

Creating a True *Central Coast Dinner Party*

It's all about the views, the food, the
wine and the hospitality!

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There's nothing quite like the scenery of the Central Coast. With a picturesque mountainscape, roaming farm animals, and spectacular shades of pink and orange setting over the mountain peaks and blue waters of the Pacific, it is truly an experience to savor. Apart from the beautiful scenery, the Central Coast is rich with small businesses established by local families and ambitious entrepreneurs. It is the entrepreneurial spirit and multiplicity of passions this community holds that makes it beloved by residents and tourists. The marvelous union of breathtaking landscapes and bold passions makes the Central Coast so special, so lavish.

When deciding on the cover of this issue, togetherness that captured the beauty of the Central Coast came to mind. Being a part of the Central Coast community is being a part of a family. From the eateries to wineries to the hospitality, the families on the Central Coast are always well taken care of.

Stellar wines

One of the best things about living on the Central Coast is never running out of choices when it comes to wine! With hundreds of wineries, the Central Coast is clearly a magical spot for vintners, especially for Talley Vineyards. The winery's signature 2017 pinot noir and chardonnay were poured and enjoyed at dinner. The red embodies notes of raspberry, rhubarb and orange peel to compliment the cherry, pomegranate, and sage aromas. For the white wine lovers at the table, Talley's 2017 Chardonnay has a fruity taste with lemon, nectarine and green apple notes with lemon tart, jasmine and orange blossom aromas. Talley Vineyards, now in the Talley family's third generation, is devoted to creating high quality, distinctive wines that proudly represent each of their vineyards in the Arroyo Grande Valley and Edna Valley.





Locally grown ingredients

What is a Central Coast dinner party without locally grown produce? Grown in the Arroyo Grande Valley less than seven miles from Pepper Tree Ranch, fresh vegetables from Talley Farms made for the perfect appetizer. From carrots and broccoli to bell peppers and jicama, the vegetable board handpicked by Talley Farms Fresh Harvest Manager Andrea Chavez and Customer Service Manager Lisa Loogman made for a tasty appetizer. All of Talley Farms' produce is sustainably grown from non-GMO seeds using organic sprays and fertilizer. The honesty and dedication Talley Farms has to the community is one of the reasons they continue to be a choice Central Coast business.

For the main course, traditional Central Coast barbeque was served by Old San Luis BBQ Co. Owner and Cal Poly Alumni Matt Pearce and Kitchen Manager David Byrnes plated their famous Strawberry Field Salad containing all local ingredients for the first course. To follow it up, guests enjoyed a loaded Santa Maria-style tri-tip, chicken, and sausage plate complimented by grilled seasonal vegetables, smoky Santa Maria pinto beans, flavorful garlic bread, and a warm slice of their Cowboy Corn Pie. Each item on the plate paired so well together creating a harmonious combination of flavors. Old San Luis BBQ sources most of their ingredients from local farms, staying true to Central Coast values. It's no wonder every plate was licked clean!





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Stunning views

Tucked away in Edna Valley, Pepper Tree Ranch was the perfect space to gather guests with their modern rustic aesthetic and stunning views of rolling hills and flourishing farmlands. The pepper trees that grow throughout the property are a symbol of happiness, health and hospitality. Climb into the Owl's Nest, hidden by pepper trees, for a more secluded and intimate experience or gather under the twinkling lights outside the barn for a more open environment. Not only does the 70-acre property speak for itself, Venue Manager Brooke Campbell is dedicated to guests' satisfaction and expectations. From the consulting visit to breakdown, Pepper Tree Ranch's hospitality parallels their fabulous property.





The logo for Kelly-Moore Paints is centered, featuring the brand name in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline 'The Painter's Paint Store' is written in a blue, cursive script. The background of the advertisement shows a white surface with vertical stripes of various colors (green, red, orange, blue) and paint rollers with blue handles.

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It's all in the details

A beautiful venue requires stellar tables and florals. Got You Covered Rentals showcased their expertise and detail-oriented style through their gorgeous table settings. Gold-trimmed plates and glasses tie in gold flatware and work beautifully with the green table runner and wooden table. The table settings were crafted in GYC Rental's showroom with Vice President Vanessa's eye for style. From a classic Victorian theme to a more casual farmhouse setting, GYC Rental's can turn any vision into a reality. Along with place settings come fabulous matching linens by Bella Couture Linens. Pink and green floral table linens and the matching jade green table runner provided the base of the color palette for this dinner party. The linens perfectly accented by the elaborate floral pieces from Elegant Details. Elegant Details Owner Ricardo created custom floral centerpieces to fit perfectly with the specific color scheme. With his attention to detail, Ricardo didn't just create floral pieces, but an entire mood. From the champagne-colored roses, the wispy green tendrils to the gold vases and candleholders, the decor captured elegance perfectly while still allowing the focus of guests to be on each other.





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