

Hot Summer Guide

Your road map to warm weather fun in the North Bay

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Has it finally stopped raining? Really? That must mean that summer is near and it wouldn't be summer without our Hot Summer Guide, your official program to all the music, festivals, art shows and fun that summer in the North Bay has to offer.

September

Sonoma Wine Country Weekend's Taste of Sonoma Labor Day weekend belongs to wine at this signature event from the Sonoma County Vintners group. This year's offerings find a new home in Sonoma State University's Green Music Center, as Taste of Sonoma gathers over 200 wineries and 60 local chefs Sept. 2–3. As you taste thousands of wines and pair them with delicious concoctions, seminars and demonstrations that cover a wide range of wine topics tickle the intellect and tips gleaned from chefs stir the imagination. You can also upgrade the experience with an optional VIP package. In addition to Taste of Sonoma, wine tours, talks, lunches and other events dot the county Sept. 1–3. sonomawinecountryweekend.com.