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## **Experience the Holiday Season in El Dorado Wine Country**

*A weekend of winter fun and adventure in historic Gold Country*

Placerville, CA (December 8, 2015) – Wine enthusiasts and those in search of seasonal fun will find winter adventure in El Dorado Wine Country. Stock your wine cellar, take in old-fashioned holiday events and create new traditions in the historically rich wine region. El Dorado County is conveniently located between Sacramento and Reno/Lake Tahoe with over 40 boutique wineries and 2,000 acres of rolling vineyards making it the perfect weekend getaway. For more information and to help plan your winter holiday trip in the El Dorado wine region, visit [ElDoradoWines.org](http://ElDoradoWines.org).

Travelers who enjoy brisk days and cold wintery nights should plan to take advantage of the many snow sport resorts around the region. Outdoor winter activities like skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing are abundant, or build the perfect snowman with friends and family. Wine lovers will enjoy California's best-kept secret wine secret, El Dorado Wine Country, an unbelievable assortment of charming tasting rooms, great wines and natural scenic beauty.

### **For a fun-filled winter wine weekend in El Dorado, here is a suggested itinerary:**

#### **Day 1: Friday Warm-up in downtown Placerville**

After a day of outdoor snowy fun head into the heart of Gold Country on a Friday night and start your weekend off right in historic Placerville. The picturesque downtown will be all decked out in traditional holiday flare with strung sparkling lights and the sent of hot mulled wine. Start at [Gold Hill Vineyard and Brewery](#), located one mile from the famous gold mining town of Coloma and Sutter's Mill. Their *Fireplace Friday's* are sure to warm you up. Enjoy live local musicians, food truck fare and Gold Hill's wines and their own craft brews. Another local favorite is [The Independent Restaurant and Bar](#), the sister restaurant to [Haydey Café](#), opened in 2009, offering exceptional American fusion cuisine and craft cocktails with friendly service. The region is also home to many quaint bed and breakfasts, vineyard guesthouses and inn's. To pick the perfect dining experience and lodging that suits you, go to [ElDoradoWines.org](http://ElDoradoWines.org).

## **Day 2: Create a New Seasonal Tradition and Trim your own Tree**

El Dorado Wine Country not only possesses a lush array of wineries, the region is also home to over 30 choose-and-cut tree farms. Spend some time outside with your family or friends making memories picking out that perfect tree for your home. Most tree farms also offer wreath making and other holiday crafts plus land as the perfect backdrop to a family photo. Spend the rest of your afternoon and evening in the small delightful region of Apple Hill or in downtown Placerville on historic Main Street to take in their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade, Merchant's Open House, Lighting Parade, Stagecoach Rides, late night shopping and a visit with Santa Claus. Visit [Visit-ELDorado.com](http://Visit-ELDorado.com) for more information.

## **Day 3: Cellar Stock-up on Sunday**

Stock your wine cellar for your holiday parties on Sunday. An abundant wine region, El Dorado has a diverse selection of tasting rooms to explore and discover new gifts. Head to the charming area of Camino during the month of December to take advantage of *Magnum Days* at [Madrona Vineyards](#) with discounts on large format and library bottles for your holiday table. If you agree that wine is bottled poetry then head to [Nello Olvio Winery](#) for their monthly *Poetry Sunday Live*. Enjoy an afternoon of fine wine paired with poetic words in the charming atmosphere of the wine tasting cellar. Take the 20-minute drive through the pine-wooded mountains to acclaimed [Skinner Vineyards and Winery](#); known for their focus on hand-crafted Rhône style wines. Join them for their *Second Sundays*, an intimate wine and food tasting experience hosted in the cellar tasting room. Explore the flavors of the holidays and how to perfectly pair them with Skinner wines.

## **About El Dorado Wines**

With over 150 years of history steeped in gold and agriculture, the El Dorado region is poised for its newfound resurgence in viticulture. Unique vineyard soils and a high elevation create a superior environment for a vast array of varietals. The region is gaining recognition for its ability to grow quality grapes that exhibit a sense of place. For more information about El Dorado and wines visit [ELDoradoWines.org](http://ELDoradoWines.org).

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