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Carmel Soiree: Monterey Winemakers' Celebration

Make merry in early May while attending "Monterey Wine Camp."

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Make merry in early May, sip vinos, stroll around the village, and attend "Monterey Wine Camp."

VINO MEET-UPS... can happen in all sorts of settings, from conference rooms at hotels to beach-facing bluffs. But few spots are as singular, and identifiable, and all-out charming as where the [Monterey Winemakers' Celebration](#) will land on the first Sunday in May. Perhaps you've heard of this place, dream of this place, are downright obsessed with this place, and long to get back: Carmel-by-the-Sea. That's right, this is a wine to-do that takes places right in the heart of the cottages-and-secret-alleys village, at Dolores & 7th Streets. And, that's right again, you don't have to stick to where you're standing as you sip your Blair Estate or Joyce Vineyards wine; you're welcome to saunter about on the lanes and byways that have been closed for the event, participating in that time-honored Carmel tradition of lookie-loo-ing. (Oh yes, and breathing in that soft beachy air that the village is known for, yet another tradition that can go in the time-honored category.) It's...

YEAR 25... for the long-runner of a wine party, and a caboodle of Monterey County's top libations will be out for the trying (the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association is the organizer behind the event). A chance to try the "Best Pinot Noirs in California" is also on the roster, as is the brand-new Monterey Wine

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Camp, where you can delve into a host of "fun and informal activities" like discerning between oaked or unoaked chardonnay. A bevy of cuisine-making spots'll join the vintners, so stoke your appetite then enjoy a nosh from Il Fornaio or Poke Lab. [Tickets start at \\$35](#), and end at \$125, and the impressive list of regional beverage and bite pros is up and ready to be perused. And, as far as perusing goes, the village of Carmel-by-the-Sea is tops, no argument there. To do so with a glass of wine in hand, or a slice of something dessert-y, on a spring Sunday afternoon? A pure, undiluted pleasure, surely.

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