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We trust this note finds everyone in good spirits. As we head into the Fall, we are looking forward to a special holiday season. We've had so many wonderful times in wine country during this time of the year that we've decided to stay open over the entire Thanksgiving weekend for the first time in several years – all in hopes that you will want to spend a memorable weekend here yourselves! This note includes all of the information you might need to help plan your Thanksgiving getaway here in Santa Barbara wine country.

Before moving on, we'd like to mention the events of the past couple of weeks that have hit close to home. Like many of you, our thoughts are with those in Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino wine countries who are enduring hardship and unmentionable loss. We are also thinking about long-time guests Victor Link and Lynne Gonzales. Sadly, Victor was lost in the recent Las Vegas incident. We've created many fun memories with Victor and Lynne over the years. His enjoyment of life sets an example for all of us.



Finally, once again, our newsletter is graced with beautiful landscapes by our favorite photographer, Tom Poss. As you can see in his photos, the scenery here here in the valley at this time of the year is unbeatable. You can see more of Tom's work displayed throughout the inn and at <u>www.tomposs.com</u>.

See you soon! Dave, Katie, Team FFI, & Wrigley

Rooms



Thanksgiving Weekend Room Specials

We're happy to offer **10% off** of standard rates on all rooms to everyone who stays anytime between Thursday, 11/23 thru Sunday, 11/26. Returning guests will also receive an **additional 5% off** of their room. Please know that there is a 2-night minimum for Thu, Fri, and Sat nights that week. Lastly, this offer applies only to bookings placed directly with the inn. Please call us at (805) 693-0303 to reserve your favorite room.

We're happy to report that all of our rooms now have **HD TV's** – just in time for football season. Doesn't watching Thanksgiving Day parades and football games while sitting by the fire and enjoying a glass of wine sound great?

Also. on Thanksgiving Dav. we will host an extended Wine & Hors d'Ouerves Hour from

3:30-5:30pm.

Finally, each guest receives our famous **Friendship Pass** which brings complimentary or 2-for-1 tastings at over 40 wineries, complimentary appetizers or desserts at several local restaurants, and discounts at various local shops and attractions.

Eats



B R O T H E R S RESTAURANT AT THE RED BARN

Thanksgiving at the Red Barn

"Legendary" is the word used to describe Thanksgiving Dinner at the Brothers Red Barn Restaurant right next door to ForFriends Inn. The brothers, Greg & Jeff Nichols, are offering an incredible set menu with seatings beginning at 1:00pm. There are a few open tables remaining so don't delay. You can make reservations at their website <u>www.brothersredbarn.com</u> or by calling (805) 688-4142.



Other Thanksgiving Options

In addition to the Brothers Red Barn, the following restaurants are also open on Thanksgiving Day with reserve seating still available: The Gathering Table in Ballard, Bear & Star in Los Olivos, Mad & Vin in Solvang, Root 246 in Solvang, First & Oak in Solvang, and Aly's in Solvang.





Thanksgiving Day Wine Tasting

A handful of tasting rooms will be open on Thanksgiving Day, including one of our favorites, Kalyra. They will open and close a bit earlier than usual on Thanksgiving Day followed by regular hours for the rest of the weekend. More details are at <u>www.kalyrawinery.com</u> or by calling the tasting room at (805) 602-8867



Avoid Black Friday Chaos

While we can't guarantee that there won't be a few more people than usual over Thanksgiving weekend, we promise you won't be fighting with them over TVs and gadgets. Instead, start your holiday



Thanksgiving Trail Rides

Our good friends at Vino Vaqueros will be open all weekend, including Thanksgiving Day. Mention that you're staying at ForFriends Inn to receive a special rate of \$225/couple on their Ride & Wine Package. Find more details by visiting their website <u>www.vinovaqueros.com</u> or by calling Jaye at (805) 944-0493. shopping in one of our varied and unique local stores, or simply hang out and relax on our front porch.



Soaring Over Autumn Vines

Santa Barbara Soaring glider port located at the Santa Ynez Airport is holding their annual Thanksgiving Weekend Fly-in. ForFriends Inn guests are invited to their weekend-long open house. Why not go soaring while you're there! All FFI guests receive 10% off of select packages. More details can be found at <u>www.sbsoaring.com</u> or by calling Gina at (805) 688-2517.

Don't Forget the Goodies

Make your stay even more memorable with our new Add-ons. Give us a call at least 72 hours prior to check-in and we'll gladly take care of everything.



Hello Chocolate Lovers

How about a flourless chocolate cake for 2, a bottle of bubbles, and 2 ForFriends Inn logo white wine glasses waiting in your room when you arrive? If you're celebrating a birthday, we've got the

Romance Is In The Air

Our Romance Add-on includes 1/2 doz roses, bubbles (a bottle of sparkling wine, that is), and two ForFriends Inn logo white wine glasses waiting in-room for your arrival. FTD says there is no better way to convey what's in your heart than with roses. Sounds about right!

candles. Our Chocolate Lovers add-on is a great way to kick-off an incredible stay!





Hello Wine Lovers

Our Wine Lovers Add-on includes your choice of a bottle of red or white from one of our favorite local wineries and two ForFriends Inn logo wine glasses waiting in your room when you arrive. Give us a call and we'll be glad to let you know which wines are available.

Wine Country Picnic

Some of our best wine country memories involve a vineyard, a picnic, and incredible company. Our Wine Country Picnic Add-on includes enough meats, cheeses, crackers, olives, salted nuts, and chocolate for two. We'll be glad to point you towards one of our many favorite picnic wineries.

There's Always Something To Do Here!



- Oct 30-31: Solvang Haunted House & Street Faire
- Nov 23-26: Thanksgiving Weekend Festivities & Shopping
- Dec 1: Santa Ynez Tree Lighting Solvang Julefest Tree Lighting
- Dec 2: Solvang Julefest Parade Los Olivos Old Fashion Christmas & Tree lighting
- Dec 3: Buellton Winterfest

Book Your Room Here



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