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Summer is finally here and the longer days and warm sunshine seem to be lifting everyone's mood. With the health laws changing we will soon see ourselves once again celebrating with loved ones near and far. Whether you are planning overdue soirees, much needed vacations, or just staying at home and firing up the grill, I hope your days are filled with great weather, great friends, and great food.

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:: JUST LISTED ::



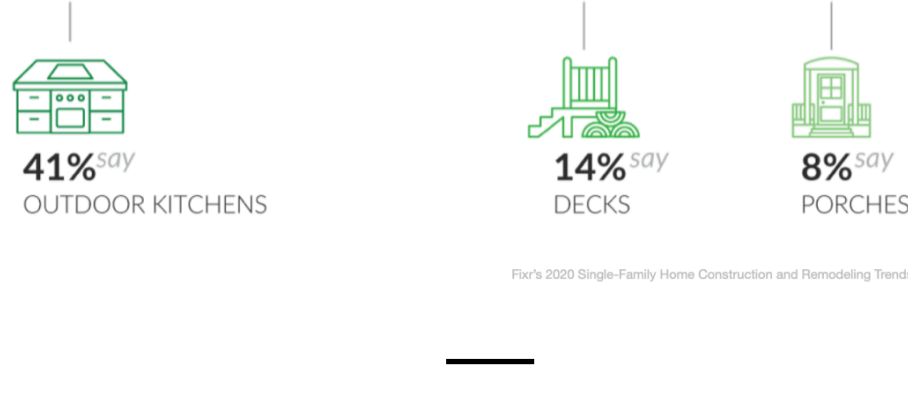
240 Vester Sted, Solvang, California

Nestled in the charming community of Solvang's Nyborg Estates, this California Spanish-style 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home is conveniently located around the corner from Solvang's vibrant downtown. The home's vaulted ceilings and wood laminate flooring, compliment the bright open floor plan. The generous sized back yard features a covered pergola patio, mature xeriscape plantings, gravel pathways, and garden planter boxes that make for easy, peaceful outdoor living.

Offered at : \$820,000

:: Design Trends ::
- Outdoor Kitchens -

Living in the Santa Ynez Valley, means being blessed with 300+ days of sunshine, which makes outdoor living and dining a huge part of life. Outdoor kitchen are an amazing way to create more living and entertaining space, without having to add costly permitted square footage to your home. Whether it's elaborate kitchen masterpieces, built-in barbecue grills, or wood fired ovens - there's no question that you will not only add value to your home, but delicious fun to your summer days with family and friends.



Flora's 2020 Single-Family Home Construction and Remodeling Trends

:: Santa Ynez Valley Dining ::
- Burgers -

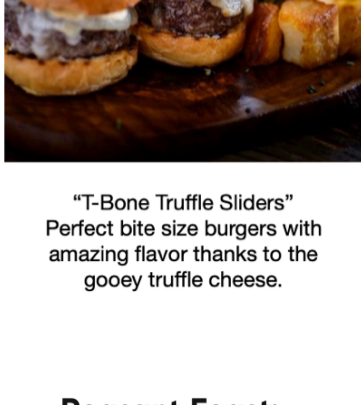
Nothing quite smells more like summer than a juicy burger on the barbecue. For those who don't want to make their own at home, here is my round-up of local burgers from around the Valley that are perfect for getting your taste buds in the mood for the upcoming summer season. Enjoy!

Chomp:



"Wrangler"
Double bacon and crispy onion rings topped with hickory bbq sauce?! Yes please.

S.Y. Kitchen:



"T-Bone Truffle Sliders"
Perfect bite size burgers with amazing flavor thanks to the gooey truffle cheese.

Mad&Vin:



"Santa Ynez Burger"
The savory/sweet husk tomato jam along with the spicy arugula, hit all the flavor marks.

Red Barn:



"Brothers Burger"
A classic burger that is topped with an amazing special sauce.

Peasant Feast:



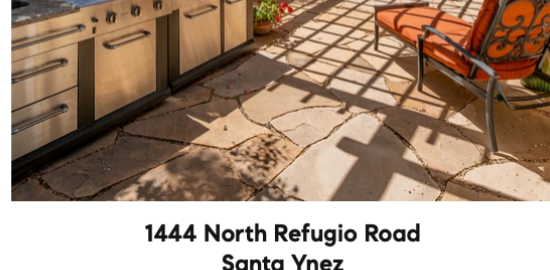
"The Grotto"
The crispy shallots, garlic aioli, roasted mushrooms, and local brioche bun make this burger stand out.

The Tavern:



"The Tavern Burger"
You have the option of adding bacon, a local egg, and even Wagyu Pastrami to this burger - which is a must!

:: Featured SVY Homes ::
- with Outdoor Kitchens -



1444 North Refugio Road
Santa Ynez
6 Bed | 5.5 Bath
Listing Courtesy of :
Marcus McInerney - Reservoir Partners

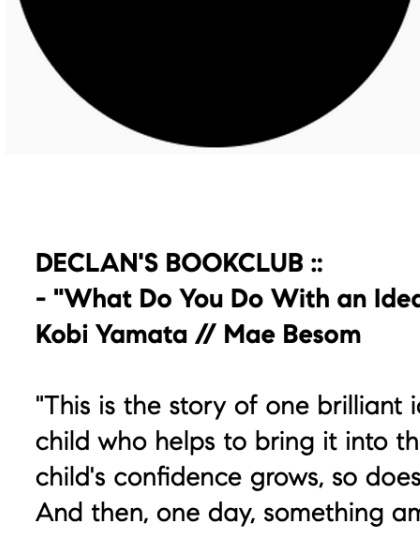
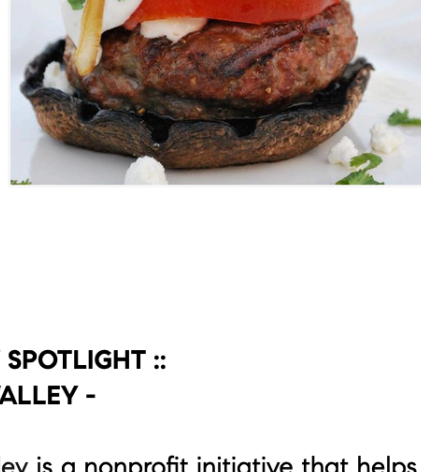


2975 Calle Bonita
Santa Ynez
6 Bed | 5 Bath
Listing Courtesy of :
Carey Kendall - Village Properties

:: Santa Ynez Community ::

RECIPES :: PORTOBELLO LAMB BURGER
- with garlic feta sauce and caramelized onions -

In a bowl mix together 1.5lbs ground lamb, 1/2 finely diced sautéed onion, 2 cloves minced garlic, 2tbs. diced cilantro, salt and pepper. Form into 4 equal burger patties. Next, whisk together 1/4c. mayo, 1/4c. plain yogurt, 2 cloves minced garlic, and 2tbs. crumbled feta cheese. Grill burgers until desired doneness. Brush 4 portobello mushroom caps with olive oil and grill until slightly charred. In a pan over medium-low heat, sauté 1 thinly sliced onion until golden. To assemble, place patties on mushroom caps, top with a thick slice of tomato, a dollop of garlic feta sauce, and grilled onions. Enjoy!



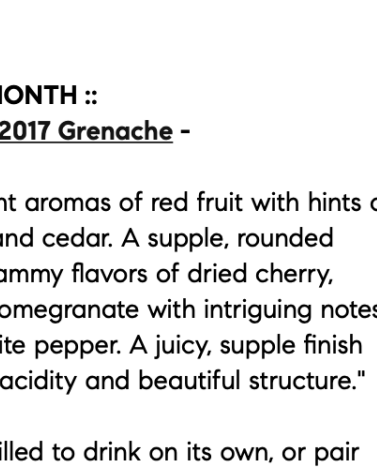
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ::
- FEED THE VALLEY -

Feed The Valley is a nonprofit initiative that helps fight food insecurity throughout the Santa Ynez region. Beyond providing meals to families in need, these dollars also keep restaurant workers gainfully employed, despite the recent financial hardships faced by independent operators throughout our community.

DECLAN'S BOOKCLUB ::
- "What Do You Do With an Idea" -
Kobi Yamata // Mae Besom

"This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens."

Available to order at the Book Loft in Solvang



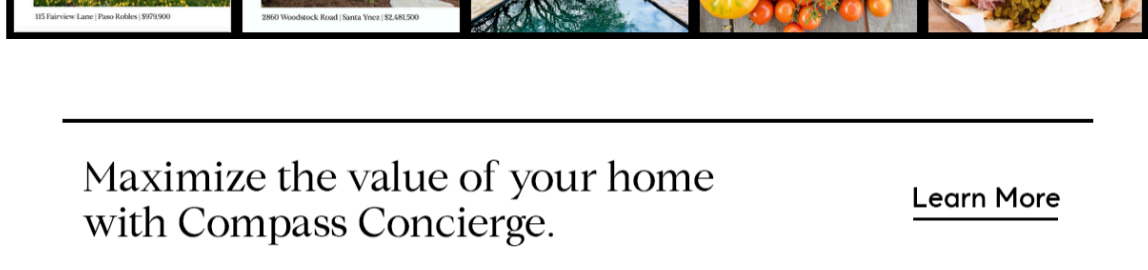
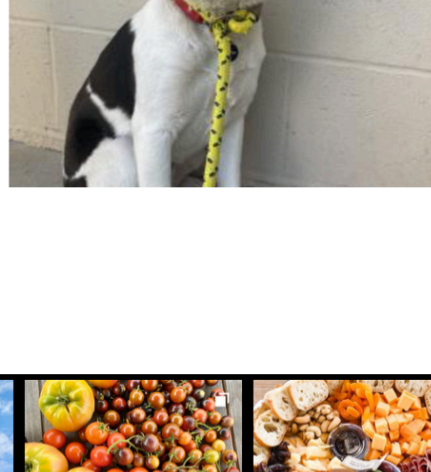
WINE OF THE MONTH ::
- BRICK BARN : 2017 Grenache -

"Presents fragrant aromas of red fruit with hints of blueberry, cola and cedar. A supple, rounded palate delivers jammy flavors of dried cherry, raspberry and pomegranate with intriguing notes of earth and white pepper. A juicy, supple finish lingers with fine acidity and beautiful structure."

Serve slightly chilled to drink on its own, or pair with your favorite burger!

HOMES FOR LOCAL SHELTER DOGS ::
- Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society -

Look at those ears!! Jedi is a 2 year old Chihuahua mix who is looking for a forever home to call his own. He is available for adoption from the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Fill out an adoption application HERE to adopt Jedi or another one of his shelter friends!



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