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TASTE THE WORLD

International Festival Tasting

March 1, 2 and 3
Vancouver Convention Centre

SOLD OUT

The Wine World is Here for the 40th Vancouver International Wine Festival, and you can discover it for yourself at the International Festival Tastings (IFT). If you have your tickets, lucky you! All four tastings have sold out.

A tour of the Tasting Room lets you choose from ~750 wines from 16 countries:

- You can start with a visit to the theme region with **38 wineries from Spain** and **20 from Portugal** gathered in the largest representation of wineries from the Iberian Peninsula in festival history, or
- Explore another 115 wineries representing **13 other countries** including **23 from Italy**, **24 from USA**, **16 from France**, **26 from Canada**, including a return of 2017 fan favourite **Nova Scotia**, and
- These Tasting Stations offer a mini-tour of their countries' wines:

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You can download a pdf of the Tasting Room Program at VanWineFest.ca to plan your Tasting Room visit in advance.

TASTING ROOM TIPS

FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Don't wine and drive** – decide how you're getting home *before* you arrive. Plan to take transit, a taxi or limo, have a designated driver, or stay at a downtown hotel (book through StayVancouverHotels.com for great incentives). If you're on transit, you can pick up a **free Compass ticket** at BC Liquor Stores' Get Home Safe booth at the exit.
- Have a meal first**. Remember this is a wine tasting, not a dinner event. Some food samples are served in the Tasting Room, of course. But if you have a meal first, you'll have more quality time with the wines.
- Plan your route** – review the Tasting Room program (download or pick it up onsite) or the VanWineFest app, look through the wineries and their wines and mark your must-tastes. For ideas, check out Anthony Gismond's recommendations in today's *Salut!*
- No fragrances!** Scents from perfume, aftershave or even hand lotion can interfere with everyone's enjoyment of the wines, including yours.

IN THE TASTING ROOM

- Be international** – don't know where to start with 750+ wines on offer? Try a wine from all 16 countries.
- Try something new** – you could find your next go-to wine. And there are some wines you may never again have a chance to taste.
- Make notes, take a picture, give the wine a star on the app**. You'll want to remember what you liked later!
- Look for the blue lanyards** – those are the vine stars and top personalities here to share their wines and stories with you. Ask questions.
- Step away from the table** once you've had your taste and asked your questions.
- Use the spit buckets** – you don't have to finish every sample. (In fact, please don't!) Spit or dump your wine after you've had a taste. Save your palate for the rest of the session.
- Free bottle check & shipping via onsite BC Liquor Store** – pick up your favourite wines at the onsite BCLS store. Shop as you go (don't wait until the end of the session, as some wines are in very limited supply and might sell out) and put your favourites in the free **Bottle Check**. Repeat as necessary. Best yet, you don't have to schlep the wine home. Whether you buy one bottle or 100, your wine can be **shipped for free to the BC Liquor Store** nearest you for post-fest pickup.
- You can also order your favourite wines **"Buy the Case"** right at the winery table, for shipment after the festival.



Torres: History Builds Future

Thursday, March 1
Vancouver Convention Centre
1055 Canada Place
5:15-6:45 p.m. \$65 all-in



Join Miguel Torres Maczassek, fifth generation of the legendary Spanish winemaking family, in a seminar exploring the history and future of Torres's iconic wines – including **Cuvée Esplendor by Vardon Kennett 2013 (\$55)**, making its first appearance in B.C., **Grans Muralles 2010 (\$120)**, **Mas La Plana 2012 (\$68)**, and **Milmanda 2014 (\$70)***.

*Estimated shelf price



FESTIVAL APP

Download the VanWineFest app. It contains all wines served at International Festival Tastings and Trade Tastings.



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8 DAYS

16 COUNTRIES

25 VENUES

51 EVENTS

173 WINERIES

1450 WINES