

96 Hours in the Valley

The Ultimate Solvang Wine & Food Checklist

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Check off each stop as you go. This checklist covers every tasting room, restaurant, and activity from our 4-night trip through the Santa Ynez Valley.

Thursday, Feb 19 — The Arrival & First Pour

BWI to LAX to Solvang

- 1:00 PM** **Arrive LAX**
Cross-country flight lands
- 1:30 PM** **Drive to Solvang**
2.5 hours up the coast via US-101
- 4:00 PM** **Check into Hotel Corque**
hotelcorque.com — heart of Solvang
- 6:00 PM** **McClain Cellars**
First tasting — generous pours, laid-back vibe
- 8:00 PM** **Whiskey 'N Rye**
BBQ dinner — ribs, brisket, cold drinks

Friday, Feb 20 — The Los Olivos Grand Avenue Marathon

6 tasting rooms on foot

- 9:00 AM** **Drive to Los Olivos**
10 min from Solvang
- 10:00 AM** **Carhartt Family Wines**
The tiny cabin off Grand Ave — rustic, personal
- 11:00 AM** **Story of Soil**
Clean, modern, single-vineyard focus
- 12:00 PM** **Larner**
Rhone varieties, estate-grown
- 1:00 PM** **Los Olivos Wine Merchant & Cafe**
Lunch — the fries are a must
- 2:00 PM** **Waylan Wine Co.**
Neighborhood hangout energy
- 3:00 PM** **Epiphany**
Vibrant patio scene
- 4:00 PM** **Dragonette Cellars**
Pinot Noirs worth the trip alone
- 5:00 PM** **Drive back to Solvang**
Dinner in town

Saturday, Feb 21 — Estate Wineries & The Buellton Loop

Refugio Road estates + Industrial Eats

- 8:00 AM** **Paula's Pancake House**
Thin Danish pancakes — get there early
- 10:00 AM** **Drive to Refugio Road**
Estate winery territory
- 11:00 AM** **Brave & Maiden Estate**
Sleek modern architecture, polished wines
- 12:00 PM** **Sunstone Winery**
French villa vibes, organic wines, lavender courtyard
- 1:00 PM** **Industrial Eats, Buellton**
Wood-fired food in the pink building — don't skip
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3:00 PM

Beckmen Vineyards

Rhone-style wines, gazebo by the pond



6:00 PM

Solang Brewing Company
Cold beers with the crew

8:00 PM

Hotel Corque

Wig night — late-night laughs

Sunday, Feb 22 — Courtyard Crawl & Birthday Dinner

1623 Mission Drive + Mad & Vin

- 8:00 AM** **Brekies**
Chicken & waffles, omelets — best brunch in Solvang
- 10:00 AM** **1623 Mission Drive Courtyard**
The tasting room crawl begins
- 11:00 AM** **Dascomb Cellars**
Boutique wines, Central Coast grapes
- 12:00 PM** **Cordon of Santa Barbara**
Rhone & Burgundian varieties
- 1:00 PM** **McClain Cellars**
Back to home base for the final pour
- 6:00 PM** **Mad & Vin at The Landsby**
Birthday dinner — order the steak AND the Brussels sprouts

Monday, Feb 23 — The Sweet Goodbye

Pastries and the flight home

- 8:00 AM** **The Solvang Bakery**
Danish pastries and butter cookies for the road
- 10:00 AM** **Drive to SBA**
Santa Barbara Airport
- 11:00 AM** **Flight Home**
Trunk full of wine, phone full of photos

Packing & Planning Checklist

Everything you need for a Santa Ynez Valley wine trip

Before You Go

- Book Hotel Corque**
hotelcorque.com — central Solvang location
- Reserve Mad & Vin dinner**
thelandsby.com/mad-vin — book 2+ weeks ahead
- Download this itinerary**
appleprice.com — Solvang 2026 v1.xlsx
- Check winery hours**
Some close Mon/Tue — confirm before driving
- Arrange airport transport**
SBA is closest; LAX is 2.5 hrs south

What to Pack

- Comfortable walking shoes**
Los Olivos is all on foot
- Layers**
Mornings are cool, afternoons warm
- Sunglasses & sunscreen**
Estate patios have full sun
- Wine tote or shipping boxes**
You will buy more than you planned
- Camera**
Sunstone alone is worth a full memory card

Pro Tips

- Start Los Olivos by 10 AM**
Beat the afternoon crowds on Grand Ave
- Eat at Industrial Eats early**
Lines build fast after noon
- Don't skip the courtyard**
1623 Mission Dr has 3 great rooms in one spot
- Order the Brussels sprouts**
At Mad & Vin — trust us on this one
- Save room in your luggage**
The Solvang Bakery cookies travel well