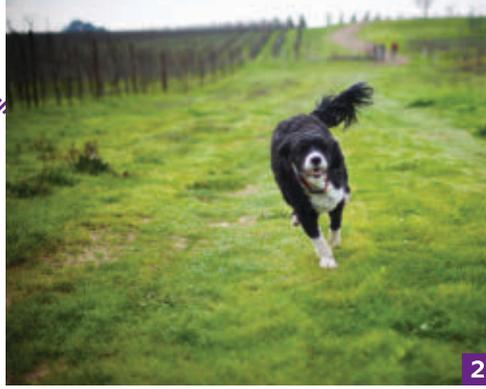




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Sip and Savor Socials

From truffle-tracking dog demos and martini madness to elevated street fare and mind-blowing wine dinners, there's decadent fun to be had at these not-to-miss wine country events. **ANN WYCOFF**

1 Dionysian Decadence

At this five-day fete, culinary legends and luminaries reveal the bounty found in Napa Valley. Flavor! Napa Valley kicks off with a Downtown strEAT Market party including street performers, gourmet takes on street fare, and unexpected pours from local sommeliers. Also look for chef demos, intimate winemaker workshops and a grand tasting highlighting 100 wines and 30 restaurants at the Culinary Institute of America. March 16–20. flavornapavalley.com

2 Earthy Delights

Chefs, scientists, growers and gourmands gather to celebrate the “black diamond” fruit of fungi at the Napa Truffle Festival. Enjoy culinary demos at Oxbow Marketplace, truffle lunches at Merryvale and Jamieson Ranch vineyards, an ambrosial Truffles and Wine Dinner at La Toque prepared by Michelin-starred chefs, and special appearances by canine truffle sniffers Rico and Lola from the Robert Sinskey Vineyards Truffle Orchard. January 15–18. napatrufflefestival.com

3 Season of the Olive

Sonoma celebrates the thick-skinned drupe with monthlong merriment, including a Blessing of the Olive ceremony at the Sonoma Mission, a shaken-versus-stirred bartender contest called Martini Madness, and the Feast of the Olive, where top toques and wine-makers mastermind a five-course menu in homage to the olive and its cherished oil. January 1–31. olivefestival.com



BUBBLES IN THE MAIL After seeing the same five mass-produced choices being offered for bottles of her favorite beverage, Marin-based Champagne-o-phile Sherri Corker launched her eponymous company Sherri's Champagne. Corker decided it was both an opportunity and a duty to Champagne patrons like herself to offer a carefully curated collection of grower-produced bubbly from France. Sherri's Champagne will deliver six unique bottles, twice a year, to your door. A portion of the proceeds benefit women and girls in STEM education through The Buck Institute's Double X's program. sherrischampagne.com **M.T.**

GAME ON With the Bay Area hosting Super Bowl 50, Auberge du Soleil is playing along and putting its game face on with one-night specials. Football fans score a Maison King Room and gourmet party snacks paired appropriately with a bottle of Vermeil Proprietary Red (the winery co-owned by former NFL coach Dick Vermeil). Guests also receive a complimentary wine tasting at Vermeil Wines, resort credit and a discount at the luxe spa. We suggest the Gametime sports massage and head-to-toe treatment. The Gametime package starts at \$898. aubergedusoleil.com **ANN WYCOFF**

