

WINE VALLEY INN & COTTAGES FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: Centrally located on an acre of lush gardens in Solvang within the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley, The Wine Valley Inn is a fantasy of cottages, chateau suites and deluxe guest rooms. A meandering brook trickles through the property, crossed by arching bridges. The air is an intoxicating blend of Danish bakery and fresh flowers. Like “Little Denmark,” as Solvang is known, the Inn takes the word “quaint” to new heights.

The Santa Ynez Valley has become an enormously popular destination for wine tasting and touring. Visitors can follow winding roads through this beautiful country sampling the Valley’s celebrated wine varietals. Or if wine’s not your thing, Solvang offers a wide variety of hip boutique shops, fabulous dining and internationally acclaimed live theater – all within easy walking distance of The Wine Valley Inn.

HISTORY: The Wine Valley Inn, originally called the Chimney Sweep Inn, was built in 1976 by a local architect named Earl Petersen. Petersen was responsible for developing Solvang as a village that celebrates the area’s early settler’s Danish heritage and attracts visitors from around the world.

Shortly after completing the hotel, Petersen sold it to Dr. Bill Van Valin, a prominent plastic surgeon. Having just returned from a trip to the Palace of Versailles in France where he had seen Marie Antoinette’s fairytale cottages around a lake, Van Valin was inspired to add a special garden. Materials were imported from all over the world, including antique sinks from Mexico and doorbells from cable cars in San Francisco.

He commissioned a local artist to create hand-painted tiles depicting all of the characters of his children’s favorite story – Chronicles of Narnia. These were installed in both cottages, giving each cottage a theme. Today, the tiles can still be spotted decorating the bathrooms and kitchens. The other four cottages were added in later years according to the same specifications.

CONCIERGE: Concierge services are available at the front desk and include: wine tours, spa services, restaurant reservations, entertainment, limousine service, airline tickets, and sightseeing tours and information on Solvang and Santa Ynez Valley attractions and cultural events.

(more)

SPECIAL EVENTS: The outdoor terrace and garden area can host up to 30 guests for private weddings. The Hospitality Room is available for receptions, wine tastings and meetings for up to 50 people. The room's new indoor/outdoor fireplace provides a warm and intimate focal point for all types of event, and creates an elegant flow from indoor events to parties on the outdoor terrace.

MEETING SPACE: The Wine Valley Inn's stylish and functional Conference Room comfortably seats 12 people around the boardroom table, has hi-speed wireless internet, a built-in service bar, and patio. The Conference Room is accessible to both hotel guests and local businesses. The hotel offers refreshments and audio/visual equipment rentals for an additional charge.

ROOMS: With 56 guest rooms, six charming cottages, two patio suites and one grand suite, the Wine Valley Inn can accommodate a variety of tastes. All rooms are comfortably furnished with modern amenities including complimentary wireless Internet, flat screen televisions, luxury bedding, elegant bathrooms and plush robes. Cottage Suites are individually decorated in an "English Cottage" style and boast spacious living rooms with wood burning fireplaces, private patios and Jacuzzis.

PARKING: The Wine Valley Inn offers free onsite parking.

ADDRESS: 1564 Copenhagen Drive, Solvang, CA 93463

RESERVATIONS: Toll-free US and Canada: 800.824.6444
Website: www.winevalleyinn.com
Other sites: www.BroughtonHospitality.com

MANAGEMENT: The Wine Valley Inn is owned and operated by Broughton Hospitality, the Newport Beach-based hospitality management company. Broughton Hospitality owns and operates properties in Santa Monica, Santa Barbara, Solvang, San Simeon, CA and Chicago, Ill. For more information, visit www.broughtonhospitality.com.

MEDIA CONTACTS: Kim Sudhalter, Clifford/Bratskier PR
323.966.4603, kim.sudhalter@cbprusa.com
Bryan van Gorder, Clifford/Bratskier PR
323.988.0802, bryan.vangorder@cbprusa.com

#