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Signature Sonoma Valley – authorized to pour!

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Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Alliance launches its new Signature Sonoma Valley event next weekend – Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 – the Valley wine group’s first event since parting ways with Sonoma Wine Country Weekend and the Harvest Wine Auction.

The Signature weekend starts Friday with the “Prelude” dinner at **Buena Vista Winery** where vintners will pour micro-production wines from their personal collections paired with dinner prepared by Buena Vista’s new chef Victor Scargle, fresh from the CIA at Copia restaurant. Scargle replaces chef Michel Cornu, who retired.

Participating vintners include Arrowood of Amapola Creek, Anaba, Auteur, Belden Barns, Beltane Ranch, Buena Vista, B Wise Vineyards, Canihan, Chateau St. Jean, Dane, Dunstan, Durell, Enterprise, GlenLyon, Gloria Ferrer, Idell Family, Kamen, Kistler, Korbin Kameron, Landmark, La Rochelle, Pangloss, Petroni, Price Family, Ram’s Gate, Sangiacomo Family, Schug, Sojourn, Stone Edge Farm, Donum Estate, and Three Sticks.

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Saturday, April 8 takes guests to “Immersion” events to either of two vineyards, Durell or Kamen, both well-hidden off the beaten path. All attendees will come together again at the Beltane Ranch for a farm-to-table luncheon including many vegetables grown at Beltane. Alex Benward and sister Lauren Benward Krause, fifth generation family owners and farmers at Beltane, will host, along with their chef, Lauren Kershner.

The weekend concludes Saturday evening with the “Echelon” dinner at Ram’s Gate Winery at the southern end of Sonoma Valley, formerly Roche Winery.

Tickets are available in all-event packages for \$1,250. Standalone tickets for Prelude and Echelon dinners are \$350 per person, and the Immersion experience is \$175 per person.

Tickets at Tickets.sonomavalleywine.com or 935-0803.