The 2023 schedule includes a stellar lineup of comedies, drama, music and more. The exciting 2023 season productions include Emma, Bright Star, America Mariachi and The Book of Will. 420 Second Street, pcpa.org

Want to plan your own Valley event? Turn to pages 82-83 for all the local info or head to visitSYV.com

Taste of The Santa Ynez Valley



This annual signature event hosted by **Visit the Santa Ynez Valley** takes place every fall in the six Santa Ynez Valley wine country towns of Los Alamos, Santa Ynez, Los Olivos, Solvang, Ballard and Buellton. Guests are treated to four days of immersive experiences—a town-wide **progressive dinner, VIP wine tastings and seminars, cooking classes, winemaker dinners, live music** and more—all crafted to serve as an introductory course to the edible and imbibe-able bounty of this burgeoning food, wine and beer destination. For more information and updates on what's in store for the **2023** event visit **tastesyv.com**.

