# Wine Country

#### Carhartt

Family owned and operated since the early 1950s. Located in the beautiful and rugged Santa Ynez Valley, Mike Carhartt grew up raising cattle and horses on the historic family ranch. Years later, he and his wife Brooke planted a vineyard along with a dream. Today, with their son Chase, the Carhartts grow grapes and craft wines on that same patch of ground. The principles that guided their great grandfather, Hamilton Carhartt 125 years ago, are still alive and strong in their ground to glass approach to winemaking. Carhartt Vineyard produces 5,000 cases annually of 18 different varietals that are released periodically throughout the year: Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Sangiovese, Estate Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Mourvedre, Petite Sirah, Pinot Noir, and many more.

2990 Grand Ave, Los Olivos—(805) 693-5100 www.carharttvineyard.com

#### **Beckmen Vineyards**

A small, estate winery founded on the belief that the making of superior wines requires hands-on craftsmanship. They approach the farming of Purisima Mountain with a simple philosophy. Conceived as a "palette of small vineyards," each cultivated area on Purisima Mountain is individually tended in accordance with its unique needs, balancing a passion for quality, with a respect for the land.

2670 Ontiveros Road, Los Olivos—(805) 688-8664 wwwbeckmenvineyards.com

## Stolpman Vineyards

Winemaker Moorman natively ferments Stolpman wines in small lot concrete and stainless steel tanks without manipulation. Stolpman produces Syrah, Roussane, Grenache, and Sangiovese.

2434 Alamo Pintado Ave, Los Olivos—(805)-688-0400 www.stolpmanvinevards.com

## The Brander Vineyard

One of the original vineyards in Santa Ynez and the producer of world class Sauvignon Blanc wines in a variety of styles, as well as small quantities of hand-carfted Bordeaux – styel red wines. The Brander Vineyard is somewhat like visiting a small wine estate in Europe.

2401 North Refugio Road, Santa Ynez—(805) 688-2455

www.brander.com

## **Sunstone Vineyards and Winery**

Sunstone's tasting room is reminiscent of some of the small wineries in the Provencal French countryside. The gorgeous courtyards and picnic grounds, surrounded by vineyards, provide the perfect place to experience the wines. The merlot, cabernet franc, viognier, and syrah grapes from Sunstone's certified organic vineyards are crafted by winemaker Bion Rice into wines marked by firm structure with a balanced, sophisticated mouth feel. Bion strives to translate the unique character of the estate into a wine that is true to the terroir.

125 Refugio Road, Santa Ynez—(800) 313-9463 www.sunstonewinery.com/

#### **Lincourt Vineyards**

Opened in 1996, Lincourt Vineyards is in the Santa Rita hills and was once a dairy farm. The tasting room is located in the barn built in 1926 and is a family-owned vineyard that focuses on small-batch fermentations. An excellent spot to have a picnic or sample some Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet.

1711 Alamo Pintado Rd, Solvang, CA 93463—(805) 688-8554 www.lincourtwines.com

#### Alma Rosa

Leaving Sanford Winery to head in another direction, Richard Sanford and his wife have started a new venture dedicated to organic farming and sustainable agriculture. Alma Rosa produces award winning Pinot Noir and Chardonnays.

7250 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton—(805) 688-9090 www.almarosawinery.com

#### Taste of Santa Rta. Hills in the Wine Ghetto

Located in the Wine Ghetto, which is Lompoc's industrial wine hub, Taste of Santa Rta. Hills serves multiple wines from local wine makers that aren't usually poured to the public. It could be a limited release or a hard-to-find batch on different days, sometimes you can even find the local favorite Sea Smoke.

1595 E Chestnut Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436—(805) 735-4400 tasteofstaritahills.com

#### Melville

You will certainly feel like you are in the wine country at this gorgeous adobe style winery. Known as a main supplier to local wineries, Melville also creates some wonderful Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs, and Syrahs.

5185 East Hwy 246 Lompoc—(805) 735-7030 www.melvillewinery.com

#### Sanford

One of the oldest wineries in Santa Barbara, Sanford has established itself as a staple of Central Coast wine. Their staff is well versed with the wines in the region. Located in the Santa Rita Hills, they produce world class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Set off the beaten path, but worth the trip.

5010 Santa Rosa Rd. Lompoc—(805) 735-5900 www.sanfordwinery.com

#### Babcock

Babcock provides some of the largest and most complex, luscious wines of the area. Winemaker Brian Babcock is noted as one of the most innovated winemakers. The prestigious James Beard Foundation once named Bryan to a list of "Top Ten Small Production Winemakers in the World," with Bryan being the only American chosen for this oenological dream team. Be sure to taste their Syrah and Chardonnay.

5175 Hwy. 246 Lompoc—(805) 736 1455

#### Rusack

A small boutique winery dedicated in producing hand-crafted wines. Watch the wine makers do their work in the barrel room, or enjoy a picnic on their redwood deck offering breathtaking views. They strive to achieve the delicate balance of "elegance & power" (Robert Parker, August 2010) for which their wines have become known for around the world. Their label, a Catalina tile, is a family legacy symbol of their belief in the beauty of what arises from blending craft, earth, art and family.

1819 Ballard Canyon Rd. Solvang—(805) 688-1278 www.rusackvineyards.com

# **Wine Country Lunch Options**

### **Cold Springs Tavern**

Step back in time at this converted stagecoach stop on your way over San Marcos Pass. Enjoy lunch and dinner daily, but Sundays (and some Saturdays) they offer BBQ tri-tip sandwiches and live music.

5995 Stagecoach Road (off Highway 154)—(805) 967-0066 www.coldspringtavern.com

#### Los Olivos Café & Wine Merchant

Offering lunch, dinner and a limited menu in-between, Los Olivos Café is a Mediterranean café that features individual pizzas and salads. They also have an excellent wine store and wine selection to complement meals.

2879 Grand Avenue, Los Olivos—(805) 688-7265 www.losolivoscafe.com

#### Sides Hardware and Shoes

Brothers Matt and Jeff Nichols named Sides Hardware and Shoes in tribute to Milburn Sides who opened his store in Los Olivos in 1901. These brothers focus on amazing pork dishes like the Hammered Pig Sandwich of Fried Pork Tenderloin with Apple and Mustard Seed Slaw, prepared with seasonal ingredients. The restaurant features eight local wines, stored in kegs and served on tap as well as a full list of Central Coast wines.

2375 Alamo Pintado Avenue, Los Olivos—(805)688-4820 www.brothersrestaurant.com

## **Wine Country Tour**

The **Coastal Concierge** offers tours in a luxury Sports Utility Vehicle. Tours depart the resort at your pre-selected time and return five hours later. In addition to the Santa Barbara County wineries that are open to the public, Coastal Concierge also has access to many of the private wineries that require appointments. Their knowledgeable and friendly staff can provide a personalized tour for both the apprentice and the wine connoisseur. A gourmet picnic lunch, transportation and the price of all tastings are included in their tour. Coastal Concierge also offers Reserve Wine Tours (private tastings), Aerial Wine Tours (via Helicopter) and City Tours with tasting.