

OUTSTANDING EVENTS, WINES, FOOD

The “Sold Out” announcements are coming hard and fast from the Vancouver International Wine Festival. But don’t let that scare you away. The luxe **Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction** (10 wines, five courses), which kicks off the festival on February 11 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, still has some tickets. As do the big **International Festival Tastings** at the Vancouver Convention Centre, for Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee. (Saturday night is sold out.) And the following special events are available. Wines, and most menus, are posted online. **Snap them up while you can.**



FEATURED EVENT

Celebrating Canada’s 150th

Saturday, February 18
VCC West, 1055 Canada Place Way
12-2 p.m.
\$109



It’s our country’s 150th birthday party and Canada is this year’s VanWineFest theme country. (But you knew that, right?) There’s no better place than this lunch to wave the flag and feel patriotic (and, dare we say, superior) about our nation. To say nothing about our excellent wine and food. Graze through a coast-to-coast menu that includes Nova Scotia-style pan-fried oysters, Canadian bison tataki, wild BC prawns, salmon and, of course, Nanaimo bar bites! Chat up the charming vine stars from all 76 participating Canadian wineries, each of whom pours two wines from their portfolio. That’s 152 wines. With lunch! You may need a nap ...



SEMINARS, AKA “WINE SCHOOL”

Oculus Retrospective

Tuesday, February 14
VCC East, 999 Canada Place Way
4-5:30 p.m.
\$125

The attributes of a great wine are consistency, complexity, finesse and longevity. With a wealth of quality grapes at their 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.



Discover Ontario’s Cool

Thursday, February 16
VCC West, 1055 Canada Place Way
5:15-6:45 p.m.
\$50

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, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc along with sparkling and Icewine.



PARTY, PARTY, PARTY

California Cruisin’

Wednesday, February 15
Waterview,
2nd floor – 1661 Granville Street
8:30-11 p.m.
\$69

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.



KICKING IT UP A NOTCH

Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge

Friday, February 17
VCC West, 1055 Canada Place Way
5:45-9 p.m.
\$190

Kick your tasting experience up a notch with the exclusive **Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge**. Sample select festival bottles and graze the food stations for really tasty bites in an intimate space, complete with comfortable seating and a spectacular view. Admission includes Friday’s **International Festival Tasting** from 7-10 p.m. (a \$95 value), so feel free to travel between both events and get tasting advice from wine experts in the room. (Did we mention comfortable seating?)



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QUESTIONS?

Email boxoffice@vanwinfest.ca (Weekdays 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

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