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WINEMAKING AT A HIGHER LEVEL ~

“Tour de Vine” El Dorado’s Wine Harvest Festival is Sept. 13-14

This “Tour of vines” celebrates the cycle of winemaking in El Dorado

El Dorado County, CA —“**Tour de Vine**,” El Dorado’s Wine Harvest Festival, celebrates the magical cycle of the wine harvest, offering visitors a “tour of vines” as well as crush pads and cellars. The event will be held during the weekend of September 13-14 at 20 wineries in the colorful El Dorado foothills.

“We were inspired by the Tour de France, which honors the best cyclists in the world during 21 race stages,” said winemaker Justin Boeger, president of the El Dorado Winery Association. “Our leisurely version, the Tour de Vine, celebrates the harvest cycle of the world’s best grape varieties, at 20 wineries.”

Wine lovers, vineyard viewers and novice grape crushers from all over are expected during the festival weekend. And then for the next two months, winemakers will be knee-deep in grapes harvested from nearly 2,500 acres of El Dorado vineyards.

Guests will be treated to wine and light food pairings, and the “harvest experience,” including:

- vineyard tours with winemakers
- hands-on experiences like grape crushing
- special tastings from vineyard to barrel to bottle, in cellars and a cave
- fermentation demonstrations and grape “punch downs” by participants
- blessing of the grapes ceremony
- “Team El Dorado” jerseys

Twenty El Dorado family wineries will participate: Boeger, Busby Cellars, Colibri Ridge, Conti Estate/Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards, Crystal Basin Cellars, Fitzpatrick, David Girard, Gold Hill, Granite Springs, Holly’s Hill, Jodar, Latcham, Madroña, Miraflores, Mount Aukum, Narrow Gate, Perry Creek, Sierra Oaks Estates, Sierra Vista, and Single Leaf.

Tickets:

- \$35 in advance (good for both days) available at www.ElDoradoWines.org
- \$45 day of/at the door of select wineries

On Friday, August 29, Masque Ristorante in El Dorado Hills kicks off the harvest celebration with “A Taste of El Dorado.” The chef will pair locally sourced foods with wines produced by 15 El Dorado wineries. Local winemakers will be on hand for this separately ticketed event.

September is California Wine Month, recognizing the state’s wine community for its contributions to California’s economy, lifestyle, tourism and environment.

For information on the event and participating wineries, visit www.ElDoradoWines.org.

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