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Enjoy Perfect Pairings at El Dorado Wineries' Backyard BBQs

If you're in the mood for expert grilling and wine pairing this summer, make the trip up to the cool Sierra foothills, where El Dorado's award winning winemakers are wheeling out their BBQs and pairing grilled culinary delights with their favorite seasonal wines all summer long.

Backyard BBQ Highlights:

Narrow Gate Vineyards www.narrowgatevineyards.com kicks off the summer with a "Cellar Chill and Patio Grill" featuring fresh, seasonal pairings on **June 30**.

On **July 4**, Fair Play's **Mount Aukum Winery** www.mountaukum.com (530) 620-1675 celebrates Independence Day with live music and a 2,615-foot view of fireworks throughout the region. Fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

On another scenic outlook in Pleasant Valley, **Holly's Hill Vineyards** www.hollyshill.com (530) 344-0227 will showcase new summer wines with grilled delights the weekend of **July 14-15**.

On Thursday, **July 19**, visitors have two wonderful choices for BBQ events: **Madroña Vineyards** in Placerville www.MadronaVineyards.com (530) 644-5948 will host "Barbeque Better!" with expert pairing choices by the winemaker and a local grill master.

In Fair Play, **Single Leaf Winery** www.singleleaf.com (888) 663-5323 invites visitors to join the friendly staff for a "Back to the Futures" barrel tasting and BBQ on **July 19**.

Friday, **July 20**, explore the heart of the Gold Country around Coloma with a trip to **David Girard Vineyards** www.davidgirardvineyards.com (530) 295-1833 for a hilltop BBQ complemented by wines and live music.

On Saturday, **July 28**, the wineries of Apple Hill host their annual Summer Wine Fest: "Red, White & BBQ." Six wineries, including **Boeger, Lava Cap and Madroña** are grilling up special flavors to accent their mountain grown wines. www.AppleHillWineries.com (800) 306-3956.

El Dorado's summer BBQ events will wind up the weekend of **August 4 – 5** with "Hot Cars and Winning Wines" BBQ and barrel tastings at **Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards** in Fair Play www.charlesbmitchell.com (530) 620-3467.

For information and tickets to these events, call the wineries or visit their Web sites. For some great BBQ recipes and wine pairings, go to www.ElDoradoWines.org.

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