

DAY DESTINATION - LOS OLIVOS



Just a 30 minute drive from downtown Santa Barbara sits the stunning Santa Ynez Valley, which evokes the essence of what old rural California was all about. Once home to just a handful of vineyards, the Valley now boasts more than 100 wineries. The charming town of Los Olivos, with its roots established in 1860 as a stagecoach station, is becoming an LA urbanite get-away and is home to locally owned fashion boutiques, wine tasting rooms and fine restaurants.



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Located on the main drag, **Saarloos & Sons**, 2971 Grand Avenue, 805.688.1200, occupies a recently renovated bungalow. The Saarloos family farms every vine themselves and all of their wines are under 400 cases in total production and some are as rare as 40 cases. Saarloos & Sons is a labor of love four generations in the making. Tucked away on the right side of the tasting room is **Enjoy Cupcakes**, recently recognized as having some of the best cupcakes in Santa Barbara. A selection of delectable wine flavored cupcakes like Chocolate Blackberry Syrah, Tart Ginger Lime

Chardonnay and Cherry Vanilla Merlot fill the glass case. Pairings of Saarloos wines and cupcakes have become popular during visits to the tasting room. **Waxing Poetic's** flagship retail space, 2363 Alamo Pintado Avenue, 805.686.4545, is adorned with impeccable handcrafted art, Italian artifacts and antiques furnishings. The collection of charms, bracelets, necklaces, and rings with personal insignias, initials and symbols are crafted of sterling silver, mixed metals and antique inspired fabrications.





J. Woeste, 2356 Alamo Pintado Avenue 805.693.1951, is an ever-changing haven for home and garden lovers. After wandering through the grounds filled with plants and whimsical garden accents, take a tour of the house, brimming with distinctive gifts, books and art. **Tin Roof**, 2982 Grand Avenue, 805.688.7844, has been awarded the “Best Clothing Store of the Valley” four years in a row. It’s the must stop shop for clothing, shoes, jewelry, and accessories. Tin Roof carries beautiful lines including Three Dot, Ella Moss, Weston Wear, HOB0, Matisse, Born shoes, Frye boots and Big Star jeans, as well as jewelry made by local artisans. Down the street and around the corner is **Global Gardens**, 2477 Alamo Pintado Avenue, 805.693.1600, who offers olive oil tasting and gourmet food products. They use only the freshest of organic, natural, pesticide-free ingredients to make their exclusive line of extra virgin first cold press olive oils, fruit vinegars, appetizer spreads, glazes, savory snacks and confections. Most of the oils come in an exclusive imported Italian glass bottle. The warmth of the wisteria-covered patio welcomes you at the **Los Olivos Cafe**, 2879 Grand Avenue, 805.688.7265. The connection between great wine and impeccable food is immediately apparent as you enter the restaurant. In the center, there’s a massive concrete fireplace and bar connecting the Café to the Los Olivos Wine Merchant. You’ll find an impressive selection of fine wines produced in the California Central Coast and an exceptional wine list that has earned the Café the Wine Spectator’s “Best Restaurant for Wines” since 2007.

