Culinary Trails and Tales of Las Cruces

In and around Las Cruces you will find the green chile capital of the world, the oldest wine growing region in the United States and the largest pistachio farm in New Mexico. Travel the tasty roads of this unique tour and you will return home with a new appreciation for the food in your supermarket.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
Learn the 3,000-year story of agriculture in New Mexico.
(575) 522-4100 / nmfarmandranchmuseum.org

Chile Pepper Institute
The only one of its kind in the world devoted to education, research, and information related to capsicum.
(575) 646-3028 / chilepepperinstitute.org

La Semilla Food Center
Regional organization planting the seeds of healthier, self-reliant, fair and more sustainable food system.
(575) 642-2818

Mysterious Horizons Farm
A certified organic grower of produce and herbs.
(575) 524-7898

Eagle Ranch – Heart of the Desert
The first and largest pistachio grove in New Mexico offers free wine tasting and samples of pistachios.
(575) 434-0035 / heartofthedesert.com

Amaro Winery
Amaro Winery produces premium New Mexico wine from grapes grown in southern New Mexico.
575-527-5310 / amarowinerynm.com

Rio Grande Winery
Continuing generations of tradition and family work, the Steeles grow and bottle their wines on-site.
575-524-3985 / 5321 South Highway 28

De La Vega’s Pecan Grill & Brewery
Locally owned and operated, De La Vega’s offers the perfect mix of upscale and casual dining.
575-521-1099 / pecangrill.com

High Desert Brewery
Rotating selections from 25 ales and lagers. House-brewed root beer and pub fare.
575-525-6752 / highdesertbrewingco.com

Farmers and Crafts Market
Hand made crafts, local produce, tasty treats, live music every Wednesday and Saturday (Year-round)
575-541-2288 / lascrucesfarmersmarket.org
Cooking classes available upon request.
**La Viña Blues & Jazz Thing**  
A weekend of music and wine at New Mexico’s oldest winery.  
(Late April)  
575-882-7632 / lavinawinery.com

**Blessing of the Fields**  
A celebration of New Mexico’s 3,000 year farming history.  
(Every May)  
575-522-4100 / NMFarmandRanchMuseum.org

**Southern New Mexico Wine Festival**  
Three days with more than a dozen southern New Mexico wineries offerings tastings, music, specialty foods, hourly grape stomp contest, children’s activities, also University of Wine with seminars such as wine history in New Mexico, pairing with foods, and meet the vintners. (Last weekend in May)  
575-522-1232 / snmwinefestival.com

**Hatch Chile Festival**  
Food, crafts and live music at harvest time in the chile capital of the world. (First weekend in September)  
575-267-5050 / hatchchilefest.com

**Harvest Wine Festival**  
Three days with more than a dozen southern New Mexico wineries offerings tastings, music, specialty foods, hourly grape stomp contest, children’s activities, also University of Wine with seminars such as wine history in NM, pairing with foods, and meet the vintners. (First weekend in September)  
575-522-1232 / wineharvestfestival.com

**The Whole Enchilada Fiesta**  
A weekend of entertainment, food and fun as chefs create the world’s largest flat enchilada. (Every September)  
enchiladafiesta.com

**Lyles Family Farms and U-Pick Gardens**  
30 acres of fun including hayrides, pumpkin picking, painting and original corn maze. (Wednesdays and weekends from Labor Day thru Halloween)  
575-526-1919 / mesillavalleymaze.com

**La Viña Wine Festival and Grape Stomp**  
A weekend of music and wine at New Mexico’s oldest winery.  
(every October)  
575-882-7632 / lavinawinery.com

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