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Spirited Olive Bash benefits Sonoma Valley Teen Services



Guests enjoy a variety of wines and olive appetizers served during the "Olive Bash" to benefit the Sonoma Valley Teen Services, held at the Krug Event Center at the Sonoma Valley Inn in Sonoma, Friday, January 16, 2015. (Crista Jeremiason / The Press Democrat)

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Sonoma Valley loves its olives and loves its kids. A high-spirited and sumptuous get-together Friday evening at the Norman Krug family's inn on Second Street West celebrated both.

Olive Bash was a musical food-and-wine happening that raised money for Sonoma Valley Teen Services.

A genial team of young people served by the nonprofit agency roamed the Krug Event Center at Best Western Sonoma Valley Inn and passed hors d'oeuvres.

Olive Bash In Sonoma



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The olive-inspired appetizers were created by young chefs involved in the Lovin' Oven program, which operates a youth-run bakery at the Valley of the Moon Teen Center. Supervising and assisting the youths were pros from the valley's Rocket Catering

On the periphery of the room, dressed in olive branches and deep purple table cloths, were pouring stations featuring five wineries. Guests tasted also the olive loaf baked especially for the occasion by Basque Boulangerie Caf e, and olive oils from The Olive Press and Benziger Family Winery.

From near a toasty fireplace, the Gary Flores Trio played salsa and bossa nova that tugged folks out onto the dance floor.

Guests mingled and made the rounds, and some strolled out onto the inn's inviting courtyard. The festivities wrapped up at about 8:30 p.m. and a happy crowd drifted home from another neighborly feast on the blessings of Sonoma Valley.

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