

# Save the Date: April 20-22

## Let the Wine-Touring Season Begin!



Good day, my wonderful Alfa Romeo Family. Each year, as has been the custom, we try a journey to a wine region “different” from the year before, but with one singular thought in mind: excellent wine. Well, and probably also in mind are a delightful climate, wonderful scenery, an abundance of wineries to choose from, friendly people to meet and drive with, and a price-effective destination.

The region that fits this bill for our 2018 Wine Tour is the Santa Maria area, in spring. We are planning some interesting drives, and the goal is to visit wineries we have never been to or at least not visited recently. So set aside the weekend of April 20th-22nd and plan to join us on the Central Coast wine trail.

This lovely town around 20 miles south of Edna Valley boasts many people who work at Vandenberg Air Force Base and have not only chosen to live there because of work, but also because this part of our great state is truly picturesque. The city falls in Santa Barbara County, long known for its wealth and strong development of all services for the people.

We will be able to stay in Santa Maria on Friday and Saturday night, in a hotel we will disclose in our future communiqués.

Our stay in this region will also take us out on some great driving roads, which always is half the fun, especially if you are in your Alfa (but I know everyone of our Club members has a ball, no matter what they drive).

The Chuck and Jan plus John Wine Research Road Show will get under way over the next few weekends. A complete itinerary, list of chosen wineries, routing maps with mileages and times, will be forthcoming very soon.

This will be a wine tour to be remembered. We had around 35 people to Julian last year and the year before to Paso Robles, we had around 45, lets see if we can get up some real honest to goodness numbers, with lots of lovely cars, fun and camaraderie.

– John Britton