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#### Greetings from the Province of British Columbia

#### The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia

Welcome to Vancouver. Whether you've come from elsewhere in British Columbia or halfway around the world; whether you're in the industry, or a dedicated enthusiast – you're here because you love wine. It's an honour to welcome you to the 39th annual Vancouver International Wine Festival.

In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, this year's festival will celebrate Canadian wines from coast to coast – from B.C.'s Okanagan Valley, to the Niagara Peninsula and Essex County regions of Ontario, to the growing regions of Nova Scotia. Canada's unique climates produce an abundance of varietals that have earned their place at the international table, ready to fascinate the pickiest palates.

Here in B.C., we take great pride in the quality and growth that our wine industry has created. Since 2001, the number of wineries has grown from 70 to over 320. These wineries contribute \$2 billion of economic impact, and provide over 10,000 jobs. Over 1.5 million tourists annually come from around the world to take in our unmatched scenery and taste our unique wines made with love and determination.

I would like to thank the organizers of the Vancouver International Wine Festival for their commitment to making this festival one of the biggest in North America and for giving Canadian and especially B.C. wines this special opportunity to shine on the international stage.

I hope you will all raise a glass of – and to – Canadian wine. Santé!



Christy Clark Premier of British Columbia

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### Greetings

On behalf of the Vancouver International Wine Festival's Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the details of the 39th annual festival, as The Wine World Celebrates Canada.

I would like to thank the many individuals and organizations, whose contributions and efforts ensure the success of this annual fundraising event for our charitable beneficiary, Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival: the participating wineries, their principals and agents; the participating country consulates; our sponsors and partner restaurants, hotels and venues; our dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers; and our key stakeholders in the community, including the BCLDB and IVSA. Finally, I would like to thank you, the members of the public and trade, who make the Vancouver International Wine Festival the best wine and food festival in North America.



#### Randy Kaardal QC

Chair, Vancouver International Wine Festival Society Board of Directors

Over the past 38 years, the Vancouver International Wine Festival has been dedicated to enhancing and contributing to British Columbia's increasingly sophisticated wine and food culture. Our weeklong celebration of the grape has introduced wineries from around the world to consumers and members of the hospitality trade, and we are proud to showcase many of Vancouver's finest restaurants through our events and Wine Program Excellence awards.

This year, we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation by showcasing the largest selection of Canadian wineries ever assembled at an international wine festival. With 180 attending vine stars from around the world, along with national and international media and buyers, VIWF 2017 will be an unprecedented opportunity for Canada to understand its place in the wine world, both as a long-time importer and an emerging exporter of premium wines – including amongst provinces!

I look forward to seeing you at the festival. Cheers!



Harry Hertscheg DipWSET Executive Director, Vancouver International Wine Festival

All of us at Bard on the Beach say a heartfelt thank you to every one of you – wineries and principals, agents and sponsors, and all who create and attend the 39th annual Vancouver International Wine Festival.

We are the charitable beneficiary of the wine festival and we are grateful for its generous financial support. In particular, all the proceeds from the festival's Bacchanalia Gala and raffle ticket sales go directly to Bard. Those funds help us achieve high artistic and production standards on our stages each summer and allow us to subsidize thousands of play tickets for young people and those less fortunate in our community. They're also used to support our education programs all through the year, in schools, community centres and now in the BMO Theatre Centre, our administrative home.

As we celebrate this 150th anniversary year of Canada's Confederation, we're thrilled the festival is spotlighting Canada's remarkable winemaking achievements. Join me in raising a glass to a banner year for us all!



**Christopher Gaze OBC** Founding Artistic Director, Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

### **Festival Highlights**



#### **39th Vancouver International Wine Festival**

1,700 wines • 16 countries • 180 wineries • 54 events • 8 days

#### Canada's Premier Wine Show Engaging, Educational, Entertaining

The Vancouver International Wine Festival welcomes the world's greatest wine producers and wine drinkers to its annual weeklong celebration of wine and food. From educational wine seminars, tastings and minglers to lunches, winery dinners and the spectacular Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction, you'll be sure to find something to please your palate. For the love of wine!

**The Tasting Room:** This is where the wine world gathers. All 180 participating wineries are gathered in one room, with principals in attendance pouring selections from their cellars. This is your opportunity to meet the men and women behind the wine and ask them questions about the wine you're sampling.

**O Canada:** 2017 is the 150th anniversary of Confederation and to celebrate, VanWineFest will feature the largest gathering of Canadian wineries ever at an international festival: 60 wineries from BC; 10 from Ontario; and 6 from Nova Scotia. In addition to its own section in the Tasting Room, Canadian wineries will be featured in 25 special events – and participating in 15 multi-national events – throughout the festival week, from winery dinners to seminars and wine and food celebrations.

### How to Order



#### **Public Events**

Tickets to all public events go on sale **Tuesday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m.** Event tickets are available online at **VanWineFest.ca** 

By phone: 604.873.3311 Toll free 1.877.321.3121 – Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. In person: BMO Theatre Centre 202-162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver, BC – Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \*NEW LOCATION\*

- All ticket sales are final. No refunds, exchanges or replacement tickets.
- All attendees must be 19+. NO MINORS. Note: Two pieces of ID will be required at the door.
- Please taste responsibly. Make a plan to Get Home Safe.
- · Festival events begin promptly. Seating for latecomers is not guaranteed and money will not be refunded.
- VanWineFest and Bard on the Beach do not accept liability for tickets lost or misplaced.
- Program is subject to change.
- Winery dinners and beVancouver offer are only available until February 2.
- Tickets limits may apply to some events.
- It's a deal! All ticket prices include wine, food (if it is a food event), gratuities, service charges, and taxes. No additional charges.

#### **Trade Days Conference, presented by Sysco**

Tickets to all Trade Days events go on sale Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Printed festival information is subject to change without notice. Visit VanWineFest.ca for current program details and further ticketing information.



### DISCOVER CANADA

Canada's wine regions are primarily located between 41° and 50° North, similar to many acclaimed wine regions in the world. Each distinct wine region has its own unique mesoclimate, soil ecology and topography, where vineyards thrive in soils rich in glacial deposits, benefiting from the moderating effects of nearby bodies of water. Canadian winemakers embrace and celebrate this regional diversity, striving to express the best

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver

qualities of their appellation in each bottle. Pride of place and attention to detail is evident throughout the country's wineries, showing why Canada's cool climate wines are amongst the best in the world.

The characteristics of Canadian wines are rooted in the elements and the pristine nature that surround us. Ontario's characteristic limestone bedrock and its proximity to the Great Lakes make for wines with exceptional fruit

and balanced acidity. Meanwhile, the coastal breezes and cooler climate of Nova Scotia create fresh and crisp whites, with characteristic minerality. British Columbia has the unique combination of extreme heat and cold that results in intense fruit-driven, fresh and structured wines.

The 2017 Vancouver International Wine Festival brings together wineries from across Canada featuring Wines of Nova Scotia, VQA Wines of Ontario and Wines of British Columbia. With over 70 wineries from three provinces, discover the diversity of our local wines and find out why the world is calling us the most exciting New World wine region.







#### CANADIAN WINE REGIONS

AT THE 2017 FESTIVAL

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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Vancou∨er Island	Shielded from the Pacific Ocean by the island's mountains, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris thrive in this coastal region.
Gulf Islands	The gentle climate of this traditional fruit-growing region produces excellent Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Ortega and Zweigelt wines.
Fraser Valley	This coastal region is renowned for its Pinot Noirs and Germanic white grapes such as Siegerrebe.
Similkameen Valley	Many varieties thrive in this mountainous wine region including Riesling and Syrah.
Okanagan Valley	The valley is where the Sonoran Desert meets extremely intense light – due to the region's northerly latitude – producing award- winning wines, from light and delicate to big, powerful, sun-ripened reds, known the world over.
ONTARIO	
Lake Erie North Shore	This sun-infused region is the most southerly of Canada's appellations, creating stunning, full-bodied wines, notably in the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon varietals. It has one recently defined sub-appellation – South Islands.
Niagara Peninsula	The moderating effects of Lake Ontario and the limestone of the Niagara Escarpment make this the largest grape planting region in Canada. With no less than 32 varietals grown here, and 10 sub- appellations, it's the region's Pinot Noirs, Cabernet Francs, Rieslings and Chardonnays that are most well-known.
Prince Edward County	Characteristically limestone bedrock makes for distinctive and elegant Chardonnays, Rieslings, Pinot Noirs & Pinot Gris.
Annapolis Valley	The largest grape growing area in Nova Scotia is getting a reputation for the Tidal Bay appellation whites and superb sparklings.
Malagash Peninsula	Among the gentle hills and sheltered coastal inlets of Nova Scotia's shores is a treasure - one of the oldest grape growing regions in the province, the Malagash Peninsula.

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#### For the Love of Wine

Bacchanalia: An ancient Roman festival in honour of Bacchus, god of wine; a boisterous celebration and festivity.

This year, Bacchanalia celebrates Canada's 150th with a spectacular evening of incredible wine, inventive food pairings, and unparalleled opportunities to enhance your wine cellar.

The Bacchanalia Gala kicks off with a sparkling wine reception at 6 p.m., and features nine additional outstanding wines paired with an exquisite five-course menu prepared by the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver's executive chef Cameron Ballendine. All of this is topped off with live music and dancing. And if that's not enough, live and silent auctions throughout the evening feature extremely rare wines, epicurean getaways and unique culinary experiences featuring chefs and sommeliers from the West Coast's top restaurants. A must for any serious wine collector!

#### 🛗 Saturday, February 11

- Fairmont Hotel
   Vancouver
   900 West Georgia
- Street
- ④ 6-11 p.m.
- \$450/\$3600 table of 8

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Gala ticket information available at VanWineFest.ca, gala@vanwinefest.ca or 604.637.3098



#### **Dinner Wines:**

Summerhill Pyramid Winery Cipes Traditional Cuvée 1996, Okanagan Valley, Canada Alois Lageder Löwengang Chardonnay Tenutæ Lageder 2014, Alto Adige, Italy Signorello Estate Vieilles Vignes Chardonnay 2014, Napa Valley, USA Elk Cove Vineyards Mount Richmond Pinot Noir 2014, Yamhill-Carlton, USA Robert Mondavi Winery Reserve Pinot Noir 2013, Carneros, USA Tommasi Casisano Brunello di Montalcino 2011, Tuscany, Italy Château Haut-Mazeris Cuvée Réserve Fronsac 2001, Bordeaux, France One Faith Vineyards Grand Vin 2012, Okanagan Valley, Canada Yalumba The Octavius Old Vine Shiraz 2012, Barossa Valley, Australia Fonseca 20 Year Old Aged Tawny Port, Douro Valley, Portugal

Proceeds from the Bacchanalia Gala go to support Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. Since its inception in 1979, the wine festival has raised over \$8.7 million for the arts. A tax receipt is issued for a portion of each Gala ticket purchased.

A raffle prize of two business class tickets to anywhere Delta Air Lines flies will be awarded during the Gala. Only 200 tickets available for \$100 each. For full details and to order tickets, visit **BardontheBeach.org/raffle**.



#### **Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival**

BardontheBeach.org

#### Mission:

To perform, explore and celebrate the genius of William Shakespeare.

#### Vision:

To create an enduring contribution to the cultural fabric of the community as an inspiring centre of Shakespeare performance, education and understanding.

Bard on the Beach is extremely proud and honoured to be the Vancouver International Wine Festival's charitable recipient. The partnership is invaluable, as the funds received from the Wine Festival help Bard maintain its signature high artistic standards and educational programs, while at the same time helping to keep its programming affordable for hundreds of thousands of local residents and city visitors.



Celebrating its 28th season in 2017, Bard on the Beach is one of Canada's largest not-for-profit, professional Shakespeare festivals. Bard's home is a magnificent waterfront setting in Vancouver's Vanier Park where it offers Shakespeare plays, related dramas

Amber Lewis (Mistress Ford) and Katey Wright (Mistress Page) The Merry Wives of Windsor (2016). Photo: David Blue

and special events in two modern performance tents every summer. The 2017 season, running from June 1 to September 23, opens with *Much Ado About Nothing* on the BMO Mainstage, directed by John Murphy (*Measure For Measure*, 2013). Playing in repertory with *Much Ado* will be **The Winter's Tale**, directed by Bard's Associate Artistic Director Dean Paul Gibson (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 2014). On the Howard Family Stage in the Douglas Campbell Theatre, Canadian actor-director Nigel Shawn Williams will direct a provocative new staging of **The Merchant of Venice**, alternating with **The Two Gentlemen of Verona** directed by Bard Artistic Associate Scott Bellis (*The Comedy of Errors*, 2015). Rounding out the 2017 lineup is a short-run production in September of Mark Leiren-Young's **Shylock**, directed by Sherry J. Yoon.

In addition to its plays, the Festival offers opera, choral and orchestral concerts, wine tastings and educational events. The tented Bard Village is home to many activities and amenities including informal pre-show *In A Nutshell* talks, concession and bar services, and the Bard Boutique.

Bard engages a team of exceptional actors, directors, designers and technicians each season, along with year-round administrative staff and teaching artists; it is also supported by more than 250 volunteers each year. Bard's critically-acclaimed plays repeatedly draw full houses; season attendance reached more than 100,000 in 2016 and more than 1.4 million patrons have enjoyed the Bard experience since 1990.

Through its constantly expanding community outreach, Bard hosts the popular *Young Shakespeareans Workshops* for youth and teens at the site during the summer and during the year at the BMO Theatre Centre, as well as *Bard in the Classroom* workshops for students and teachers during the school term. In 2014, it launched the Riotous Youth program to provide further Shakespearean theatre education to some of its summer workshop graduates.

### International Festival Tastings

The wine world gathers in the Tasting Room, with three nights and one afternoon of unparalleled tasting opportunities. Tickets are available online at VanWineFest.ca

#### 780+ wines • 180 wineries • 16 countries

If you attend only one of the festival's 54 events, make it an International Festival Tasting, It's the heart of the festival, where you'll find 780+ wines offered by the 180 participating wineries from 16 nations, organized by country, plus five regional tasting stations.

#### O Canada!



The Wine World Celebrates Canada at VanWineFest 2017 with 76 wineries from across the country featured at the festival. Explore the selection, diversity and quality of Canada's terroir-driven wines, highlighting the best of Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia in a special section of the room.

#### **Regional Tasting Stations**

In addition to visiting the individual winery tables, stop by the following regional tasting stations, where you can explore the unique wines of a specific area of the wine world.

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**History** and **British Columbia's** Evolution

New Zealand: An Indelible Expression

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#### Vine Stars

The stars of the global wine scene – winemakers, proprietors, senior execs – come to Vancouver every vear to share and discuss their wines with festival goers. That's what makes this festival unique. You're quite likely to find that the person serving your wine has their name on the bottle. Identify the vine star by his or her royal blue lanyard.

#### More Room

If you are serious about your wine tasting experience and want more room and time to interact with the winery principals, Thursday is the best night. Attendance is guaranteed to be 30% lower than the other two evenings, and the price is slightly lower than the weekend tastings. The Saturday matinee has a 20% lower capacity, and offers a less expensive, albeit shorter, tasting experience that takes full advantage of the glorious view looking out across Coal Harbour.

0 VCC West, Ballroom D 1055 Canada Place

#### **Evening Tastings**

- 🛗 Thursday, February 16 Friday, February 17 Saturday, February 18
- Ø 7-10 p.m. Ŵ

\$89 Thursday (\$99 day of event) \$95 Friday and Saturday (\$105 day of event)

#### Matinee Tasting

- ۴h Saturday, February 18
- Ø 2:30-5 p.m.
- ٨ \$79 Saturday matinee (\$89 day of event)

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Arrive at least 30 minutes early to avoid delays entering the Tasting Room

**International Festival Tastings** 

#### **Two Ways to Buy Wine Onsite**

• BC Liquor Stores Festival Wine Shop - all wines served at the winery tables are available for purchase at the on-site BC Liquor Store, but some are in VERY limited supply. When you discover a wine that you want to enjoy at home, don't wait until the end of the session to buy it as it might be sold out - put it in the handy bottle check, and then continue your tasting session. When you're ready to leave, check out your wines. And if you live in British Columbia, whether you've bought one bottle or several cases, your wine can be shipped free of charge to your nearest BC Liquor Store. Note that admission to the store is only by tasting room ticket for that session. Buy the Case – Festival partners BC Liquor Distribution Branch and

the Import Vintners & Spirits Association (IVSA) have teamed up

to allow festivalgoers to "shop the world" and order case lots of

select wines featured at the International Festival Tastings. Wines

identified with a BUY THE CASE neck tag can be ordered directly at

the participating winery tables: they'll be delivered to your closest

BC Liquor Store within two weeks of the conclusion of the festival.



**BC Liquor Stores** February 16, 17 & 18 7-10 p.m. February 18 2:30-5 p.m.

**Entry with Tasting Room** ticket only

#### Words to the Wise

Make sure you have a game plan and pace yourself. You don't need to swallow everything in your glass. Make use of the buckets at every table to spit or pour out your wines after you've tasted them. Be respectful of other people's palates and avoid perfume and cologne. And remember to pick up your free transit ticket at the Get Home Safe booth on the way out - don't wine and drive!

#### **Dine Before You Wine**

Remember this is a wine tasting, not a food event. Please have a meal before you arrive. That said, food samples are available to enhance your tasting experience.



#### FREE TICKET WITH HOTEL BOOKING **DON'T WINE AND DRIVE**

Book a downtown hotel through beVancouver.com and get one FREE International Festival Tasting ticket (\$79-\$95 value). Choose from ~35 hotels. One ticket per booking.



# TASTE SHOP AT THE FESTIVAL!

Watch for **blue dot** products available only at the festival wine shop!



BUY NOW CARRY LATER

For your convenience, the BC Liquor Stores Wine Shop offers a free bottle check service. Buy your selection early in the evening then have it set aside for you to pick up when you leave. For added convenience, purchases can be shipped free of charge to your local BC Liquor Store.

#### GET HOME SAFE FREE TRANSIT TICKET

After the tasting, visit the BC Liquor Stores Get Home Safe booth, located outside the Festival Wine Shop, and pick up a complimentary single zone transit ticket. The ride's on us!

#### BC LIQUOR STORES FESTIVAL WINE SHOP HOURS

 FEBRUARY 16
 7 – 10 p.m.

 FEBRUARY 17
 7 – 10 p.m.

 FEBRUARY 18
 2:30 – 5 p.m. | 7 – 10 p.m.

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### **Enhance Your Experience**

#### Gold Pass \$495 (\$706 value)

Experience everything the festival has to offer with VIP treatment when you become a Gold Pass holder. A terrific value, this pass offers incomparable access.

Three evenings (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in the Tasting Room from 7-10 p.m. (\$279 value)

Three afternoons (Thursday, Friday and Saturday): two exclusive Trade Tasting sessions, Thursday and Friday, 2:30-5 p.m. (\$98 value) and the Saturday matinee IFT, 2:30-5 p.m. (\$79 value)

Admission to the Festival Toast VIP reception on Thursday from 5:45-7 p.m. (not available for public sale - \$60 value)

Admission to the Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge on Friday and Saturday from 5:45-9 p.m. (\$190 value) featuring:

- A selection of festival wines
- A selection of light bites

Priority access to the Tasting Room - no line-ups (priceless)!

Show your Gold Pass at the Puddifoot booth in the Tasting Room for complimentary use of premium varietal-specific glassware.

Please note: You will be issued a badge for access to all Gold Pass events.

#### **Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge**



Amplify your tasting experience: Sample an assortment of festival bottles and enjoy light bites in an exclusive lounge adjacent to the Tasting Room. Learn about festival wines and get tasting advice for the room. Need a break from the crowds? Simply return to the lounge for a more intimate experience, complete with comfortable seating and a spectacular view.

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### Friday, February 17 Saturday, February 18

- VCC West, Level 1, Ocean Foyer 1055 Canada Place
   5:45-9 p.m.
- \$190 (includes International Festival Tasting, 7-10 p.m.)

# **BUY THE CASE**

Found a wine you love? Want to stock up?

Any Tasting Room wines with a **BUY THE CASE** neck tag can be ordered from the participating winery tables.

Your case will be shipped within two weeks of the festival to your preferred BC Liquor Store, who will call to advise when it's ready for pick-up.





IVSA is a proud sponsor of the **BUY THE CASE** program, part of our **SHOP THE WORLD** initiative.

### Wine Seminars

Explore issues, trends, regions and varietals; learn more about the world of wine in an educational and dynamic classroom setting. Experts on the wine will guide you through the tasting and winery principals will speak to their wines.

#### **Oculus Retrospective**

The attributes of a great wine are consistency, complexity, finesse and longevity. Mission Hill Family Estate has been making premium wine for over three decades. With a wealth of quality grapes at our fingertips, select fruit from estate-owned vineyards in Oliver and Osoyoos are nurtured and aged in the Oculus Cellar. Discover the greatness of Oculus through this eight-vintage vertical.

- 🛗 🛛 Tuesday, February 14
- VCC East, meeting room 8 999 Canada Place
   4-5:30 p.m.
- \$125

Moderator: Ian Morden

Panelists: Darryl Brooker, James Hopper, John Schreiner



#### **BC's Original Icon**

Explore BC's most iconic wine, Nota Bene, through a vertical tasting with Black Hills winemaker Graham Pierce and president Glenn Fawcett. From the inaugural 1999 vintage to the current 2014 release, experience the stylistic consistency of this single vineyard wine through nine vintages. Hosted in Glowbal's Gold Room, this will be a spectacular event for wine lovers.

Panelists: Graham Pierce, Glenn Fawcett

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#### **Discover Ontario's Cool**

Ontario has been called one of the world's most exciting new world wine regions. Join Christopher Waters, co-founder and editor of *VINES Magazine*, for a tour of Canada's largest wine growing region and experience Ontario's fine wine revolution. Taste and discover cool climate varietals including Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinor Noir, Cabernet Franc along with sparkling and Icewine.

Moderator: Christopher Waters Panelists: Allison Christ, Janet Dorozynski, Marco Piccoli, Charles Pillitteri

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- Wednesday, February 15
   Glowbal: Gold Room
   590 West Georgia Street
- ⊙ 4-5:30 p.m.
- 🛷 \$125

- 🗂 Thursday, February 16
- ♥ VCC West, meeting room 109 1055 Canada Place
- ④ 5:15-6:45 p.m.
   ◆ \$50

### Wine Seminars



#### **Tales of Next World Wines**

Renowned Vancouver wine writer Anthony Gismondi has selected ten interesting people attending the 2017 festival and asked them to bring a great bottle of wine with a strong sense of place. This star-studded evening features worldly wines from New and Old World producers perhaps best described as coming from the "Next World".

#### Moderator: Anthony Gismondi

Panelists: Derrick Butler, Daniel Castaño, Greg Corra, Jean-Benoit Deslauriers, Nicolas Galey, Juan Pablo Gonzalez, Andrea Nuñez, Jorge Ramos, Eleonora Ridi, Randy Ullom



GismondiOnWine.com

#### **BC Pioneers & New Kids**

Take an evolutionary look at the British Columbia wine industry over the past 25 years and see how industry pioneers and the new kids on the block are putting their stamp on making wine in BC. The tasting will highlight both BC's core varieties and a selection of lesser-known varietals produced in BC.

#### Moderators: Kurtis Kolt, DJ Kearney

**Panelists:** Jacquie Kemp, Pedro Parra, Howard Soon, Ann Sperling, Val Tait, Chris Tolley



#### 🛗 🛛 Friday, February 17

• VCC West, meeting room 109

🛗 Thursday, February 16

1055 Canada Place

5:15-6:45 p.m.

VCC West. meeting room 121

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- 1055 Canada Place
- ④ 5:15-6:45 p.m.
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Moderato Panelists

### Wine Seminars



#### **Celebrating California Cabs**

Cabernet Sauvignon is "King" in California. Join media personality Anthony Gismondi on a journey to California Cabernet wine country to experience the "Dream Vintages" of 2012, 2013 and 2014. California has been blessed with three consecutive, historic vintages for the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, as "best ever" by winemakers and critics. Please join us for this incredible event.

#### Moderator: Anthony Gismondi



#### Trans Canada Tasting

Join Canada's first Master Sommelier, John Szabo, and Western Canada's first Master of Wine, Barbara Philip, for a virtual road trip through this great country's vineyards. Also along for the ride will be leading viticulturalists and winemakers from Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia to present some of their regions' benchmark wines.

#### 🛗 Saturday, February 18

Friday, February 17

1055 Canada Place

5:15-6:45 p.m.

VCC West. meeting room 118

- ♀ VCC West, meeting room 109
- 1055 Canada Place
- ④ 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- 🛷 \$60

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Moderators: John Szabo MS, Barbara Philip MW

Panelists: Nikki Callaway, Jamie Goode, Roland Kruger, Moira Peters, Craig Pinhey, Keith Tyers

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### **Featured Speakers**

#### **Moderators and Panelists**

Derrick Butler, export director – Canada, Bodega Garzón Tales of Next World Wines

Darryl Brooker, chief winemaker, Mission Hill Family Estate Oculus Retrospective

**Nikki Callaway,** senior winemaker, Quails' Gate Winery *Trans Canada Tasting* 

Daniel Castaño, export director / family member, Familia Castaño Tales of Next World Wines

Allison Christ, winemaker, Colio Estate Wines Discover Ontario's Cool

**Greg Corra,** managing director, Inland Trading Co. *Tales of Next World Wines* 

Jean-Benoit Deslauriers, head winemaker, Benjamin Bridge Tales of Next World Wines

Janet Dorozynski, wine educator, wine writer, WineAlign Discover Ontario's Cool

**Glenn Fawcett**, president, Black Hills *BC's Original Icon* 

Nicolas Galey, market manager, Canada & USA, Gérard Bertrand Tales of Next World Wines

Anthony Gismondi, wine writer, Vancouver Sun, WineAlign, gismondionwine.com Celebrating California Cabs, Tales of New World Wines

Juan Pablo Gonzalez, export manager, Viña Montes *Tales of Next World Wines* 

Jamie Goode, wine writer, The Sunday Express, wineanorak.com Trans Canada Tasting Harry Hertscheg, executive director, Vancouver International Wine Festival *Festival Toast* 

James Hopper, senior director of viticulture, Mission Hill Family Estate Oculus Retrospective

DJ Kearney, wine educator, wine writer, Vancouver magazine BC Pioneers & New Kids

Jacquie Kemp, winemaker, Moraine Estate Winery *BC Pioneers & New Kids* 

Kurtis Kolt, wine writer, The Georgia Straight BC Pioneers & New Kids

**Roland Kruger,** owner/general manager, Wild Goose Vineyards *Trans Canada Tasting* 

lan Morden, managing director, Mission Hill Family Estate & Sebastian Farms *Oculus Retrospective* 

Andrea Nuñez, ambassador / international sommelier, Bodega Catena Zapata Tales of Next World Wines

Pedro Parra, terroir expert, Haywire BC Pioneers & New Kids

**Moira Peters,** sommelier, wine educator *Trans Canada Tasting* 

Barbara Philip MS, category manager, BC Liquor Store *Trans Canada Tasting* 

Marco Piccoli, winemaker, Jackson Triggs Niagara Estate Discover Ontario's Cool

Graham Pierce, winemaker, Black Hills BC's Original Icon Charles Pillitteri, CEO/family member, Pillitteri Estates WInery Discover Ontario's Cool

**Craig Pinhey,** wine writer, educator, judge *Trans Canada Tasting* 

Jorge Ramos, export director – The Fladgate Partnership, Taylor Fladgate Tales of Next World Wines

Eleonora Ridi, regional export manager, Familia Zuccardi Tales of Next World Wines

John Schreiner, wine writer, John Schreiner on Wine Oculus Retrospective

Howard Soon, master winemaker, Sandhill BC Pioneers & New Kids

Ann Sperling, owner & winemaker, Sperling Vineyards BC Pioneers & New Kids

John Szabo MS, wine writer, sommelier, WineAlign Trans Canada Tasting

Val Tait, general manager & winemaker, Bench 1775 *BC Pioneers & New Kids* 

Chris Tolley, winemaker, Moon Curser Vineyards *BC Pioneers & New Kids* 

Keith Tyers, winemaker, Closson Chase *Trans Canada Tasting* 

Randy Ullom, winemaster, Kendall-Jackson *Tales of Next World Wines* 

Christopher Waters, wine writer, wine educator, editor, VINES Magazine Discover Ontario's Cool

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### Wine Minglers

A wine tasting where patrons browse from station to station in an informal and entertaining setting. Learn about the world of wine in a fun and relaxed way. Some food will be served, but it is advised to have a meal ahead of time

#### I 🎔 Bubbly Party

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with an evening of bubbles and bites? This festival kick-off party will feature sparkling wines from Argentina, Canada, France, Italy, and Spain, matched with bubbly friendly canapés at the stylish Miele Experience Centre. Rejoice over your single state or celebrate with that special someone!

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- 0 Miele Experience Centre 69 Smithe Street

Wednesday, February 15

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② 8:30-11 p.m.

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- Ø 8-10 p.m.
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#### Sponsored by participating wineries

#### **California Cruisin'**

Get your wine glasses ready for an evening of cool, California style. Relax with friends from the vineyards of the Golden State and enjoy their great wines and some delish tapas in a fun, dynamic room filled with great people who crave the California lifestyle. Great wine, funky music and entertainment, make this a must-attend event.

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#### Wines of Canada Party

Start the Canadian celebrations with a casual, fun, wine and food grazing. Discover new wines as you explore Canada's diverse and evolving winegrowing regions, offering world-class wines for today's savvy consumers. Locally inspired finger food from Cocktails & Canapes will pair wonderfully with exceptional wines from 31 wineries, complemented by great Canadian music. A night to remember!

- <u>ش</u> Wednesday, February 15 0 The Permanent
- 330 West Pender Street
- Φ 8-10 p.m.
- Ŵ \$59

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#### 25 Under \$25

Enjoy a fantastic selection of great value wines from around the world (all available in the local marketplace), set against the spectacular backdrop of Coal Harbour and the North Shore mountains. James Nevison. The Province's "Wine Guy" and author of the best-selling Had a Glass series of wine guides, hosts this perennial VanWineFest favourite.

Sponsored by The Province It starts here.

- <u>۲</u> Saturday, February 18
- 9 VCC West Level 2, Ocean Foyer 1055 Canada Place
- ④ 5:15 6:45 p.m.
- Ŵ \$59

### Monday & Tuesday Dinners

A sumptuous and informative exploration of food and wine, where the vision of the chef is shaped and influenced by a selection of premium and exclusive wines from a specific winery or region. Top winery representatives will be on hand to introduce their wines to you. Winery dinner menus are created specifically to pair with the wines. Substitutions are not possible.

#### **A Culmination of Flavours**

Don Triggs' contribution to the Canadian wine industry is legendary, with the wines from his new boutique family estate, Culmina Family Estate Winery, being noteworthy. The evening pairs delicious courses from Ancora's kitchen with a selection of the estate's critically acclaimed wines: Decora, Unicus (two vintages), Dilemma, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Hypothesis (two vintages).

Ê Monday, February 13

- 9 Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio 2-1600 Howe Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.
- (i) \$225

#### Fog & Fahrenheit

Black+Blue will host Rodney Strong Vineyards for a night of exceptional wine and food. Be prepared to be amazed as Dan Wildermuth guides you through a legendary range of top California wines, paired with mouth-watering dishes.

#### **Southern French Elegance**

Journey to southern France without the jet lag as we evoke the refined elegance and charm of what it means to be French! The elegant wines of Louis Bernard are perfectly paired with Jean-Francis Quaglia's exceptional cuisine at the charming Provence Marinaside.

#### **Canada on the World Stage**

Celebrate "Canada on the World Stage" in the opulence of Vancouver's finest Private Members' Club. Culinary treasures created by executive chef Greg van Poppel CCC are paired with Canadian wines from 50th Parallel, Summerhill, Township 7, and cool-climate wineries from around the world: Bodega Garzón (Uruguay), St. Urbans-Hof (Germany) and Wolfberger (France).

#### **Red Seduction Dinner**

Wine and aphrodisiacs? Join us on Valentine's Day for the exquisite Red Seduction Dinner at the ARC Restaurant & Lounge, Fairmont Waterfront, Executive chef Karan Suri will reveal a six-course menu of sinful temptations, all passionately entwined with winemaker Elaine Vickers' heavenly Blasted Church wines.

- Monday, February 13 9 Black+Blue
- 1032 Alberni Street
- ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
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- <u></u> Monday, February 13
- 9 Provence Marinaside 1177 Marinaside Crescent
- 6:30-10 p.m.
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- Ê Tuesday, February 14 9 Terminal Citv Club 837 West Hastings Street ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$145
- Ê Tuesday, February 14
- 9 ARC Restaurant & Lounge, Fairmont Waterfront 900 Canada Place Way Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$145 Ŵ

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### Wednesday Dinners

#### The Benchmarks

Black Hills purveys some of the Okanagan's benchmark wines. Glowbal Restaurant has established itself as a culinary leader in Vancouver's globally influenced food culture. Together, they will push the boundaries on pairings, style and flavours to set a benchmark for British Columbia on a global scale.

#### Chef at the Opera

Join legendary chef Pino Posteraro, owner of Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill, alongside Robin Shay, the engaging export director of Allegrini winery from Verona, for a remarkable evening of award-winning Italian cuisine, Italian wine and Italian opera performed by mezzo-soprano Meghan Scheibal.

#### **Cibo with Sergio Zingarelli**

Join executive chef Ryan Byrd of Cibo Trattoria for an evening of traditional Italian cooking paired with classic wines of Tuscany, hosted by Sergio Zingarelli, proprietor of Rocca delle Macie.

#### **Cool Climates of California**

Kendall-Jackson winemaster Randy Ullom will talk, taste, and guide vou through the cool-climate regions of California with focus on Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Come "dig in" with some great wines and amazing food as prepared by chef Alex Chen at Boulevard Kitchen and Ovster Bar.

#### **M. Chapoutier Terroir Trip**

From the Rhône Valley, Roussillon and Alsace in France to Portugal and Australia, M. Chapoutier aims to produce wines that offer the best portrait of the terroir. Take a trip around the world with us at West as we experience a selection of diverse wines that will express themselves in harmony with executive chef Quang Dang's five-course meal.

#### **Meyer Family at Hawksworth**

Welcome to this immaculately prepared five-course dinner hosted by David Hawksworth's unparalled team at Hawksworth Restaurant. Taste through a selection of award-winning, back-vintage wines from Mever Family Vinevards. With a focus on small lot Chardonnav and Pinot Noir, Mever crafts single vinevard wines of excellence.

- Ľ Wednesday, February 15
- 9 Glowbal 590 West Georgia Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
- Ø \$175
- Ê Wednesday, February 15
- 9 Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill
- 1133 Hamilton Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225 Ô

#### Ê Wednesday, February 15

- 9 Cibo Trattoria 900 Seymour Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
- (i) \$145
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- 9 Boulevard Kitchen & Ovster Bar
- 845 Burrard Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
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- 0 West Restaurant 2881 Granville Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
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- 0 Hawksworth Restaurant:
- York Room
- 801 West Georgia Street
- Ø 6:30-10 p.m.
- Ŵ \$225

### Wednesday & Sunday Dinners

#### **Redefining the Okanagan**

Join Mission Hill Family Estate's chief winemaker Darryl Brooker and Phil McGahan, chief winemaker, CheckMate Artisanal Winery, for a wine experience that breaks the mold of "Old" and "New" World. Hosted by Vancouver's definitive destination for seafood. Blue Water Cafe, executive chef Frank Pabst's perfectly paired courses will be a journey for your senses. Discover a renewed excitement and appreciation for Okanagan VQA.

#### Ê Wednesday, February 15

- Blue Water Cafe 9
- 1095 Hamilton Street ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$175

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Soil & Sea

Join CedarCreek Estate Winery's winemaker, Taylor Whelan, for a night of exceptional wine and West Coast Cuisine from executive chef Weimar Gomez of Yew Seafood + Bar. Experience firsthand Vancouver's ultimate seafood restaurant, partnered with top British Columbia wines demonstrating CedarCreek's commitment to quality. sustainability and the Okanagan.

#### Terroir - Passion – Excellence

Experience Jean-Luc Colombo @ Le Crocodile: A formal five-course sit-down dinner featuring the outstanding wines of Jean-Luc Colombo matched with the excellence of chef Michel Jacob of Le Crocodile.

#### Alpha Box & Dice

Wine and food without boundaries – regionally, varietally and stylistically. Our entire raison d'être is to be delicious and to enchant... to express the minutia and complexity of what Alpha Box & Dice and Chambar represent!

#### Wine & Dine Great Terroirs

Just as chef/owner Faizal Kassam of Terroir Kitchen takes great care in the preparation of fresh, innovative food, Suvla crafts awardwinning wines from the terroir of the historic Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. Wine lovers will experience a traditional taste of Gallipoli through seven delicious dishes paired with seven quality wines.

Wednesday, February 15

791 West Georgia Street

Yew Seafood + Bar

6:30-10 p.m.

Ê Wednesday, February 15 9 Le Crocodile 100-909 Burrard Street Ø 6:30-10 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

Chambar Restaurant

568 Beatty Street

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Ê Sunday, February 19

6:30-10 p.m. \$120 Ŵ

- 9 Terroir Kitchen
- 2232 Marine Drive. West Vancouver
- 6:30-10 p.m. Ø
- \$175 Ŵ

### Lunches

These multi-winery food and wine extravaganzas are the perfect way to explore the wine and cuisine of a particular country or region.

#### **Cool Climate, Cool View**

Chilling out is the name of the game at this grazing lunch featuring cool-climate wines set against the breathtaking backdrop of Coal Harbour and the North Shore mountains. Explore the sometimes unexpected cool-climate origins of the 12 geographically diverse featured wineries, while enjoying seafood and brunch bites.

- <u>۲</u> Saturday, February 18 Lift Bar Grill View
- 9 333 Menchions Mews
- Ø 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- \$80 Ŵ

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#### **Dine Italia**

Experience the celebrated wines of Italy with a superb multi-course lunch prepared by La Terrazza's renowned chef Gennaro Iorio. The annual culinary treat of timeless Italian fare is prepared with fresh local ingredients, served in one of Vancouver's most enchanting dining rooms and paired with wines from top Italian producers.

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- Ľ Saturday, February 18
- 9 La Terrazza
- 1088 Cambie Street Ø
- 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Ø \$140

### Lunches

#### **PICA Kitchen Party**

"All great parties end in the kitchen." Take a wine and food journey through the kitchens of PICA, featuring international wines matched with a small bite prepared by some of Vancouver's top chefs. Each kitchen will highlight a wine-and-food pairing from a different region, with the chef and winery principal sharing insights on what makes this pairing perfect.

#### **Participating Chefs**

Christophe Bonzon, Chez Christophe Stewart Boyles, Culinary Capers Catering Sean Cousins, The Vancouver Club Meeru Dhalwala, Vij's / Rangoli Stefan Hartmann, Bauhaus Restaurant Scott Jaeger, The Pear Tree Brian Luptak, The Acorn Restaurant Ricardo Valverde, Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio Alessandro Vianello, Wildebeest and student chefs from Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts







#### **Celebrating Canada's 150th**

Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday with a spectacular selection of wines matched with quintessential Canadian dishes from VCC executive chef Blair Rasmussen. With 76 Canadian wineries featured, each pouring two wines from their portfolio, guests can taste their way across the country, without leaving the room.

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- <u>۲</u> Saturday, February 18 VCC West, Level 3
- 9 1055 Canada Place ④ 12-2 p.m.
- \$109

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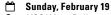
101 - 1505 West 2nd Avenue

Pacific Institute

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Vintners Brunch

Vintners Brunch takes you on a tour of 15 top restaurants and caterers, each one pairing a dish to a specific wine from around the world. The celebrated chefs and wine personalities will share the secrets of their wine and food pairing. Once your appetite is sated, hit the dance floor to burn off some calories. Professionals from the food and wine industry will be on hand to choose the winner of the annual Judges' Choice Award. This perennial wine and food pairing experience is not to be missed.



- 0 VCC West, Ballroom D
- 1055 Canada Place
- ④ 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- \$160/1600 table of 10



#### Participating Restaurants include:

ARC at Fairmont Waterfront The Blackbird Public House Chicha D'oro Gelato e Caffè Forage Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House Lift Bar Grill View Notch8 at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver Ocean Mama Seafood The Patio Restaurant at Lake Breeze Vineyards Railtown Catering Showcase Restaurant and Bar The Sonora Room at Burrowing Owl Estate Winerv Vancouver Convention Centre WildTale Coastal Grill

Also featuring Arla Foods and Caffè Umbria

#### Featured Wines

Summerhill Pyramid Winery Cipes Brut Rosé NV, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia Viña Errázuriz Max Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2015, Aconcagua Costa, Chile Culmina Family Estate Winery Decora (Riesling) 2015, Golden Mile Bench, British Columbia Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris 2015, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia Yalumba Viognier 2015, Eden Valley, Australia Lake Breeze Vinevards Seven Poplars Chardonnav 2012. Okanagan Vallev, British Columbia Wente Vinevards Riva Ranch Single Vinevard Chardonnav 2015. Arrovo Seco. California Suvla Wines Kabatepe Rosé 2014, Gallipoli, Turkev Whitehaven Pinot Noir 2013. Marlborough. New Zealand Hahn Family Wines SLH Pinot Noir 2015. Santa Lucia Highlands. California Les Vins Bonhomme Losada Vinos de Finca - Losada 2012. Bierzo, Spain M. Chapoutier Bila-Haut L'Esquerda 2015, Côtes du Roussillon Villages, France Osoyoos Larose Pétales d'Osoyoos 2013, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia Moon Curser Vinevards Malbec 2013. Okanagan Vallev. British Columbia Mondo del Vino Acquesi Asti Spumante DOCG NV, Piedmont, Italy Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Old Tawny Port NV, Douro Valley, Portugal

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#### Looking for the best wine programs in the city (not to mention BC and Alberta)?

These awards pay tribute to restaurateurs who have committed to producing an original and creative wine program. Participating restaurants received careful consideration of their wine program by some of the finest, most professional judges in Western Canada. The 2016 judges were Tom Doughty, Jay Jones, DJ Kearney, Iain Philip and Treve Ring.

#### METRO VANCOUVER

Platinum Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar Chambar Gotham Steakhouse & Bar Hawksworth Restaurant Vij's Gold L'Abattoir Burdock & Co. CinCin Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill & Enoteca Savio Volpe Zest Japanese Cuisine

#### Silver

AnnaLena **Boulevard Kitchen** & Oyster Bar Brix & Mortar Le Crocodile Fable Kitchen Forage Homer St. Café and Bar Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House

#### Silver (Continued) Mission My Shanti Nicli Antica Pizzeria Provence Marinaside/ The Wine Bar Tableau Bar Bistro West Bronze

Ancora Waterfront **Dining and Patio** Centre Ice Grill - Rogers Arena LIFT Bar Grill View PiDGiN Tramonto at River Rock Casino Resort

#### Honourable Mention Beach Bay Café and Patio The Beachhouse **Restaurant & Lounge** St. James' Well Via Tevere Pizzeria Napoletana

WHISTLER Gold Alta Bistro Silver Araxi Restaurant

+ Oyster Bar **Rimrock** Cafe Bronze **Basalt Wine** 

+ Salumeria

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND

Bronze Wild Mountain Food & Drink (Sooke) Zambri's (Victoria)

#### Honourable Mention

**Grand Cru Restaurant** and Lounge, The Grand Hotel (Nanaimo) Hudson's On First Restaurant (Duncan) The Pacific Restaurant & Terrace, Hotel Grand Pacific (Victoria) **Unsworth Restaurant** (Mill Bay)

Hotel Eldorado (Kelowna) ALBERTA Platinum Cilantro (Calgary) **Divino Wine & Cheese** Bistro (Calgary)

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Lakeside Dining,

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Emerald Lake Lodge

La Bussola Restaurant

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The Lake House (Calgary) Gold

**Buffalo Mountain Lodge** (Banff) Deer Lodge (Lake Louise) Vin Room Mission (Calgary)

Silver Vin Room West (Calgary)

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Visit VanWineFest.ca to see all our Trade Competition Winners and bookmark your guide to great wining & dining.

### Wineries

#### CANADA

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

It's easy to find wine regions that are bigger, older, or more famous. However, it is not easy to find a region that is newer, more diverse or more exciting than British Columbia. From Vancouver Island to the Okanagan Valley, take a wine tour of our province in the Tasting Room. *Find out more about BC wineries at WineBC.org* 

Gold Hill Harper's Trail Estate Winery Havwire Hester Creek Estate Winery Hillside Winery Howling Bluff Estate Winery Inniskillin Okanagan Estate Intersection Estate Winery Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate LA FRENZ WINERY Lake Breeze Vinevards Laughing Stock Vineyards **Liquidity Wines** Maverick Estate Winery Meyer Family Vineyards **Mission Hill Family Estate** Moon Curser Vinevards Moraine Estate Winery Nk'Mip Cellars Noble Ridge Vineyard & Winery One Faith Vinevards

Osovoos Larose Painted Rock Estate Winery Pentâge Winery Poplar Grove Winery Quails' Gate Winerv **Red Rooster** Road 13 Vinevards Sandhill Sperling Vinevards SpierHead Winerv Stag's Hollow Winerv Summerhill Pyramid Winery **Tantalus Vineyards Tightrope Winery** TIME Winerv Tinhorn Creek Vineyards Township 7 Vineyards and Winery Unsworth Vinevards Wild Goose Vineyards

#### **NOVA SCOTIA**

One of the first areas to cultivate grapes in North America, with grape growing documented as far back as the early 1600s, Nova Scotia's soil and mesoclimates create most distinctive premium-quality wines. Best known outside the province for its traditional method sparkling wines, Nova Scotia has over 70 grape growers and more than 800 acres under vine. *Learn more at WinesofNovaScotia.ca*.

Benjamin Bridge Blomidon Estate Winerv Devonian Coast Wineries Domaine de Grand Pré

#### ONTARIO

Having established a global reputation for icewine, Ontario has now emerged as an outstanding coolclimate growing region, specializing in Riesling, Chardonnay, and Pinot Noir. The three main regions of Niagara, Prince Edward County and Lake Erie are all represented at VanWineFest. *Discover Ontario wines at WineCountryOntario.ca.* 

Château des Charmes	
Closson Chase	
Colio Estate Wines	
Domaine Queylus	

Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery Inniskillin Niagara Estate Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate

#### SAKE

Artisan SakeMaker at Granville Island

### Wineries

#### ARGENTINA

Argentina's vast winemaking region is a strip of land located in the west of the country, at the foot of the Andes range, where the cultivated area covers more than 225,846 hectares. The altitude, the wide range of temperatures, the local know-how, the new technologies and a deeply-rooted popular wine culture lend Argentine wines unique identity and quality. *Learn more at WinesofArgentina.org* 

Domaine Bousquet	Graffigna	Bodega Renacer
Bodega Catena Zapata	MASI Tupungato	Familia Zuccardi

#### 苎 AUSTRALIA

Australia has become a recognized leader in the wine world by deftly combining tradition with new ideas and technical innovation, with an increasing focus on the distinct regional excellence of Australian wines. More and more consumers are coming to realise that Oz's premium wines offer outstanding character and sense of place as well as value. *For more information about Australian wine regions, explore WineAustralia.net.au*.

Alpha Box & Dice	Hardys Wines	Yalumba
Barossa Valley Estate	Inland Trading Co.	
Chapel Hill	Majella Wines	

#### 늘 CHILE

Wine lovers already know that Chile offers reliably excellent Cabernet Sauvignon, unique and superb Carmenere, and outstanding examples of exceptional Syrah and Pinot Noir. But cooler coastal areas have been developed to produce clean, fresh whites of matching quality to the already renowned reds. Chile continues to produce wines of great purity, complexity and balance. *Visit WinesofChile.org for more information.* 

Anakena	Viña Montes	Viña Ventisquero
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#### CROATIA

Although Croatian wines are relatively new to VanWineFest, grapevines have been grown in Croatia since the Bronze Age. On the north coast, wines from Istria are similar to those produced in neighbouring Italy, while on the islands and the Dalmatian coast, local grape varietals, microclimates and the rather harsh nature of the vineyards leads to some highly individual wines.

Coronica

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### Wineries

#### **FRANCE**

French grapes, techniques and styles have profoundly influenced winegrowing around the world, though in the past generation, New World ideas and influences have created a new wave of fruitier, fun-todrink wines, especially from the South. Nevertheless, traditions live on, and wines from Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, Alsace, the Loire, and the Rhône continue to provide benchmarks for winemakers everywhere. *Indulge yourself at FrenchFoodandBeverages.com*.

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#### GERMANY

In the cool weather of northern Europe, the production of fine wine requires not only quality vines and technical skill, but also imagination and a dedication to excellence. The resulting wines maintain a cult following among wine lovers. Riesling is the noble variety of Germany, producing some of the finest white wines in the world. *Discover more at Germanwineusa.com*.

Henkell & Co. Gruppe

Nik Weis St. Urbans-Hof

#### **GREECE**

The earliest evidence of Greek winemaking dates back more than 6,500 years ago. The extensive diversity of grapes – with more than 300 indigenous varieties identified – together with the moderate Greek climate, plentiful sunshine, low average rainfall and soils of moderate fertility, combine to provide an excellent environment for the production of high-quality wines.

Alpha Estate

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Italy is the largest producer of wine in the world and has more varieties planted than any other country. Though Italy is most noted for its noble reds, like Chianti, Barolo and Brunello, it is also a major producer of white wines, ranging in style from light and fruity to oak-aged versions of impressive substance and depth. *Find out about Italian wine at ItalTrade.com.* 

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### Wineries

#### 🔳 JAPAN

#### SAKE

Sake, which is brewed from rice and is technically beer, has its own rich tradition, dating back to the 12th century. Premium sake is as complex in every way as fine wine, with differences between sakes as significant as the differences between Corton Charlemagne and Puligny-Montrachet or Pauillac and Pomerol. High-quality sake is always consumed cool.

Yoshi no Gawa Saké Co.

#### 🗮 NEW ZEALAND

Mild, sunny summers and marked differences between day and night-time temperatures slow the ripening of grapes and allow them to develop pure, intense varietal flavours. This is the foundation of New Zealand wines' elegance and power, and helps explain their famed balance, structure and food friendliness. Regional diversity is dramatic, enabling a striking array of wine varieties and styles to flourish. *Visit NZWine.com for more information*.

Marisco Vineyards	Stoneleigh	Whitehaven
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#### **PORTUGAL**

The image of Portuguese wine is dominated by the centuries-old tradition of Port and Madeira, but the country is full of dynamic young winemakers who are using new technology to enhance and amplify tradition. The traditional wines are better than ever, but the new innovations – such as the dry reds of the Douro, offer outstanding quality. *Learn more at ViniPortugal.pt.* 

Fonseca

**Taylor Fladgate** 

#### 💶 SPAIN

Spain's wine regions encompass a wide range of climates and soil types. Its bodegas make bold, cellarworthy reds, fresh and fruity whites, distinct sparkling wines and, of course, a wide range of styles and flavours of Sherry. While Spain produces some of the most sought-after cult wines on the planet, it also continues to offer some of the world's best wine values. *Learn more at FoodsWinesfromSpain.com*.

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#### TURKEY

Winemaking in Turkey dates back 6,000 years; some believe Dionysus, the Greek god of wine, was adapted from a Thracian deity. Until recently, only a small percentage of Turkish wine was exported, but domestic consumption limitations have brought new emphasis on international markets. Turkey boast more than 1200 indigenous grape varieties, many only now being discovered by wine lovers around the world. *Visit WinesofTurkey.org for more information*.

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### Wineries

#### 🔚 URUGUAY

Situated between the River Plate and the Atlantic Ocean, Uruguay produces wines of the highest quality – rare delights that are produced in small but high-quality Bodegas that are for the most part still in the hands of the founding families. Uruguay's "national grape" is Tannat, known as the healthiest red wine in the world for its high tannin levels.

Bodega Garzón



#### CALIFORNIA

California is established as one of the great wine regions of the world. California vintners are full of energy, passion and vision, and are committed to sustainable agriculture, taking steps to ensure that Golden State winegrowers will have viable and outstanding land for growing wine grapes and producing world-class wines long into the future. *DiscoverCaliforniaWines.com is your portal to California wines*.

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#### OREGON

Despite having very challenging ripening conditions, Oregon has benefited from its geography and climate by emphasizing quality over quantity and focusing on wines of great complexity. Oregon Pinot Noir has found considerable success around the world, while winemakers are also getting great results with Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Gamay Noir. *Learn more at OregonWinegrowers.org.* 

Elk Cove Vineyards

#### WASHINGTON

Washington State has a recognized reputation for consistency, quality and value. The growing conditions are superb: aridity, well-drained soils, and long hours of sunlight. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are often spectacular, while Syrah can be rich, complex and world class. Washington Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling present textbook varietal character and are great value for money. *Learn more at WashingtonWine.org.* 

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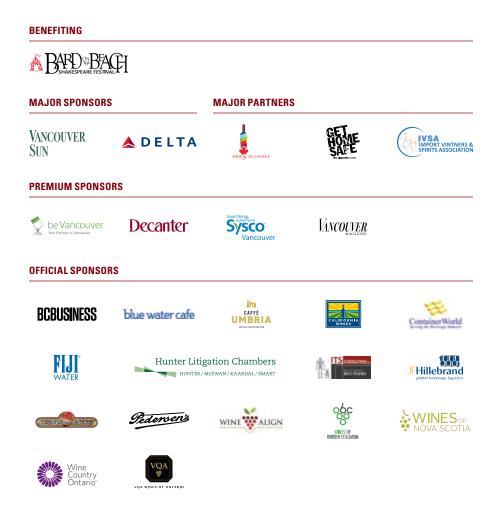


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VanWineFest grew from humble roots as a fundraising initiative for the former Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company, dreamed up by the late **John E. Levine**. The inaugural festival in 1979 featured one vintner – Robert Mondavi – and saw approximately 1,000 people attend the two-day event at Hycroft, the Shaughnessy mansion owned by Vancouver's University Women's Club.

By its fourth year, the festival had grown to attract 45 California wineries, becoming known as the California Wine Festival. The ninth festival in 1987 was the first multi-national event, with wineries from seven countries showcasing their wines. In 1988, VanWineFest moved to the Vancouver Convention Centre, where the main International Festival Tastings have been held ever since.

In 1996, VanWineFest began shining the spotlight on specific wine regions or countries by featuring a new area each year, with the French wine region Bordeaux as the inaugural theme. This year, the theme country is Canada, with 76 Canadian wineries participating. Canada was last theme country in 1997 – that year there were 21 Canadian wineries (fifteen from British Columbia and six from Ontario). We've come a long way!

Today VanWineFest attracts some of the biggest industry names from around the world and is firmly established as the continent's premier wine event and among the biggest, best and oldest wine events in the world. It features wine tastings and pairings, gourmet dinners and luncheons, educational seminars and culinary competitions, wine parties and a charity wine auction and gala dinner.

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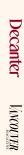
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