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Celebration of Harvest returns to Rancho Sisquoc

An epic wine adventure in Santa Barbara Wine Country

SANTA YNEZ, CA – The Santa Barbara County Vintners' Association (SBCVA) is pleased to announce the legendary, *Celebration of Harvest*, returns to the beautiful Rancho Sisquoc in the Santa Maria Valley on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets for this popular wine and food festival and the accompanying "Vintners' Visa" are now on sale with special early bird pricing valid until August 15.

The stunning grounds of the Rancho Sisquoc Winery will provide the perfect setting for an afternoon of exploring the wines produced by the 100+ member wineries of the Santa Barbara County Vintners' Association as well as local fare provided by dozens of restaurants, caterers and food purveyors. Live music and a silent auction coordinated by the Santa Barbara Vintners' Foundation will feature unique large format bottles as well as vertical and library wine collections that will help raise funds for local charities.

In addition to the festival itself, the weekend long celebration, October 11-14, showcases the connection of wine and food in Santa Barbara Wine County with dinners, special tastings, vineyard walks and open houses hosted at the many tasting rooms and restaurants throughout Santa Barbara County. The "Vintners' Visa" is a four day passport to twelve participating wineries offering complimentary wine tasting experiences and exclusive special offers.

"Santa Barbara County is a renowned wine region home to an interesting mix of winemakers, grape growers, farmers, ranchers and food artisans," said SBCVA Executive Director Morgen McLaughlin. "Festival attendees can taste this intersection of wine and food at our annual harvest event and at various venues all weekend long."

Tickets for the Celebration of Harvest and the "Vintners' Visa" can be purchased online at www.sbcountywines.com.

About the Santa Barbara County Vintners' Association

The Santa Barbara County Vintners' Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 to support and promote Santa Barbara County as a premium wine producing and wine grape growing region. The Association includes winery members whose annual production is at least 75% Santa Barbara County labeled, as well as grower/vineyard members and business associations. The Vintners' Association produces festivals, seminars and tastings and provides information to consumers and the wine and travel media.

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