

Media Alert

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Behind the Cellar Door - Passport to the World!

Amador County Winemakers open their Cellars to show off varietals & cuisines from around the world.

Amador County, CA:

The first weekend in March is the Amador Vintner's annual **Behind the Cellar Door** weekend. Visitors to Amador County can pick from 36 member wineries to visit Saturday & Sunday the 2nd & 3rd from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Amador County is one of a few special wine regions in California that can boast successful wines from grape varieties originating from several countries. Taste your way around the world through older, just released, and wines in barrel - Buy your tickets at www.amadorwine.com. **\$50 SATURDAY (WHICH INCLUDES SUNDAY ADMISSION) | \$35 SUNDAY | \$10 DESIGNATED DRIVERS.**

By means of classic Amador hospitality, the weekend will include a world of cuisine pairings to match these special wines. A sample list includes: [Jeff Runquist Wines](#) showcasing the wine of Uruguay - "Tannat" with Fabada (Asturian Beef Stew); delicious Polla alla Cacciatoria while tasting [Amador Foothill Winery's](#) Barbera, Sangiovese and Aglianico; [Borjon Vineyards](#) serves up Mexican fare prepared by Nora Borjon; and [Andis](#) goes Aussie throwing "shrimp on the barbie" while serving up a vertical tasting of Semillon.

Centerpieces to the event are the informative and interactive seminars and demonstrations: [Vino Noceto](#) offers a chance to blend your own Chianti with wine educator Donal Smith; [Karmere Vineyards and Winery's](#) winemaker, Dawn Martella answers the question, "is it sweet or fruit forward?" in her seminar; and [Terra d'Oro](#) shares an Italian cheese and wine seminar both days at 2 p.m.

Stay and enjoy winemaker dinners at wineries and local eateries like [Helwig Winery](#) with Taste Restaurant in the Helwig caves on Friday evening, March 1st, and [Cooper Vineyard's](#) Grower & Winemaker Dinner, Saturday the 2nd, which benefits the Plymouth Elementary School library. (There is an additional charge for winemaker dinners which can also be purchased online.)

Discover so much more in the way of innovative wine & cuisine pairings and enticing seminars at - www.amadorwine.com.

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT AMADORWINE.COM UNTIL FEBRUARY 26 OR DURING THE EVENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5 AMADORWINE.COM | (888) 655-8614 |

36 PARTICIPATING WINERIES | 35 MILES EAST OF SACRAMENTO

It's a Passion – not just a Crush