

# Valle de Guadalupe Wine, Food & Music Festival



ROAD TRIP TO EXOTIC EVENT IN MEXICO IS ABOUT THE SAME DISTANCE AS A ROUTINE RUN TO SAN DIEGO / IN BAJA BY SUZANNE KOCH

**M**exico's Valle de Guadalupe in Baja Norte is gaining popularity among vino-lovers for its unique and delicious wine scene. And with the return of the fourth Guadalupe Valley Wine, Food & Music Festival on September 14, there's no better time to visit the destination.

The festival will take place at Bodegas del Valle, located in a region where more than 90 percent of Mexican wine is produced. Guests can look forward to plenty of wine, in addition to mouthwatering cuisine from top chefs and tunes from an array of artists from all over the world.

**WINE:** Sip the very best of Mexican wines, including vino from local wineries and more. Each wine is hand-selected for its ability to perfectly pair with the cuisine from the participating chefs.

**FOOD:** Dive into farm-to-table eats from Michelin-starred Chef Drew Deckman, the man behind his namesake restaurant Deckman's en el Mogor. Enjoy tastes from Argentinian mastermind Chef Dante Ferrero who recently opened Dante in Mexico City, or try something innovative from Edo Kobayashi Group, known for introducing Japanese cuisine to Mexico City's culinary scene. Additional culinary highlights include Chef Marco Carboni of Mexico City's Satoria by Marco Carboni and Chef Luis Valle, native of Los Mochis.

**MUSIC:** The festival will be accompanied by beats from an array of artists including headliner UNKLE, a powerhouse in electronic music. Other acts include German quintet Thieves Like Us, London-based Kerala Dust, Matthew Dear, Iranian-

American Sharam Tayebi, Miami Horror, Dance Spirit, Santos y Zurdo, Django Django, Kalabrese, Alejandro Franco, Anabel Englund, Frikstailers, Arthur Baker and SimOnimo.

**TICKETS:** Festival tickets include food and are available through September 14. For more information or to purchase your event tickets online, visit [guadalupevalleyfestival.com](http://guadalupevalleyfestival.com). ■

**THE DRIVE:** Anyone who has ever driven to greater LA to take the obligatory cruise from Long Beach to Ensenada, a trip that takes at least 12 hours or so of driving plus several days at sea—not that a few days at sea are not their own reward—has maybe glanced at the map and considered just driving there. This trip is even quicker. Valle de Guadalupe is about 25 miles northeast of Ensenada. The drive is about 360 miles (about six and a half hours) from Phoenix—roughly the same as the familiar drive to San Diego—turning south into Baja California at Mexicali or Tecate from I-8 on the California side, a one-way run of about 180 miles from Yuma to Valle de Guadalupe. —*Editor*

