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honey can purchase his at Earthbound Farm and the Quail & Olive, both in Carmel Valley.

■ Bee my Valentine

Carmel Valley Ranch will again offer its Bee Mine couples package throughout February, in honor of Valentine's Day, with overnight accommodations at the resort, a couples body wrap and massage incorporating honey, and a bee-keeping session with John Russo, as well as honey-based food and libation.

Russo, the ranch's apiarist and lavender expert, will share his insight into the lives of the 60,000-plus Italian honeybees living in three hives at the resort. After hearing Russo talk, guests don bee-keeping suits to check out the hives for themselves. Tour-takers sip

lavender and honey lemonade, taste honey straight from the hive and leave with some lavender beeswax balm to take home.

When it comes to food and libation, Bee Mine partakers will sip Bee's Knees honey-inspired cocktails (made with Comb gin distilled from honeycomb, fresh squeezed lemon juice and honey simple syrup) and munch on executive chef Tim Wood's award-winning honey-chile wings, which were featured in a 2011 issue of Food & Wine magazine and named one of the best wing recipes in the United States.

The package is available through Feb. 28, with rates starting at \$680. Visit www.carmelvalleyranch.com to learn more.

■ Singles Night at WF

Whole Foods Market is hosting Singles Night — where "everyone is welcome" — Friday, Feb. 8, from 9 to 11 p.m., with food

tasting, wine and beer sampling, and live music.

The cost is \$6 for bites, \$6 for beer and wine tasting, or \$10 for everything, and the first 25 people to arrive will receive a gift bag. All proceeds from the night will benefit the Community Partnership for Youth.

Whole Foods is located in Del Monte Center in Monterey. For information and tickets, check in at the door or go online to wfmmontereyinglesnight.eventbrite.com.

■ Dinner at Hotel 1110

Hotel 1110 in Monterey, formerly the Inn at Del Monte Beach, is hosting another installment in its Salon of Culinary & Visual Art dinner series Wednesday, Feb. 13, when fine-art photographer Carol Henry and painter Rich Primer will present "acqua

caldà."

The menu will include blood orange martinis, artichoke bruschetta, roasted eggplant with ricotta and mint, tuxedo linguine alle vongole, pan-seared scallops with asparagus and pancetta, and bread pudding with port-candied pears and lemon gelato.

The cost to attend, including drinks, is \$75 per person. To reserve, call Hotel 1110 — located at 1110 Del Monte Ave. in Monterey — at (831) 655-0515 or visit www.hotel1110.com.

■ 'A perfect pair'

That's how Galante Vineyards describes its Valentine's special, which is available through Feb. 14: Buy a bottle of Red Rose

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Some 60,000 Italian honey bees inhabit hives in the apiary at Carmel Valley Ranch, which is offering a special Bee Mine couples package in honor of Valentine's Day.