

# Celebrate the Harvest at Julian Grape Stomp

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#### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Event Fun for the Whole Family

**July 11, 2015**— Celebrate this year’s harvest and the rich local wine industry at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Grape Stomp Festa on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am-7pm at Menghini Winery in the mountain town of Julian, just east of San Diego. Kick off your shoes, roll up your pant legs and wine, dine and stomp the day away at this old-world style festa. With two huge barrels full of grapes, one for adults and one for children, it offers fun for the whole family.

“The Julian Grape Stomp gives you the opportunity to feel the soft grapes squish between your feet and understand how wine was traditionally made,” according to Mike Menghini, president of the Julian Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors this annual event. “Of course, nobody drinks the products made from these grapes. It is strictly done for enjoyment and entertainment.”

Tons of grapes are blessed then poured into the barrels and then, *let the stomping begin!* Enjoy dancing and stomping to Italian music by the very versatile Roman Holiday, bocce ball, an activity area for the kids including miniature golf, games and prizes and a wide variety of gourmet food and unique crafts for sale. As you celebrate, enjoy wine tasting from nearly a dozen local wineries. Situated in rolling hills covered with vineyards and apple orchards near the historic town of Julian, the Menghini Winery offers an ideal setting for this fun-filled event.

Relax in the exclusive VIP tent with a full bar, comfortable seating, and hors d’oeuvres. VIP tickets are \$50 each and include admission, a grape stomping fast pass, and one complimentary beverage. VIP tickets will be sold in advance and include reserved parking at the winery.

Regular admission tickets are \$15 for adults over 21 (which includes a keepsake wine glass) and \$5 for children 6-20. Kids five and under are free. The Grape Stomp Festa is an annual fundraiser to benefit the Julian Chamber and proceeds from the event enhance, maintain and protect this historic district. Other upcoming special events include Apple Days, Old Time Melodrama, Country Christmas, Taste of Julian, and Gold Rush Days. Call 760-765-1857 for reservations or go to [visitjulian.com](http://visitjulian.com) for details.

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