



Bring The Party Outdoors

Tips For Warm Weather Entertaining

(NAPSA)—Warm weather, sunny skies and fresh air create the perfect atmosphere for outdoor entertaining. Whether hosting a party or barbecue, or simply gathering on the porch, celebrate the season's delights over delicious food and wine. Entertaining can be a breeze with these simple suggestions from Gina Gallo, third-generation winemaker for award-winning Gallo of Sonoma Winery:

• **The Perfect Outdoor Feast.** Take the time to create a special outing, selecting the ideal location, such as a favorite park or a beach. Prepare summer favorites, such as grilled vegetables, a fruit salad, apple pie and a bottle of Gallo of Sonoma's 2000 Laguna Ranch Chardonnay. The crisp citrus and apple flavors of this wine bring out the scrumptious flavors of these tasty, summer foods.

• **Host A Wine Tasting Party.** Instead of hosting a traditional party, heat things up this season with a wine tasting party. Set up a table on the patio, front porch, or in the backyard, complete with pencils and paper for taking notes on your favorite wines. To help keep the palate clear, serve crackers and water during the tasting, followed by fruits and cheeses. Try offering multiple wines from one region, such as Sonoma County, which has been named the world's most awarded region for the past twelve years. For more information on hosting a wine tasting party, visit www.gallosonoma.com.

• **Get Grilling!** What better way to kick-off the start of the season than with a hearty, fun-filled barbecue! Add some flair to backyard grilling this year, and pair wine with barbecue favorites. A red wine, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, pairs well with red meats such as steaks, hamburgers and spare ribs.



• **Good Company.** Sometimes, the best moments are spent relaxing with friends. Gather on the front porch to do just that. There's no need to plan an elaborate dinner menu or activities—prepare a tray of cheese, Carr's crackers and fruit, serve your favorite wines and simply enjoy the conversation and the company.

• **Celebrate Family.** Bring together family from near and far with a reunion. Try gathering at a local park and make the event a potluck. Cherish family bonds over delicious food and wine, reminisce about great events and moments and create new ones to reflect on at the next get-together. According to Gina, "There's always a reason for families to get together and wine can be a wonderful part of these gatherings. As our family celebrates 70 years of winemaking this year, we'll also be celebrating 70 years of connecting with each other over food, wine, and family."

Now is the perfect time for outdoor entertaining. Celebrate the warm weather and all it brings with family and friends.