Summer days mean fun in the sun paired with your favorite wines. JULIE FADDA POWERS dedicates this issue’s tasting menu to some of the wineries that add an extra bit of magic to the mix by featuring music, movies and more. Major events include “All American Zin Day” in Dry Creek Valley on July 1 and “Out in the Vineyard” Gay Wine Weekend at various locations July 14 to 16. And for those interested in spontaneous adventures, the Wine Road’s Mystery Tour takes place on July 17. Check websites or call ahead for hours and reservations.

Alexander Valley Vineyards, 8644 Highway 128, Healdsburg, 707-433-7209, avwine.com. Groups of 10 or less can enjoy complimentary estate wine tastings in a friendly, casual atmosphere. On July 15, there will be an estate tour and garden luncheon on the patio featuring seasonal items from the garden paired with a variety of estate wines ($40-$55; reservations required).

Bella Vineyards & Wine Caves, 9711 W. Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, 707-473-9711, bellawinery.com. Bella’s winemaking team is focused on crafting small-lot wines, with an emphasis on Zinfandel. Groups of eight or less are welcome without a reservation for a relaxed tasting in the hillside cave ($15) or for a cave tour and tasting by appointment ($35) or a vineyard tour and barrel-blending experience ($55). Be sure to bring a picnic and enjoy the lovely grounds during your visit.

Buena Vista Winery, 18000 Old Winery Road, Sonoma, 800-926-1266, buenavistawinery.com. Buena Vista Winery has so much history that even the employees dress the part. There are multiple reserved tasting experiences offered, or groups of up to seven can drop in for a selection of new and library releases ($20-$30). On July 1, the winery will host the Great Gatsby Library Releases ($20-$30) or take a vineyard tour and sample them from the source along with paired cheeses ($80, by appointment with 48-hour advance notice required).

Comstock Wines, 1290 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, 707-723-3011, comstockwines.com. Winemaker Chris Russi crafts a range of varietal wines with an emphasis on regional character. Visit for a classic tasting (no appointment necessary) at the expansive bar, or on the terrace by appointment ($15-$30). There are also cheese pairings, Sunday brunches and “wine, pizza and bocce” on the second Saturday of each month through October (reservations required). Prices vary by experience.

Enkidu, 520 Broadway, Sonoma, 707-833-6100, enkiduwines.com. Winemaker and owner Phillip Staehle sources grapes from select vineyards to craft his outstanding lineup of limited-production wines. Don’t miss his annual Dixieland Jazz Festival on July 8 features a great lineup of live jazz music, wine specials, beer and food (or bring your own picnic). Tickets are $40-$45.

J. Rickards Winery, 24505 Chianti Road, Cloverdale, 707-758-3441, jrwinery.com. Enjoy complimentary tastings of “Darn Fine Barn Wine” for groups of eight or less (don’t miss the Rosé of Aleatico, a dry-style blend of Aleatico and Syrah). Box lunches are available for picnics with 48 hours’ notice. On July 22, the winery will fill up jugs of its old-vine Zinfandel straight from the barrel (RSVP requested) and will feature live music, barbecue bites and more.

Jordan Vineyard & Winery, 1474 Alexander Valley Road, Healdsburg, 707-431-5250, jordanwinery.com. Jordan has several special dinner events planned this summer, including its inaugural Bastille Day dinner on July 14. Start off with Jordan Cuvée by Champagne AR Lenoble and hors d’oeuvres, then dine alfresco on a four-course meal paired with specific vintages of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon ($200).

Kamen Estate Wines, 111B E. Napa St., Sonoma, 707-938-7292, kamewines.com. Winemaking team Mark Herold and Neil Mason craft estate-grown Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Guests can sample them at the winery’s downtown Sonoma tasting room ($20-$35) or take a vineyard tour and sample them from the source along with paired cheeses ($80, by appointment with 48-hour advance notice required).

Kokomo Winery, 4791 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, 707-433-0200, kokomowines.com. Dog lovers won’t want to miss Artsy Dogs on July 29, where they can enjoy Kokomo’s wonderful wines while their dogs create paintings that will be auctioned off at

A server pours wine during an alfresco dinner at Jordan Vineyard & Winery in Healdsburg.