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**21st Annual Manufacturers'
RV & BOAT
SHOW**

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I recently took my sweetie for a weekend trip to Napa Valley in our RV, and we had a wonderful time sampling the region's great vintages and beautiful campsites. It truly was a great way to enjoy Northern California's bounty and beauty.

As we tasted wines along the Silverado Trail, I noticed we were not the only ones out sampling wine while on an RV vacation. RVers truly are becoming a sophisticated lot.

Take Suzanne and Bill Wilkenson, a couple from Southern California who tour the state in their Holiday Rambler Savoy travel trailer visiting various wineries. "The RV allows us to go where the functions are and enjoy the functions to the fullest without worrying about being on the road and the distance," said Suzanne. "And we get to meet other people that enjoy the same passion."

What's more, they find a lot of the people they meet have the same ideas about wine as they do. "It used to be what I would see was dirt bikes and beer," Bob said. "This isn't that at all. It's very much more sophisticated than the camping I used to do years ago."

Like many of us, it gives them the opportunity to take a "grown up getaway." And don't we all love those?

This month, I'm going to share some of my favorite spots to live the good life while marveling at the beautiful scenery that Northern California's wine country has to offer -- all while in the comfort of your home away from home. And don't forget to check out the latest makes and models, bells and whistles at the 21st Annual Manufacturers RV & Boat show, fast approaching on May 15.

Happy RVing,

Shawn Nohr
Manager, 21st Annual Manufacturers' RV & Boat Show

Great Places for Some Vino

Best Nor Cal Destinations for Worldly Road Warriors

1. Wente Vineyards:

5050 Arroyo Road - Livermore, CA

Phone 925.456.2400

<http://www.wentevineyards.com/>

Beautiful scenery and a tasty restaurant compliment the even tastier wines produced from this 125-year old winery - the country's oldest continually-operated, family-owned winery. The Riesling is a must and make sure to check out the winery's concert schedule.



2. V. Sattui Winery

1111 White Lane, St. Helena, CA

<http://www.vsattui.com/>

Pet friendly and a great place for a picnic. Grab some delicious goodies from the deli and take something home to remember your trip from their gift shop.

3. Castello di Amorosa

A 12th Century Tuscan Castle-Winery

4045 St. Helena Hwy (Hwy 29), Calistoga, CA

<http://www.castellodiamorosa.com/>

The fact that the winery is a castle is reason enough to check it out. The mosaicked walls inside this medieval retreat take you back in time and the wine takes your taste buds to another plane entirely.

4. Kendall-Jackson 31st Annual Barrel Tasting

5007 Fulton Road, Fulton, CA

March 7-8; 14-15; 11am-4pm

For more info: <http://www.wineroad.com/>

For anyone who's going to be in the Fulton area this March, make sure to check out Kendall-Jackson's barrel tasting event. It's more fun

than a barrel of... well, you know.

5. Clautiere Vineyards
1340 Penman Springs Road
Paso Robles, CA

<http://www.clautiere.com/>

This winery has the most outlandish tasting room, and is a definite must see.

6. Penman Springs
1985 Penman Springs Road
Paso Robles, CA

<http://www.penmansprings.com/>

With the coziest and friendliest tasting room, this winery only produces about 2,000 bottles a year and sells them mostly at their tasting room or through their Pen Pal Wine Club. However, they've won medals for every wine they've entered in the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle's Wine Competition the last two years running. It's quality, not quantity, folks.

Great Places To Stay

Best Nor Cal Destinations for Worldly Road Warriors

1. 21st Annual Manufacturers' RV and Boat Show:
May 15-24
Alameda County Fairgrounds
4501 Pleasanton Avenue
Pleasanton, California



<http://www.rvshow.net/>

Come stay with us, if you're visiting the area this Spring! Each RV site includes:

- * (1) RV and (1) Vehicle.
- * Water, Sewer, and Electrical
- * Easy Freeway access
- * Gated facilities
- * WiFi Available (RV North only).

Pleasanton's charming downtown is known for unique shops and boutiques as well as fabulous dining. Nearby Stoneridge mall offers indoor shopping and dining at all your favorite specialty stores and restaurants. To reserve your campsite, please call 925-426-7600, then press 'zero.'

2. Vacaville RV Park:

4985 Midway Road
Vacaville, CA 95688
Phone: (707) 693-8797

<http://www.vineyardrvpark.com/>

Meaghan and her hubby Carl Bertram are gracious hosts with lots of experience and great recommendations for going wine tasting in the area (not to mention other activities). And for any of you eco-friendly activists, the park is totally green!

3. Wine Country RV Resort:

2500 Airport Road, Paso Robles, CA
805-238-4560 or Toll Free 866-927-8669

<http://www.winecountryrvresort.com/>

This park caters to wine buffs, and is located in one of California's up and coming wine regions. Owners Bill and Ken Munde point travellers to great wineries, offer tasting at the park and are thinking of starting a shuttle service to area wineries.

About the 21st Annual Manufacturers' RV Show

The 21st Annual RV Manufacturers Show will roar into Pleasanton on May 15, offering our customers the best deals available on a wide variety of RVs.

RVs remain the cheapest ways to vacation. We recognize that people are looking to spend their money wisely, so we've been busy making preparations for a May show that will give people the most bang for their buck.

"RVs still represent the cheapest vacation," said show manager Shawn Nohr. "Recognizing the budget challenges our attendees face, we wanted to offer some relief as well."

The size of this event allows us to reduce our overhead cost and offer our customers deals they won't find anywhere else on RVs that range from outdoorsy tent trailers to luxurious land yachts. The brands include Airstream, Monaco Coach and Winnebago. The event features

hundreds of RVs and has grown to be the largest of its kind on the West Coast.

We hope to see you all there! For more info, go to <http://www.rvshow.net>.

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