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**FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY ANNOUNCES
2012 HARVEST HAPPENINGS**

GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (Sept 5, 2012) – Francis Ford Coppola Winery is excited to announce some amazing things happening at the winery this fall during harvest season. People of all ages can now enjoy even more festivities at Sonoma’s “Wine Wonderland.” From dancing to new tours and tastings to kids’ activities – there is something for everyone looking to celebrate the coming of the harvest.

This September and October, spend your Friday nights at the Winery Park for a lively evening of wine, food and Latin **Dancing Under the Stars** in our outdoor performance Pavilion. Guests can take lessons or just dance with their loved one. Dance instruction is included with \$20 admission fee and food and wine are available for purchase at our Pool Cafe. Dancing can be enjoyed every Friday, September 7th - October 19th. To make your reservations, please visit <http://www.franciscoppolawinery.com/visit/events>.

Guests can also enjoy the **Italian Harvest Tour** and experience the 2012 harvest with this hands-on winery adventure. Beginning the day with a rustic breakfast overlooking Alexander Valley, guests will then head to the vineyard to pick grapes as the morning mist rises. They will then have the opportunity to see the winery, crushpad and barrel room, where they can test barrel and tank samples in the lab, punch down grapes in the open-top fermentation tanks, and sample fermenting juice. The day will finish off with a winemaker Q&A followed by an exclusive, 5-course family-style lunch, served with Coppola wines. This fabulous tour is \$199 per person and offered every Sunday from September 9th - October 14th. Visit our website to book your tour today: <http://www.franciscoppolawinery.com/visit/taste-and-tour/tour>.

Each harvest the Tasting Room offers guests a **Fresh-Pressed Wine Tasting** where they can sample the freshest juice, just in from the winery’s crushpad. Muscat is the season’s first offering with other grape varietals available throughout harvest. Or if more interested in food pairings, guests can also enjoy the **Rustic Tasting Menu** this fall. At \$79 per person, this is a great way to get a sampling of Rustic’s unique menu. Diners will enjoy a four-course tasting menu paired with Coppola wines as well as an array of winery-exclusive wines.

Coppola Winery also has fun activities to keep the kids happy during harvest. While parents enjoy wine-tasting, kids can have fun at their own **Kids Smoothie Tasting**. For just \$1, this engaging and interactive experience allows children to learn how to taste different fruit flavors and smells at the Kids Smoothie Bar. The winery's smoothie expert will blend the season's bounty of fruits into delicious and unique smoothies, where kids can help guess the flavors. Each child will also receive a coloring book of tropical and seasonal fruits. Kids can enjoy these smoothies every Saturday and Sunday starting September 1st.

For more information on these and other winery happenings, please visit www.FrancisCoppolaWinery.com or call Guest Reception at (707) 857-1471. Schedule updates can also be found on the winery's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CoppolaWine.

About Francis Ford Coppola Winery

Francis puts it best, saying the winery is “a wine wonderland, a park of pleasure where people of all ages can enjoy all the best things in life – food, wine, music, dancing, games, swimming and performances of all types. “A place to celebrate the love of life.” Francis Ford Coppola Winery is located at 300 Via Archimedes in Geyserville, California, accessed from US HWY 101 and the INDEPENDENCE LANE exit. Among the many unique attractions at the property, Francis Ford Coppola Winery features wine tasting, two restaurants, a swimming pool, a movie gallery, a performing arts Pavilion and a park area with game tables and bocce courts. Francis Ford Coppola Winery opens at 11 a.m. daily. For more information, call (707) 857-1400, toll free (877) 590-3329 or visit www.FrancisCoppolaWinery.com.

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