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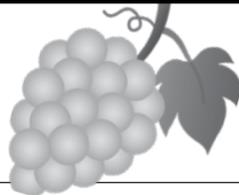
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## GRAPE TALK

# Summer fun at local wineries!



BY DEBBIE TOLLEFSON

We are so lucky to live in southern Oregon where the scenery is beautiful and wineries are popping up everywhere.

During the summer months many of the Applegate Valley wineries have wonderful outdoor events that are a fun part of the recreation in our valley. My husband, Don, and I have joined our friends at the Wine Downs at Plaisance Ranch or the Thursday night music by the river at Red Lily. We have listened to music at Schmidt and attended special events at Troon, Cowhorn, and LongSword. Special events are often connected with wine club memberships, which I would encourage all wine lovers to join if the winery has a membership available. Most of the Applegate Valley wineries have tasting rooms, often with expanded summer hours. Besides the normal tasting activities, some of our wineries serve delicious food. Others have different musical guests.

I queried all the local Applegate Valley wineries and received the following scheduled events for this summer:

**Plaisance Ranch**, 16955 Water Gap, Williams ([plaisanceranch.com](http://plaisanceranch.com)). Monthly Wine Down events, featuring live music, are on Fridays from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

June 29: The Blues with Terry Robb (Oregon Music Hall of Famer); July 28: Country rock with the Hurrman Burrman Band; August 17: Rick Millward and Friends; September 28: The Blues with David Pinsky, Phil Newton, and the Over the Moon Band

**Red Lily Vineyards**, 11777 Highway 238, Jacksonville ([redlilyvineyards.com](http://redlilyvineyards.com)). Their Concerts on the Beach are on Thursdays at 6 pm and feature live music.

June 7: Blue Lightning; June 14: Fret Drifters; June 21: TC and the Reactions;



Concerts on the Beach at Red Lily Vineyards.



Monthly Wine Down at Plaisance Ranch.

June 28: 221 Fly; July 5: Eight Dollar Mountain; July 12: Buckle Rash; July 19: Danielle Kelly Soul Project; July 26: The Brothers Reed; August 2: Jeff K and Overtones; August 9: Robbie Dacosta and Holly Gleason; August 16: Fogline; August 23: Blowin' Smoke; August 20: The Evening Shades; September 6: Pete Herzog and Snake Fat.

**Schmidt Family Vineyards**, 330 Kubli Road, Grants Pass ([sfvineyards.com](http://sfvineyards.com)). Their Friday Night Music series is from 5 - 8 pm. They serve wine, burgers, pizzas, sandwiches, and salads, as well as fruit and cheese platters.

June 1: Kentucky Blend; June 8: Doug Brons; June 15: David Pinsky and Phil Newton; June 22: Lady and the Tramp (Crossing Bridges Fundraiser); June 29: Bryan Teal; July 6: Lee Stewart; July 13: Ellipse; July 20: Doug Brons; July 27: Lady and the Tramp; August 3: David Pinsky and Phil Newton; August 10: Not Too Shabby; August 17: Bryan Teal; August 24: Lee Stewart; August 31: Lady and the Tramp.

On Sunday, June 17, Schmidt is holding a Father's Day barbecue with live music. For more details, call the winery at 541-846-9985.

**Troon Vineyard**, 1475 Kubli Road, Grants Pass ([troonvineyard.com](http://troonvineyard.com)). Their Sips and Songs are held every Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

June 3: Rick Millward; June 10: David Modica; June 17: Greg Fredrick & Carla Bauer; June 24: Val Blaha; July 1: Jesse Meade; July 8: Phil King; July 15: Dayton Mason; July 22: Acousta Noir; July 29: The Rogue Rage Duo; August 5: Rick Millward; August 12: Charles Guy & Linda Powers; August 19: Tim Togstad; August 26: Jeff Kloetzl; September 2: Jesse Meade.

Many other wineries in the Applegate Valley have summer events for wine club members only. Check today for membership availability and join the winery fun this summer.

And remember to always drink responsibly!

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## Voices of the Applegate Fall Rehearsals

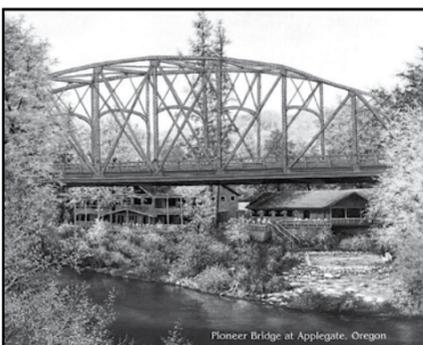
On April 6 and 7, Jenifer Joy directed the Voices of the Applegate in performances of their spring concerts at the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville and the Applegate River Lodge in Applegate.

Audiences enjoyed an international tour of Japan, Korea, Georgia, Estonia, and South Africa, and several whimsical pieces, a lovely Appalachian ballad, and an English Renaissance madrigal from the sixteenth century.

The choir is looking forward to their fall rehearsals with another new director. Jenifer Joy has accepted a job in Korea for the year and will not be working with us in 2018 and 2019. The Voices of the Applegate Board of Directors is still in the process of finding a new director for the fall, but we are determined to keep the choir singing together this coming year.

All community members are eligible to join the Voices of the Applegate, and there is no audition. Registration is \$60 to cover the payment of the director, the music, and the venues. We meet once a week on Wednesdays at Ruch Library from 7 to 8:30 pm. We plan to begin another season of singing around the first week of September.

For more information, call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.



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