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IF YOU GO:

The Hermosa Inn
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Mid-Week Wine Refresher,
Wed. evenings, 5-7 p.m.

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You're tired. You have the middle-of-the-week doldrums. You want a spot to sit back, relax, enjoy the patio, and just chat with a few friends. No music. No crushing dance floor. Just pure relaxation. The Mid-Week Wine Refresher at LON's at The Hermosa Inn is just the right "hotspot" at which to chill.

Take time to relax and recharge with the weekly wine events at LON's. A selection of wines, carefully chosen by one of the two sommeliers, offers a great chance to sample some of the restaurant's 5,000 bottles. You'll also find a nice selection of complimentary cheeses and breads to complement your wine.

The Mid-Week Wine Refresher is casual, held in either the lounge or the inn's subterranean wine cellar that's more like something you'd find in a Spanish villa than in Arizona. Each week The Hermosa Inn features a different theme, such as "Down Under Chardonnays" in mid-June. It offers the wine refreshers throughout the year, making this hotspot a perfect gathering spot for locals when the day's heat gets to be too much and you're ready to relax.

The Hermosa Inn is unassuming and somewhat casual, but jeans probably aren't appropriate. This crowd, ranging from young professionals to retirees and locals to world travelers, sports everything from capris and breezy summer tops to that goes-any-

where black dress for women and polo shirts to jackets for men. While at first blush the crowd is sedate, it can get buzzing and the volume picks up as friends stop by for a glass of wine or a drink.

When you arrive here, just stop in the lounge and let the bartender know you want to try that night's wine tasting. The sommeliers handpick the wines and provide you with descriptions that explore the subtleties of each. You can enjoy a glass or two of the featured wines or you can choose a flight of three 3-ounce glasses of that week's selections. Prices range from \$10-\$20 and the tastings are offered from 5-7 p.m.

After you've relaxed with your wine, take a stroll out on the patio or through the gardens to enjoy the air. Ready for dinner? Amble over to the AAA Four-Diamond restaurant adjacent to the lounge (reservations recommended).

If you're after the club scene, you won't find it at The Hermosa Inn. But if you want to sip a great glass of wine, discuss the delicacies of the bouquet with a fellow wine-lover at the bar, and unwind without a care in the world, then you'll want to catch one of the Mid-Week Wine Refreshers at The Hermosa Inn. Upcoming themes include Pinot Gris/Grigio; Down Under Chardonnays; and Argentina Malbecs. ☼