



VINA ROBLES
VINEYARDS & WINERY

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VINA ROBLES SUPPORTS LOCAL NONPROFIT WITH THIRD ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Paso Robles, CA— On Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery will hold its Third Annual Chocolate Festival to support San Luis Obispo based Woods Humane Society, a privately funded organization dedicated to the humane care of animals who are waiting for their forever homes.

Vina Robles invites guests to come melt into a decadent evening during the Annual Chocolate Festival on November 8 at their Hospitality Center at 3700 Mill Road off Highway 46 East in Paso Robles. The idea to dedicate an entire event to all things chocolate arose three years ago from the popularity of their Wine and Chocolate Experiences. These unique tastings showcase a flight of either limited-production red or white wines paired with handmade chocolate truffles by Mama Ganache Artisan Chocolates in San Luis Obispo.

The event is the ultimate in confectionary comfort and will encompass anything made of chocolate or that complements chocolate. An array of local wineries - including Cass Winery, EOS Estate Winery, Hope Family Wines, Le Vigne Winery, Mitchella Vineyard & Winery, Opolo Vineyards, Robert Hall Winery, Roxo Port Cellars, as well as Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery – will offer their chocolate friendly wines. Meanwhile, chocolatiers, restaurants and food purveyors from all over the Central Coast and across California will share their chocolate inspired goods, ranging from baked goods to toffee, olive oil, soothing chocolate soaps and cigars.

Throughout the event, guests will have the opportunity to bid on high-end wines, gift certificates as well as chocolate themed gift baskets in a silent auction. The evening will be complemented with live music by Melody Klemin.

Tickets are \$30 per person and \$25 for Vina Robles Signature Wine Club members. Tickets are available via the Vina Robles or Woods Humane Society websites or directly at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-wine-chocolate-festival-tickets-13708176525?aff=eac2>

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About Woods Humane Society: Woods Humane Society, Inc. is a locally owned private non-profit animal welfare organization that has served homeless companion animals since 1955. The shelter, located off Highway 1 on Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo opened its doors in August of 2005 and has been going and growing strong ever since. Aside from the hundreds of animals Woods cares for each year, the organization maintains partnerships with other local private and county operated animal shelters in an effort to provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of animals. Woods Humane Society is also the only animal shelter on the central coast with a fully operational spay & neuter suite, which opened in September of 2006 and has performed over 20,000 surgeries. Their goal is to provide a premier level of care for all of the animals entering their doors. As the needs of the county grows, so too does the cost to operate their facility. They are experiencing a 20% growth in all aspects of the shelter on an annual basis. Woods can rise to meet the needs of our local homeless animal population, but cannot do this without the support of our community. They are solely funded through charitable gifts from the community and the need is greater than ever for ongoing financial support. For more information, visit www.woodshumane.org.

About Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery: *European Inspiration – California Character.* Vina Robles crafts wines that represent a stylistic bridge between the Old and New worlds, capturing the finesse associated with European wines while celebrating the bold natural flavors of their estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Here, proprietor Hans Nef and managing partner Hans – R. Michel bring their Swiss heritage to California's Central Coast, where they aim to unite the best of both experiences. For more information, visit www.vinarobles.com.