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Wineries welcome tasting tourists

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FAIRFIELD — In hopes of drawing more visitors to Suisun Valley wineries, the area will hold its first "Passport Sunday" tasting tour April 19.

The Suisun Valley Grape Growers Association recently formed a vintners committee for the growing number of wineries in the area, and the committee's first public event will be a day trip during which people can visit the seven major wineries and sample their products.

"It is a chance for folks to come out and taste and travel," said Tracy Ellison, agricultural ambassador for the area. "We will be pairing the wines with local restaurants."

Passport Sunday is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19. The tour will feature Blue Victorian Winery, Ledgewood Creek Winery, Suisun Valley Wine Co-op, Tenbrink Family Winery, Vezer Family Vineyards, Winterhawk Winery and Wooden Valley Winery.

Each site will have a restaurant or catered food accompaniment. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the wineries' tasting rooms. For more information, go to http://www.svgga.com.