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## **Roll out the barrels for a taste with South County Vintners**

January 22, 2015 (Gilroy, CA): Wine lovers can be among the first to taste the latest vintages from South Santa Clara County straight from the aging barrels.

More than a dozen wineries along the newly christened Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail will participate in the annual Barrel Tasting Event on Saturday, February 7 from 12 to 4 p.m. Tickets, available at any of the participating wineries, are \$20 each. Every ticket holder will be entered into a raffle to win one of six free admission passes to the Spring Passport Weekend March 28 and 29 hosted by the Wineries of Santa Clara Valley.

Besides being “the original premium wine growing region in the modern era of winemaking in America,” according to California and Wine Industry Historian Charles L. Sullivan, the region also cultivates a wide number of uncommon grape varietals. Estate grown Charbono at Fortino Winery, Grignolino at Guglielmo Winery and Chambourcin from Creekview Vineyards are just a few interesting examples.

Visitors can plan their barrel tasting experiences by selecting from the participating wineries which include: Clos La Chance, Creekview, Fortino, Guglielmo, J. Lohr, Kirigin Cellars, Lighthouse, Martin Ranch, Morgan Hill Cellars, Sarah's, Satori, Sycamore Creek and Sunlit Oaks.

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**About the Wineries of Santa Clara Valley:** More information about the award-winning wineries of Santa Clara Valley can be found at [www.santaclarawines.com](http://www.santaclarawines.com) Download a map of the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail at the Gilroy Welcome Center website – [www.VisitGilroy.com](http://www.VisitGilroy.com). – which provides a centralized source of local knowledge and information for both visitors and residents.