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## Where To Go In November: Beaune, France

When crisp autumn evenings roll in, thoughts of stews and casseroles paired with Pinot Noir come to mind. Burgundy is the birthplace of not just Beef Bourguignon and delicious Burgundian wine, but the *grand-père* of all charity wine auctions, the Hospices de Beaune. Now in its 151st year, the auction, currently organized and run by historic auction house Christie's, attracts bidders and spectators from around the globe. Three jam-packed days of wine tasting, black-tie dinners and street festivals precede the auction, held on the third Sunday of November. While in town, make sure to visit Bouchard Père et Fils, one of Beaune's oldest négociants, or take a short drive to the village of Pommard, with its picturesque town square. While there, Anne Parent, the first female winemaker in Domaine Parent's 13 generations, will be happy to have you taste through her delicious wines. Make sure to get back to Beaune in time to raise your paddle and buy a barrel—it's for a great cause!

—MIKE DESIMONE AND JEFF JENSSEN

## SNAPshot



### Sparkling Spray-Off, Lake Tahoe, NV

NFL great Jerry Rice (pictured) popped a cork in high style during the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship on July 14, 2011, at the fourth-annual Korbel Celebrity Spray-Off event. The competition was based on cork distance (but popping style and sparkling wine sprayed by the likes of Michael Jordan and Matt Ryan excited fans). Proceeds benefited the Korbel Toast Life Foundation.

## LUXElife

### Kayak, Glider & Wine Tour.

Captain Jack's lively tour, held in Santa Barbara, California, offers aerial adventure, kayaking and wine tasting all in one afternoon. Whisked from your hotel to the coast, your morning starts with a guided kayak tour launched from pristine Refugio Beach, a cove that local legend claims used to shelter pirates, and splashes past beaches, piers and the bustling Stearns Wharf. Built in 1872 to serve cargo and passenger ships, the Wharf now houses shops, seafood restaurants and a winery. The exploration heads inland to refuel at the renowned Cold Spring Tavern, a 130-year-old stagecoach stop along the San Marcos Pass. Although veggie-friendly, this tavern specializes in juicy venison steak sandwiches, buffalo burgers and their signature wild game chili paired with a local Syrah. Next, you'll be sitting in the front seat of a glider with your captain behind you as the engineless aircraft is towed up to 2,500 feet. This is when you get to hit the release button. Soar through the blue skies above the Pacific coastline and verdant vineyards. Upon landing, flights of another type await at two Central Coast wineries, Bridlewood and Gainey, where private tours include barrel rooms, gardens and the wineries' tasting rooms, where participants sip recent releases and the area's prized Pinot Noirs. Cost: \$350 per person, \$600 per couple.

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