



# The Wine World is Here

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VANCOUVER  
INTERNATIONAL  
WINE FESTIVAL



## TASTE THE WORLD

### International Festival Tasting

**The Wine World is Here** for the 41st Vancouver International Wine Festival, and you can discover it for yourself at the **International Festival Tastings**. A tour of the Tasting Room lets you choose from ~725 wines from 16 countries. Begin with a trip to the theme region section, where you can **Dream Big: California Style**, visiting **53 wineries** and Regional Tasting Stations from **Napa Valley** and **California**.

Then explore another 107 wineries representing **15 countries** including **32 from Canada**, **19 from Italy**, and two wineries from festival newcomer **Romania**. You can also visit Regional Tasting Stations from **Australia**, **New Zealand**, **Nova Scotia**, **South Africa**, **Spain**, and **Washington State** where you'll get a mini-tour of wines from those regions and countries.

You can download a PDF of the Tasting Room Program at [VanWineFest.ca](http://VanWineFest.ca) to plan your Tasting Room visit in advance. And see all the remaining events on the online Festival at a Glance.

### TOP 10 TASTING TIPS

If you have a ticket to one of the International Festival Tastings here are some tips for the best ways to enjoy the event (with special thanks to wine educator DJ Kearney). Visit [VanWineFest.ca](http://VanWineFest.ca) to view our Tasting Tips Video.

- 1. Have a meal first.** Remember this is a wine tasting, not a dinner event. Some small food samples are served in the Tasting Room, but if you have a meal first, you'll have more quality time with the wines.
- 2. Have a plan of attack.** Consult the website or look at the Tasting Room Program (it's online too, and get one onsite). It's a big room with ~725 wines on offer. Be strategic.
- 3. Keep your profile lean.** Check your big puffy coat and if you must bring a shoulder bag, make it a small one. You'll have more room to move around and so will everyone else. Use the festival app (iOS and Android platforms) to make notes and take photos on your smartphone of wines you enjoy.
- 4. Leave fragrances at home.** Scents from perfume, aftershave or even hand lotion can interfere with your (and others!) enjoyment of the wines.
- 5. Wear dark colours.** Dark colours will be your friend if wine is dripped or spilled on you.
- 6. High heels are not your friend.** There are 160 wineries in the room. Wear flats. Your feet will thank you.
- 7. Swirl, sniff, sip and then spit.** Yes, spit (or dump out) the contents of your glass. That's what all the pros do. Wineries will not be offended. It's how you get to enjoy lots and lots of wines.
- 8. Talk to the vine stars.** It's a VanWineFest hallmark that each winery brings a winemaker, owner or senior exec to Vancouver. Vine stars are the ones wearing royal blue lanyards. Talk to them and you'll learn history, background and enhance your enjoyment of the wine. It's a very special festival because important people are here.
- 9. BC Liquor Stores onsite wine shop.** All wines served at International Festival Tastings are on sale at the onsite BCLS store. It's one of the best things about this festival. Shop as you go (don't wait to the end as they might be sold out) and put your favourites in the Bottle Check. Best yet, the wine – whether you buy one bottle or 100 – can be shipped for free to the BC Liquor Store nearest you.
- 10. Don't Wine and Drive.** Plan a safe ride home. And if you're on transit, pick up a free transit pass at the Get Home Safe booth in the Liquor Store. Or take a taxi, limo or stay at a hotel. [StayVancouverHotels.com](http://StayVancouverHotels.com) offers special benefits.

Vancouver Convention Centre

Thursday, February 28  
7-10 p.m.  
\$89 (\$99 day-of)

Friday, March 1  
7-10 p.m.  
\$99 (\$109 day-of)

Saturday, March 2  
2:30-5 p.m.  
\$84 (\$94 day-of)  
7-10 p.m. **SOLD OUT**  
Limited tickets released day-of for \$119



### FESTIVAL APP

Download the VanWineFest app to keep track of your Tasting Room journey. It contains all wines served at International Festival Tastings and Trade Tastings.

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### California Crush

Tuesday, February 26  
Waterview – 2nd floor, 1661 Granville Street  
8:30-11 p.m. \$75



Get a preview of the Tasting Room at California Crush, a dynamic, walk-around event that pays tribute to the Golden State's most delicious and exciting wines. With 18 wineries pouring 36 wines, it will prime your palate for the International Festival Tasting.

## BUY NOW

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[VanWineFest.ca/tradedays](http://VanWineFest.ca/tradedays)

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8 DAYS

16 COUNTRIES

25 VENUES

54 EVENTS

160 WINERIES

1,450 WINES