









Festival Highlights



42nd Vancouver International Wine Festival

1,450 wines • 16 countries • 163 wineries • 57 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.

The Vancouver International Wine Festival is graciously co-hosted by the embassies, high commissions, and consulates of the participating wineries (see page 41). For a list of each event's co-hosts, visit VanWineFest.ca.

The Tasting Room

This is where the wine world gathers. All 163 participating wineries are gathered in one grand hall, with principals in attendance pouring selections from their cellars. This is your opportunity to meet the people behind the wine and ask them questions about the wine you're sampling, which is also available for purchase at the on-site BC Liquor Store.

Vive la France!

VanWineFest celebrates the Old World this year, featuring France as our theme country. Discover the wineries and wines of France throughout festival week, including nine dinners, two seminars, four trade events, the *Ça*, *c'est cool* wine party on Tuesday evening, and a spectacular Saturday lunch, *Bon Appétit*, featuring all 42 French wineries.

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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 42nd annual festival, featuring wines from France.

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: our co-hosts, the participating country consulates and embassies; the participating wineries, their principals, and agents; 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, BCLS, 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.

Mark Hicken

Chair, Board of Directors, Vancouver International Wine Festival Society



The Vancouver International Wine Festival is honoured to be part of a dedicated community, proudly building a vibrant wine and food culture over the past 42 years, while also raising funds for the performing arts. Our weeklong celebration of the grape has introduced wineries from around the world to wine lovers and members of the hospitality trade. We are proud to showcase many of Vancouver's finest restaurants through our events and Wine Program Excellence Awards.

This year, we are featuring wines from France, welcoming 42 wineries and their principals to Vancouver to showcase their wines, their winemaking traditions, their heritage, and their passion. The rest of the wine world is wonderfully represented with wines and wineries from 15 other countries. At the same time, we hope to brighten the dark February days with a little pink, as we turn the global spotlight on rosé.

See you at the festival. Santé!

Harry Hertscheg DipWSET

Executive Director, Vancouver International Wine Festival



Bard on the Beach is the charitable beneficiary of the Vancouver International Wine Festival, with contributions primarily provided by the Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction and raffle ticket sales. To the entire Wine Festival community – wineries and principals, agents, and sponsors, and all who create and attend this remarkable event – we offer our deepest thanks for your generous financial support. It strengthens the artistic and production excellence on our two stages, which draw more than 100,000 patrons each season. It allows us to offer thousands of discounted and free play tickets to young people and to our community's less fortunate citizens. It supports our year-round Bard education programs, in schools, community centres, and our BMO Theatre Centre administrative home. And we experience the pleasure of working with the Festival's extraordinary team and community.

Please join me in raising a glass to celebrate the 42nd annual Vancouver International Wine Festival – may it achieve and surpass our highest expectations!

Christopher Gaze OBC

Founding Artistic Director, Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

How to Order



Public Events

Tickets to all public events go on sale Wednesday, January 8 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.

- All ticket sales are final. No refunds, exchanges or replacement tickets.
- All attendees must be 19+. NO MINORS, including infants and babies. 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
 he refunded
- VanWineFest and Bard on the Beach do not accept liability for tickets lost or misplaced.
- · Winery dinners and hotel offers are only available until February 13.
- · Ticket 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.
- Due to the nature of these events, we are unable to accommodate food allergies or special dietary requests for winery dinners.
- We do not offer discounted Designated Driver tickets for our events, as there are small food samples and non-alcoholic beverages available in the Tasting Room for non-tasters.

Trade Days Conference

Tickets to all Trade Days events go on sale Wednesday, January 22 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.



Welcome to the Wine Regions of France

When it comes to French wine, place is everything. The concept of terroir, the deep relationship between a site's natural environment and its wine, reaches its fullest expression in France. A single vineyard can have parcels of land best suited to different grapes, each one creating its own characteristic wine. This year, the festival welcomes 42 wineries pouring wines from 10 French wine regions, each one ready to share their wines' distinct sense of place with you.



Alsace's location on the border with Germany, between the Rhine River and the Vosges Mountains, has not only influenced its troubled history, but also its wine production. Unlike other French regions, Alsace includes the grape variety on its wine labels, most notably its dry Rieslings and aromatic Gewürztraminers, bottled in longnecked flütes.

Main varieties: Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris, Auxerrois Blanc, Pinot Noir, Sylvaner. Pinot Blanc



Caught between Bourgogne and Rhône, Beaujolais has its own characteristic wines, the vast majority of which is made from the Gamay grape, which thrives in Beaujolais's granite-based soil. Famous for November's Beaujolais Nouveau release, the region is now focusing on Cru wines from ten named villages that express exceptional Gamays.

Main variety: Gamay

3 BORDEAUX

Perhaps the world's most famous wine region, Bordeaux is home to sought-after, terroir-driven wines. Bordeaux wines are typically blends: the classic red Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc, and the white Bordeaux blend of Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. sometimes with a bit of Muscadelle.

Main varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Muscadelle



Bourgogne has more appellations d'origine contrôlée than any other French region, and is most famous for its dry red wines made from Pinot Noir and crisp white wines made from Chardonnay, especially those from Chablis. Terroir is crucial in Bourgogne, with 400 different types of soil stamping distinct characteristics on single vineyards.

Main varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

5 CHAMPAGNE

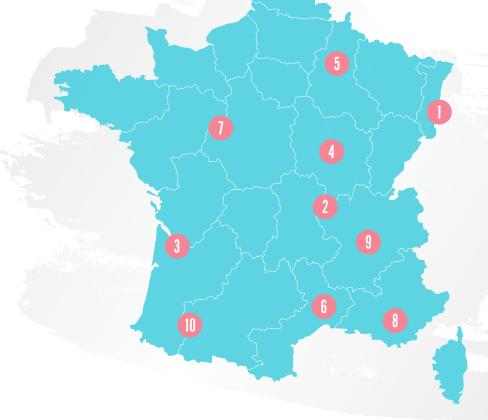
Home of the wine world's most prestigious bubbles, Champagne is both the region and the wine. Only wines made from grapes grown in the 75,000 acres of Champagne vineyards and produced in the *méthode traditionnelle*, where the secondary fermentation takes place in the bottle, can legally be called Champagne. Most French regions, however, produce their own sparklers, made in the traditional method and labeled as Crémant.

Main varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

6 LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

With 700,000 acres under vine, Languedoc-Roussillon is the most prolific wine-producing region in the world, with 10% of the world's wine coming from the Mid. Since the 1970s, winemakers in the region have been matching quality with quantity, through progressive and innovative winemaking techniques.

Main varieties: Carignan, Grenache, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot



1 LOIRE

White wine reigns supreme in the Loire Valley, particularly the Sauvignon Blanc of Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire (Pouilly-Fumé) of the Upper Loire. Central Loire produces exceptional Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc, while the Atlantic influenced wines of the Pays Nantais are made solely from Melon de Bourgogne.

Main varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Franc, Melon de Bourgogne

8 PROVENCE

It's rosé all day in Provence, where the pink wines of Côtes de Provence are as popular as the beaches of the Côte d'Azur. Though the great majority of the wine bottled in Provence is rosé, the production of spicy, full-flavoured red wines, particularly in Coteaux d'Aix-en Provence, is becoming more prominent.

Main varieties: Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Tibouren

9 RHÔNI

Divided by geography, climate, and winemaking philosophy into north and south, Rhône might not be as famous a wine region as Bordeaux or Bourgogne, but it produces spectacular wines. Syrah is the star of Northern Rhône, while the most famous Southern Rhône wine is Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a blend of up to 18 different grape varieties.

Main varieties: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Marsanne, Roussanne, Viognier

ID SOUTH WEST FRANCE

The Sud-Ouest is actually made up of several smaller wine districts, most notably Bergerac, Monbarzillac, and Cahors. Cahors, which was devastated by the phylloxera epidemic in the late 19th century, is known for Malbec (known locally as Cot or Auxerrois), offering some of the finest expressions of the grape in the world.

Main varieties: Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Tannat, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon

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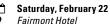
Les Années Folles

Enjoy a spectacular evening of incredible wine, inventive food pairings, and unparalleled opportunities to enhance your wine cellar.

The Bacchanalia Gala kicks off with a Champagne 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 culinary team. 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, Bard-related packages, and unique culinary experiences featuring chefs and sommeliers from the West Coast's top restaurants. A must for any serious wine collector!

Bacchanalia will be emceed by Global news anchor Chris Gailus.





Vancouver 900 West Georgia Street

6-11 p.m.

\$525/\$4,200 table of 8

Raffle sponsor



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





Dinner Wines:

Champagne Taittinger Prélude Grands Crus NV, Champagne, France Maison Joseph Drouhin Côte de Beaune Blanc 2017, Bourgogne, France Gérard Bertrand Château la Sauvageonne Grand Vin Blanc 2019, Languedoc, France Château des Jacques La Roche Moulin-à-Vent 2015, Beaujolais, France Château Pesquié Silica Ventoux Rouge 2017, Southern Rhône, France Il Molino di Grace Il Margone Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2013, Tuscany, Italy Paul Jaboulet Aîné Domaine de Thalabert Crozes-Hermitage 2017, Northern Rhône, France Schloss Johannisberg Grünlack Spätlese Riesling 2018, Rheingau, Germany Tommasi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2015, Veneto, Italy Maison Sichel Château d'Orignac Pineau des Charentes NV. Cognac, France

Proceeds from the Bacchanalia Gala go to support Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, Since its inception in 1979, the wine festival has raised nearly \$9.5 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, worth \$44,160 USD, 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.

Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction is graciously co-hosted by the Consulate General of France, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Consulate General of Italy.



Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

bardonthebeach.org

Mission:

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

Bard on the Beach is proud and honoured to be the Vancouver International Wine Festival's charitable recipient. The partnership's generous annual support helps Bard to maintain its signature high artistic standards and educational programs, while also helping to keep its programming affordable for hundreds of thousands of local residents, students and Vancouver visitors.

Celebrating its 31st season in 2020. Bard on the Beach is Canada's second largest not-for-profit professional Shakespeare festival. The Festival's home is a magnificent waterfront setting in Vancouver's Vanier Park, where every summer it stages Shakespeare plays, related dramas and special events in two modern performance tents. The 2020 season, running from June 11 to September 26, opens with A Midsummer Night's **Dream** on the BMO Mainstage, directed by Scott Bellis (The Two Gentlemen of Verona, 2017), It will play in repertory with Henry V. directed by Lois Anderson (The Taming of the Shrew, 2019.



Andrew McNee (Petruchio) & Jennifer Lines (Kate). The Taming of the Shrew (2019). Photo: Tim Matheson.

Lysistrata, 2018). On the Howard Family Stage in the Douglas Campbell Theatre, Citadel Theatre Artistic Director Daryl Cloran (Shakespeare in Love, 2019) will restage his 2015 Jazz Age production of Love's Labour's Lost, in repertory with Paradise Lost by Erin Shields, directed by Anita Rochon (Cymbeline, 2015).

Bard's critically-acclaimed plays repeatedly draw full houses; season attendance was 103,000 in 2019 and almost 2 million patrons have enjoyed the Bard experience since 1990. The Festival also offers opera and orchestral concerts, wine tastings. Family Nights and insightful educational events. The tented Bard Village hosts 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 annually by more than 370 volunteers

Through its constantly expanding community outreach, Bard hosts the popular Young Shakespeareans workshops for youth and teens at the site during the summer and through the year at the BMO Theatre Centre, as well as Bard in the Classroom workshops for students and teachers during the school term. Its Riotous Youth program provides further Shakespearean theatre education and workplace skills to young adults, and Bard for Life lets adults 'play Shakespeare' in a lively, informal environment.



In 2019, VanWineFest raised \$240,000 for the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival!

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

~725 wines • 163 wineries • 16 countries

If you attend only one of the festival's 57 events, make it an International Festival Tasting. It's the heart of the festival, where you'll find ~725 wines offered by the 163 participating wineries, organized by country. You can also sample wines at five regional tasting stations from France, Emilia-Romagna, Germany, New Zealand, and South Africa, and the #RoséAllDay booth.

Vive la France!



This year, take a wine tour of France in the Tasting Room, exploring 42 wineries from 10 regions. Discover how the diverse terroirs of Alsace, Beaujolais,

Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Champagne, Languedoc-Roussillon, Loire, Provence, Rhône, and the South West create distinct, iconic wines.

Vine Stars

The stars of the global wine scene – winemakers, proprietors, senior execs – come to Vancouver every year to share and discuss their wines with festivalgoers. 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 their royal blue lanyard.

▼ VCC West, Ballroom C
1055 Canada Place

Evening Tastings

- Thursday, February 27 Friday, February 28 Saturday, February 29
- → 7-10 p.m.
- \$95 Thursday
 (\$105 day of event)
 \$105 Friday
 (\$115 day of event)
 \$115 Saturday
 (\$125 day of event)

Matinee Tasting

- Saturday, February 29
- 2:30-5 p.m.
- \$95 Saturday matinee (\$105 day of event)

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

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 tasting experience that takes full advantage of the glorious view looking out across Coal Harbour and to the North Shore mountains.

International Festival Tastings

Buy Wine On Site

- 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 or have them shipped.
- Free shipping to your nearest BCLS whether you've bought one bottle or several cases, if you live in British Columbia, your wine can be shipped free of charge to your nearest BC Liquor Store.

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 Compass ticket at the Get Home Safe booth inside the Festival Wine Shop – 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, some food samples are available to enhance your tasting experience.



BC Liquor Stores Festival Wine Shop hours: February 27, 28 & 29 7-10 p.m. February 29 2:30-5 p.m.

Please note: the entrance to the Festival Wine Shop is in the Tasting Room and only accessible to International Festival Tasting ticketholders during their tasting session.

Tasty samples and refreshments provided by

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ubject to availability. Some conditions apply. Details online. Book by February 13.

To get the most out of your VanWineFest stay, explore TourismVancouver.com for your trip planning, and check out our Visit section at VanWineFest.ca for festival, restaurant and entertainment tips.

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.

Vive la France!



Take a tasting journey across France, exploring wines from Beaujolais, Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Loire, Rhône, and Provence. Located under the Eiffel Tower in the theme country section of the Tasting Room, your six-region tour will give your palate a primer on some of France's top terroirs.

Discover Emilia-Romagna's Indigenous Grapes



One of Italy's greatest assets is its wealth of unique indigenous varieties, and Emilia-Romagna is no exception. Discover Emilia's Lambrusco family of grapes, Romagna's Sangiovese and Albana, as well as Malvasia di Candia and Uva Longanesi, while enjoying samples of Emilia-Romagna's rich culinary specialties.





Regional Tasting Stations

Germany: The Coolest Wines on Earth



Wines of Germany invites you to try the coolest wines in the world. As the largest producer of Riesling and the third largest producer of Pinot Noir we invite you to taste the quality, versatility and food-matching capabilities of German wines. Discover cool wines, cool styles and cool flavours. Discover Wines of Germany.

New Zealand: Pure Discovery – The Past, the Present, and the Future



Discover where the New Zealand wine industry began, where it is now, and where it's going in the future through wines that tell the story of the last 200 years. Explore Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough and Hawkes Bay, as well as varieties that are emerging to make their mark such as Pinot Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Pinot Gris and rosé.

Discover White Wines of South Africa



The wines from South Africa are considered by many to rival wines from some of the world's best wine growing regions. This year's offering will showcase wines meant to convince you! South African winemakers are producing distinctive Chenin, Chardonnay and Methode Cap Classique (champagne-method sparkling), that uniquely reflect the soil and climatic conditions where they're grown. Come and taste through the line up to discover why international critics are so smitten with South African wines.

#RoséAllDay



This year, we've put the focus on rosé, painting the Tasting Room pink. There are more than 80 examples of rosé – still and sparkling – in the room, but stop by the #RoséAllDay booth to sample a selection from around the world. As a style, rosé is food friendly and flexible, can be sparkling, light, dry, full-bodied or fruity. We're sure you'll agree that not only should you drink rosé all day, but rosé all year!

Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers (CAPS)



Members of the BC Chapter of CAPS will be at the **Vive la France!** and **#RoseAllDay** tasting stations to help guide you through the different wines.

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Exclusive Retailer of the 2020 Vancouver International Wine Festival



TASTE THEN SHOP!

Pick up your festival favourites at the BC Liquor Stores Festival Wine Shop, located at the tasting room exit. Watch for the **Blue Dot** Wine Festival Exclusive Products!

BUY NOW CARRY LATER

The BC Liquor Stores Festival 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 COMPASS TICKET

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

BC LIQUOR STORES FESTIVAL WINE SHOP HOURS

Thursday, February 27 Friday, February 28 Saturday, February 29 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

and

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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Enhance Your Experience!



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 28
 Saturday, February 29
- VCC West, Level 1, Ocean Foyer 1055 Canada Place
- 5:45-9 p.m. (includes International Festival Tasting, 7-10 p.m.)
- \$200 Friday \$210 Saturday

Gold Pass \$519 (\$768 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. (\$315 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 tasting, 2:30-5 p.m. (\$95 value)

Admission to the **Festival Toast** VIP reception on Thursday from 5:45-7 p.m. (not available for public sale - \$70 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)!

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

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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. Ticket prices shown are inclusive of all wine, service charges, and taxes.

Nota Bene Library Tasting

Nota Bene is the flagship Bordeaux-style blend from Black Hills Estate Winery, located on the Black Sage Road in BC's Southern Okanagan Valley. Join Winemaker Ross Wise and Chief Wine Evangelist Glenn Fawcett as they guide you through a 12-year library tasting of this highly sought after and revered wine.

Panelists: Glenn Fawcett, Ross Wise

Tuesday, February 25

The Vancouver Club,
UBC Room

915 West Hastings Street

- ② 4:30-6 p.m.
- **♦** \$125

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BLACK HILLS

Blending California-style

California creates brilliant and bold Bordeaux and Rhône-style blends as a result of the warm, dry climate conditions of the Golden State. Join DJ Kearney and a panel of vintners as they explore nine California blends, plus a surprise benchmark wine that will make you stand up and take notice.

Moderator: DJ Kearney

Panelists: Chris Benziger, Jamie Benziger, Mark de Vere MW, JC Diefenderfer, Chantal Landreville, Joseph Lange, Benjamin Menoure, Thomas Price MS, Ray Signorello

- 🗂 🛮 Thursday, February 27
- VCC West, meeting room 118 1055 Canada Place
- ② 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- ♦ \$85

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The Family Spirit

Join five of France's most esteemed family owned and operated wineries representing five prestigious wine regions — Champagne, Bordeaux, Rhône, Languedoc, and Burgundy. Learn (and taste) the difference it makes when the family name is on the bottle, and how family history and stories come through in the terroir.

Moderator: Anthony Gismondi

Panelists: Laurent Drouhin, Nicolas Galy, Adrien Laurent, James Sichel, Clovis Taittinger

- Thursday, February 27
- *VCC West,* meeting room 109 1055 Canada Place
- ② 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- \$110

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Wine Seminars

Wine 101: Explore Your Senses

Wine narrator Paul Wagner is back to lead a sensory-focused journey around the wine world, with visits to France, Italy, South America, and the Okanagan. Come with an open mind and leave with an enhanced appreciation of how to enjoy wine. From sparkling launch to rich red finale, expect wine stories galore and a rosé stop in between.

Moderator: Paul Wagner

Panelists: Guillaume Blisson, Alessandra Boscaini, Antonella Bronca, Jean-Luc Colombo, Daniel Grace, Maya Jenkins, Jaime Merino, Cristiana Tiberio, Sara Triggs, Lorenzo Zonin

Thursday, February 27 **▽** VCC West. meeting room 121 1055 Canada Place 5:15-6:45 p.m.

②

♦ \$70

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French Terroir Talk

Join Andrew Jefford and 12 expert French wine producers to discover how France's famous notion of terroir works. Explore a series of "Cru" wines (including some Premiers and Grands Crus) from Alsace, Chablis, the Côte d'Or, Beaujolais, the Médoc, Saint-Émilion, Sancerre, Cairanne, Cornas, and Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Moderator: Andrew Jefford

Panelists: Mark Allen, Vanessa Aubert, Jean-Luc Colombo. Laurent Drouhin, Julien Dugas, Manon Flores, Michel Gassier, Jean Frédéric Hugel, Adrien Laurent, Marion Lopez, Olivier Rivain, Stéphane Schaeffer

Friday, February 28

VCC West, meetina room 109 1055 Canada Place

② 5:15-6:45 p.m.

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Grapes Unknown

Discover grapes off the beaten path in this seminar designed to expand your palate beyond the classic international varieties. James Nevison, The Province's Wine Guy, will lead a panel of vine stars through an exploration of grapes hard to spell, but easy to enjoy.

Moderator: James Nevison

Panelists: Moreno Coronica. Philibert de Vregille. Bernard Duseigneur, Daniela Facciani, Nicolas Haeffelin, María López, Paride Nardotto, Miron Radic, Laurent Sauvage, Ermes Scardova, Rob Summers, Cristiana Tiberio

Friday, February 28 0

VCC West, meeting room 118 1055 Canada Place

5:15-6:45 p.m.

\$70

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Wine Seminars

The Global Cru

While the term "Cru" is most often used for the French classification system, the "Cru" concept can apply to any vineyard or group of vineyards recognized for their superior quality. This seminar will take participants on a global journey to some of the wine world's greatest vineyards to discover what makes their terroir and wines so special.

Moderators: Evan Goldstein MS, Sara d'Amato Panelists: Grant Bellve, Donal Black, Alessandra Boscaini, Laura Catena, Michael Clark, Jean-Luc Colombo, Moreno Coronica, Mark de Vere MW, Emily Faulconer, José Luis Muguiro, Jorge Ramos, Antonio Zaccheo, Jr.

Saturday, February 29 VCC West. meeting room 109 1055 Canada Place

5:15-6:45 p.m.

\$100

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The Shape of Wine

Join Riedel's Regional Manager, Alvsha Harker, as she guides you on a journey through your senses. Discover how glass shape changes your wine as you sample Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon in the Performance Series, Riedel's new ultimate loudspeaker for fine wine. The set of glasses is yours to take home!

Moderator: Alysha Harker

Panelists: Ross Baker, Brian Lynn, Sara Triggs, Ross Wise

Saturday, February 29 Terminal City Club

- 837 West Hastings Street
- ② 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- \$125 (including glassware)

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TERMINAL CITY CLUB



Featured Speakers



Mark Allen Area Director, Maison Louis Latour French Terroir Talk



Vanessa Aubert Owner, Aubert Vignobles French Terroir Talk



Ross Baker Winemaker, Quails' Gate Winery The Shape of Wine



Grant Bellve
International Manager,
Tyrrell's Wines
The Global Cru



Chris Benziger
Vice President of Trade Relations,
Benziger Family Winery
Blending California-style



Jamie Benziger Winemaker, Imagery Estate Winery Blending California-style



Donal BlackDirector of International Sales,
Wines of Substance
The Global Cru



Guillaume BlissonNorth America Sales Director,
Louis Bernard *Wine 101: Explore Your Senses*



Alessandra Boscaini Commercial Director, MASI Agricol The Global Cru; Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Antonella Bronca
Proprietor / Export Manager,
Sorelle Bronca
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Laura Catena
Managing Director and Catena
Institute of Wine Founder and
Board, Bodega Catena Zapata
The Global Cru



Michael Clark
Managing Director & Winemaker,
Clos du Soleil Winery
The Global Cru



Jean-Luc Colombo Owner/Winemaker, Jean-Luc Colombo French Terroir Talk; The Global Cru; Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Moreno Coronica Owner / Winemaker, Coronica Wines The Global Cru; Grapes Unknown



Sara d'Amato
Writer, sommelier,
wine consultant
The Global Cru



Mark de Vere MW
Director of Training and Education,
Robert Mondavi Winery
Blending California-style; The Global Cru



Philibert de Vregille Export Manager, Louis Jadot *Grapes Unknown*



JC Diefenderfer Winemaker, Hope Family Wines Blending California-style



Laurent Drouhin Global Export Director / Family Member, Maison Joseph Drouhin The Family Spirit; French Terroir Talk



Julien Dugas Winemaker, Domaine Boutinot French Terroir Talk



Bernard Duseigneur Owner / Winemaker, Domaine Duseigneur *Grapes Unknown*



Daniela Facciani Export Sales & Marketing, North America & Europe, Poderi dal Nespoli Grapes Unknown

Featured Speakers



Emily Faulconer Head Winemaker, Viña Carmen The Global Cru



Glenn Fawcett Chief Wine Evangelist, Black Hills Estate Winery Nota Bene Library Tasting



Manon Flores Brand Ambassador, Les Vins Georges Duboeuf French Terroir Talk



Chris Gailus Global BC Anchor, Global BC Bacchanalia Gala + Dinner



Nicolas Galy Gérard Bertrand The Family Spirit



Michel Gassier Vigneron, Les Halos de Jupiter French Terroir Talk



Anthony GismondiPublisher, Gismondionwine.com *The Family Spirit*



Evan Goldstein MS
President & Chief Education Officer,
Full Circle Wine Solutions
The Global Cru



Daniel Grace Owner, Il Molino di Grace Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Nicolas Haeffelin Oenologist & Specialist of Jura Wines, Arthur Metz Grapes Unknown



Alysha Harker Regional Territory Manager, Riedel Canada The Shape of Wine



Harry Hertscheg Executive Director, Vancouver International Wine Festival Festival Toast



Jean Frédéric Hugel
13th generation of Famille Hugel
in Riquewihr, Hugel & Fils
French Terroir Talk



Andrew Jefford
Contributing editor, columnist,
Decanter and The World of Fine Wine
French Terroir Talk; Festival Toast



Maya Jenkins
Export Manager, Canada, Europe &
Asia Pacific, Pascual Toso
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



DJ KearneyWine educator
Blending California-style



Chantal Landreville
International Director of Sales,
Share a Splash Wine Co.
Blending California-style



Joseph Lange
International Sales Director,
LangeTwins Collection of Family Wines
Blending California-style



Adrien Laurent
Director of Operations,
Paul Jaboulet Aîné
The Family Spirit; French Terroir Talk



María López Owner / Winemaker, Bodega Sarmentero Grapes Unknown



Marion Lopez Director, North America, Crus et Domaines de France French Terroir Talk



Brian Lynn Owner / Director, Majella Wines *The Shape of Wine*

Featured Speakers



Benjamin Menoure Export Manager, Famille JM Cazes Blending California-style



Jaime Merino
North America Sales Director,
Viña Santa Ema
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



José Luis Muguiro International Export Director / Family Member, Marqués de Riscal *The Global Cru*



Paride Nardotto
Export Manager,
Tommasi Family Estates
Grapes Unknown



James Nevison
Wine writer, The Province,
HadaGlass
Grapes Unknown



Thomas Price MS
Master Sommelier,
Jackson Family Wines
Blending California-style



Miron Radic General Manager, Liliac – The Wine of Transylvania Grapes Unknown



Jorge Ramos Export Director, Fonseca The Global Cru



Olivier Rivain Export Manager, Joseph Mellot French Terroir Talk



Laurent Sauvage Head Winemaker, Fortant de France Grapes Unknown



Ermes Scardova Export Manager, Medici Ermete Grapes Unknown



Stéphane Schaeffer Brand Ambassador, François Martenot French Terroir Talk



James Sichel
Export Director / Family Member,
Maison Sichel
The Family Spirit



Ray Signorello Proprietor, Signorello Estate Blending California-style



Rob Summers
Executive Winemaker,
Hester Creek Estate Winery
Grapes Unknown



Clovis Taittinger General Manager, Champagne Taittinger The Family Spirit



Cristiana Tiberio Owner / Winemaker, Tiberio Grapes Unknown; Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Sara Triggs
Director of Sales & Marketing / Family
Member, Culmina Family Estate Winery
The Shape of Wine;
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Paul Wagner
Wine educator / wine writer
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses



Ross Wise Winemaker, Black Hills Estate Winery Nota Bene Library Tasting; The Shape of Wine



Antonio Zaccheo, Jr. Owner, Carpineto The Global Cru



Lorenzo Zonin
Brand Ambassador / Family Member,
Zonin1821
Wine 101: Explore Your Senses

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Wine Minglers

A wine tasting where guests 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. Ticket prices shown are inclusive of all wine, food, service charges, and taxes.

Ça, c'est cool

France is in the spotlight at this casual wine party for the cool crowd. We're kicking off the theme country celebration with an evening of light bites, music, and wines that are best served chilled. In addition to bubbles, bright whites, and rosés, you'll discover red wines that will delight your palate when the temperature drops.



The Loft at Earls Yaletown
1095 Mainland

② 8-10 p.m.

♦ \$75

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California Crush

Not your typical wine event! Roving acrobats, a cool DJ, delicious tapas and incredible California wines make this event a standout at VIWF 2020. Come enjoy the bounty of the Golden State at this stylish evening party that shines the spotlight on the unbeatable California lifestyle.

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₩ednesday, February 26
Waterview

2nd floor, 1661 Granville Street

② 8:30-11 p.m.

◆ \$75

Rah, Rah, Rosé!

Our popular Saturday mingler is a rosé reboot in 2020! Savour a selection of perfect pinks from around the world in a walkabout tasting that will show off the many styles of rosé. Enjoy spectacular sips, small bites and DJ tunes against the stunning backdrop of Coal Harbour and the North Shore mountains.

Saturday, February 29

VCC West, Level 3

1055 Canada Place

② 5:15-6:45 p.m.

♦ \$59

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No surprises at checkout! Omakase with Toscana in the **Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge** Delta Air Lines Tasting Lounge A Worthwhile Investment **Festival Toast** Sorelle Bronca Kitchen 5:45-9 p.m. 5:45-9 p.m. 6:30-10 p.m. 5:45-7 p.m. Winery dinners and **VCC** West VCC West 6:30-10 p.m. 6:30-10 p.m. VCC West Brix & Mortar Italian Kitchen Wine & Food Grazing Wine & Food Grazing Minami StayVancouverHotels.com Winery Dinner Wine Minaler Winery Dinner Winery Dinner \$200 \$210 \$145 Invitation & offer only available until \$145 Includes the International Festival Tasting Includes the International Festival Tasting \$225 Page 28 Gold Pass only February 13, 2020. 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Winery 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. Ticket prices shown are inclusive of all wine, food, gratuity, service charges, and taxes.

Black Hills in the Park

Join Black Hills winemaker Ross Wise and Teahouse in Stanley Park Head Chef Adam Meade for a classic Vancouver dining experience. Enjoy a five-course menu from one of Vancouver's most beloved restaurants, imaginatively paired with a selection of Black Hills wines, including BC's original cult wine - Nota Bene from the Black Sage Bench in Oliver.

Monday, February 24

The Teahouse in Stanley Park Ferguson Point. Stanley Park

- 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$175

The King of Madiran

Join winemaker Fabrice Dubosc and chefs Levi Johnston and Thomas Shorthouse of Tableau for an unforgettable evening of icon wines from the Southwest region of France paired with an updated take on traditional Parisian bistro fare.

- Monday, February 24
- Tableau Bar Bistro 1181 Melville Street
- 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225

Viva Lombardy

Enjoy a spectacular four-course Italian meal created by Chef Alessandro Vianello of Pourhouse Restaurant, paired with wines from Avanzi, a family-run winery located by Lake Garda in Lombardy.

- Monday, February 24
- Pourhouse Restaurant 162 Water Street
- 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$175 **(4)**

Born to Rhône

Michel Chapoutier believes wine conveys a sense of sharing with an underlying note or two of conviviality and generosity. It's in this same spirit of hospitality that Executive Chef Andrew Richardson's passion for wood-fired cooking embodies Chapoutier's ideals. Join us for an evening of tradition and modernity.

- Tuesday, February 25
- 0 Elisa 1109 Hamilton Street
- 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225

Burgundy and Beyond

Sip and savour a selection of spectacular wines from Maison Louis Latour, paired with some of the freshest West Coast cuisine BC has to offer from the culinary team at Coast.

- Tuesday, February 25
- Coast 1054 Alberni Street
- 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$175

Winery Dinners



Combinado!

Portugal meets the Pacific Northwest. Explore the wine of Herdade das Servas alongside the innovative nose to tail culinary program of Wildebeest. Employing classic butchery traditions and simple, contemporary techniques, Chef Ian McHale has crafted a menu to highlight the exciting wines of the Alenteio.

- Tuesday, February 25
- 8 Wildebeest 120 West Hastings Street
- 0 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$120

L'Art de Vivre de Languedoc

After discovering his passion for wine in 1975 in the vineyards of Corbières, Gérard Bertrand has been a leader in establishing Languedoc as one of the great wine regions of France. Come taste the treasures of these fine terroirs paired with an exceptional menu from Executive Chef Ned Bell of The Vancouver Club.

Tuesday, February 25

- The Vancouver Club. The Georgian Room 915 West Hastings Street
- ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$175

Michel Gassier @ Hawksworth

Join us for a wine and food journey through the birthplace of one of the most iconic winemakers of Costières de Nîmes. Michel Gassier. This spectacular dinner will feature wines from his Domaine and the progressive Les Halos de Jupiter collaboration, paired with a menu from David Hawksworth's award-winning team.

Tuesday, February 25

- Hawksworth Restaurant. The York Room 801 West Georgia Street ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225

A Taste of Croatia

Explore Croatian wines of the Istrian peninsula, Dalmatian coast, and Adriatic islands from four renowned winemakers. Enjoy rosés unique to Croatia and exceptional wines made from grapes indigenous to Croatia, paired to perfection by Atlas Steak + Fish's James Thomson.

Tuesday, February 25

- Atlas Steak + Fish 4331 Dominion Street
- **②** 6:30-10 p.m.
- **(4)** \$175

Winery Dinners

A Worthwhile Investment

A special evening with Laughing Stock Vineyards wines and Master of Wine, Elsa Macdonald. Elsa will showcase the exemplary portfolio of super-premium, small-production wines in partnership with Chef Chris Bisaro's modern cuisine. This dinner is no laughing matter; enjoy a sophisticated multi-course dinner showcasing the finest of Canadian wine and food.

🗂 Tuesday, February 25

- **♥** Brix & Mortar 1138 Homer Street
- **⊙** 6:30-10 p.m.

Abruzzo Comes Alive

Executive Chef Jonathan Chovancek and his team at Homer St. Cafe and Bar has created a five-course family-style Italian dinner to pair with the wines of Jasci & Marchesani. A highlight of the evening will be two vintage wines from the winemaker's cellar.

Wednesday, February 26

- Homer St. Cafe and Bar 898 Homer Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.

Alsace, Synonymous with Hugel

Join Jean Frédéric Hugel, the 13th generation of Famille Hugel, and Chef & Owner Lee Cooper of L'Abattoir for an evening not to be missed. L'Abattoir's French influenced West Coast fare will pair perfectly with Hugel's distinctly Alsace wines, which have a history dating back to 1639.

Wednesday, February 26

- **∀** L'Abattoir
 217 Carroll Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.
- **♦ \$225**

The Best of BC – Farm to Glass

Join us for an unforgettable evening as Chef Neil Taylor (Homeblock at CedarCreek) and Chef Jason Harper (Honey Salt) take us on a journey through the Okanagan Valley, pairing CedarCreek Estate wines with some of the freshest locally sourced ingredients BC has to offer.

Wednesday, February 26

- ♥ Honey Salt, Parq Vancouver 39 Smithe Street
- ④ 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$145



Winery Dinners

Duckhorn at The Victor

The Duckhorn Portfolio of brands is teaming up with The Victor Steakhouse at the Parq Casino. Duckhorn will feature a few classics along with some new highlights, rare library collection wines, and acclaimed single-vineyard gems, all paired brilliantly by the genius culinary team at The Victor.

Wednesday, February 26

- The Victor, Parq Vancouver 39 Smithe Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.

Jean-Luc Colombo in Provence

The flavours of the South of France and Canada's West Coast meet the historical winemaking of Domaine Jean-Luc Colombo, a pioneer in the revitalization of the Cornas region in Northern Rhône. Join us at Provence Marinaside, where Chef Jean-Francis Quaglia's menu will honour these extraordinary benchmark wines of France's Rhône Vallev.

Wednesday, February 26

- Provence Marinaside
 1177 Marinaside Crescent
- 9 6:30-10 p.m.

L'Instant Taittinger

As a family Champagne House, the philosophy behind Taittinger champagnes is to keep only the best, to remain true to oneself, and to find the unique taste that provides pleasure for just a moment, or for a whole lifetime. Join us at this exquisite dinner to experience Champagne Taittinger at the classically elegant Bacchus Restaurant.

🗎 Wednesday, February 26

- Bacchus Restaurant 845 Hornby Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.
- **\$225**

Omakase with Sorelle Bronca

Live in the moment with sustainable Italian producer Sorelle Bronca, as you journey through its range of award-winning sparkling fine wines paired with an exclusive Omakase dinner at Minami, Yaletown's finest Japanese eatery. You will be accompanied by Proprietor Antonella Bronca and Executive Chef Alan Ferrer for an unforgettable experience.

🗂 Wednesday, February 26

- Minami1118 Mainland Street
- **⊙** 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225

Toscana in the Kitchen

An evening of beautifully prepared Italian food and wines, with stories from the heart of Chianti. Enjoy a spectacular selection of wines from Rocca delle Macíe, perfectly paired by the team at Italian Kitchen.

Wednesday, February 26 Italian Kitchen

- ♥ Italian Kitchen860 Burrard Street
- ② 6:30-10 p.m.

Ventoux Tour de Feast

French and Belgian influences come together to create an evening of fantastic wine and food here in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy wines from Château Pesquié, a family estate located at the foot of the Ventoux Mountain in Rhône, matched with a menu from Chef Nico Schuermans.

🗂 Wednesday, February 26

- *Chambar* 568 Beatty Street
- **④** 6:30-10 p.m.
- \$225

Lively Lunches

These multi-winery food and wine extravaganzas are the perfect way to explore the wine and cuisine of a particular country or region. Ticket prices shown are inclusive of all wine, food, gratuity, service charges, and taxes.

Bon Appétit

Enjoy an unforgettable feast at this walk-around lunch featuring all 42 participating wineries from France. Set against the spectacular backdrop of Coal Harbour and the North Shore mountains, your wine and food journey will take you through 10 French regions, paired with a grazing menu inspired by French cuisine. Bon appétit!

VCC West, Level 3 1055 Canada Place

Saturday, February 29

① 12-2 p.m.

♦ \$125

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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. This 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 the wines of top Italian producers.

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Saturday, February 29 La Terrazza

La Terrazza 1088 Cambie Street

① 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

> \$160 Ticket limit 4 per person

Lively Lunches

Gusto Latinoamericano

A sumptuous sit-down lunch featuring food-friendly wines from Latin America. Enjoy wines from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, matched with a mouth-watering meal from Lift Bar Grill View.

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Saturday, February 29

Lift Bar Grill View
333 Menchions Mews

② 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

♦ \$89

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 top Vancouver chefs. Each kitchen highlights a wine and food pairing, with the chef and winery principal sharing insights on what makes this pairing perfect.

Participating Restaurants / Chefs

Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts – Mark Burton Pan Pacific Hotel – Sean Murray Shangri-La Hotel – Ken Nakano The Vancouver Club – Ned Bell and more!

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and the participating wineries

Saturday, February 29

Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts 101 - 1505 West 2nd Avenue

① 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

◆ \$99

West Coast Rosé Brunch

Celebrate spring early at Prospect Point Stanley Park with an all-pink brunch, featuring rosé wines from BC, Washington, and California. Whether they're sparkling, light and dry, or full-bodied and fruity, rosés make a great match with your favourite brunch dishes. Put a little pink in your lunchtime!

Sponsored by the participating wineries

- Saturday, February 29
- Prospect Point Stanley Park 5601 Stanley Park Drive
- ① 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **> \$89**

Vintners Brunch

Vintners Brunch takes you on a tour of top restaurants and caterers, each one pairing a dish to a specific wine from around the world. Chefs and wine personalities will share the secrets of their wine and food pairing. Professionals from the food and wine industry will be on hand to choose the winner of the annual Judges' Choice Award and you can vote on your favourite pairing for the Peoples' Choice Award. Once your appetite is sated, hit the dance floor to burn off some calories and celebrate the close of festival week.



Sunday, March 1

VCC West, Ballroom D 1055 Canada Place ① 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



♦ \$175

Available by phone or online



Participating Restaurants

Ballyhoo Public House Bauhaus Restaurant Cibo Trattoria D'oro Gelato e Caffè Fanny Bay Oyster Bar Juniper Restaurant & Bar La Salle College Vancouver Lift Bar Grill View Lot 185 Café & Wine Bar Notch8 at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver Old Vines The Restaurant at Quails' Gate Origo Club Showcase Restaurant and Bar Tuc Craft Kitchen Vancouver Convention Centre

Also featuring Arla Foods, San Pellegrino, and Nespresso coffee

Featured Wines

Mezzacorona Mezza di Mezza NV. Trentino. Italy

Segura Viudas Gran Cuvée Reserva DO Cava NV, Penedès, Spain

Culmina Family Estate Winery Unicus (Grüner Veltliner) 2018, Golden Mile Bench, British Columbia Joseph Mellot Sincerete Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Sancerre, France

Quails' Gate Winery Chenin Blanc 2018. Okanagan Valley. British Columbia

Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Prayers of Saints Chardonnay 2018, Columbia Valley, Washington

Louis Jadot Bourgogne Chardonnay 2018, Bourgogne, France

Marqués de Riscal Rosato 2017, Rioja, Spain

Wines of Substance ViNO Rosé 2018, Walla Walla, Washington

Viña Undurraga T.H Pinot Noir 2017, Maipo Valley, Chile

LangeTwins Collection of Family Wines LangeTwins Estate Pinot Noir 2018, Lodi, California

Vicente Faria Wines Gloria Reserva 2017. Douro. Portugal

Tommasi Family Estates Poggio al Tufo Rompicollo 2016, Tuscany, Italy

Les Vins Bonhomme El Grand Bonhomme 2015, Castilla y León, Spain

RED MTN "Dust Up" Cabernet Sauvignon 2016. Red Mountain, Washington

Zonin1821 Castello del Poggio Moscato Frizzante NV. Veneto, Italy

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE 2019



SPIRITED INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL AWARD

DJ Kearney, wine educator & writer

SOMMELIER OF THE YEAR

Matthew Landry, General Manager / Beverage Director, The Stable House Bistro

VINTNERS BRUNCH JUDGES' CHOICE AWARD

Executive Chef David Mueller, Bauhaus Restaurant

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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 that harmonizes with the food. Participating restaurants received careful consideration of their wine program by some of the finest, most professional judges in Western Canada. The 2019 judges were Tom Doughty, DJ Kearney, Martha McAvity, Jain Philip and Jason Yamasaki.

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(Victoria) The Courtney Room (Victoria)

Bronze

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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-to-drink wines, especially from the South. Nevertheless, traditions live on, and wines from Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Champagne, Alsace, the Loire, and the Rhône continue to provide benchmarks for winemakers everywhere. *Indulge yourself at France.fr.*

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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 538,071 acres. 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 Bodega Catena Zapata Bodega Colomé Pascual Toso

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 realize that Oz's premium wines offer outstanding character and sense of place as well as value. For more information about Australian wine regions, explore Wine Australia. net.au.

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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, including wines from new subappellations Golden Bench Mile and Okanagan Falls. Find out more about BC wineries at WineBC.org.

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TIME Winery
Tinhorn Creek Vineyards
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Wineries



Wine lovers already know that Chile offers reliably excellent Cabernet Sauvignon, unique and superb Carmenere, and outstanding examples of Syrah and Pinot Noir. 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.

Viña Carmen Viña Santa Fma Viña Undurraga

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 Wines Korta Katarina Winery Franc Arman Winery Krolo Winery

GFRMANY

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 germanwinecanada.com.

Felsengartenkellerei Schloss Johannisberg / Weinaut Nik Weis -Henkell & Co. Deinhard St. Urhans-Hof

ITALY

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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JAPAN

SAKE

Neither a wine, nor a beer, sake is its own unique expression of delicacy and finesse resulting from masterful skill and craft that is rooted in generations of Japanese tradition. Contemporary sake producers also employ the benefits of science to create a kaleidoscope of sake styles that have taken the gastronomic world by storm. Extremely food-friendly, it pairs well with more than just Japanese food – try it with cuisines from around the world!

Asahi Shuzo Co. (DASSAI) Yoshi no Gawa Saké Co.

🌃 NEW ZEALAND

One of the youngest wine industries in the world, the "can-do" attitude of pioneering winemakers and growers has put New Zealand on the global wine map. Core to their success is the temperate maritime climate: coastal vineyards benefit from long sunshine hours and nights cooled by sea breezes. New Zealand is known for Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, and wines with pure varietal flavours crafted with elegance, structure, and power. Discover more at NZWine.com.

Astrolabe Marisco Vineyards Stoneleigh Vineyards Left Field Wines Oyster Bay Wines

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.

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Wineries

ROMANIA

With 191,000 hectares under vine, Romania is the largest wine producer in Eastern Europe. EU funding since 2007 has resulted in new plantings, investments in winemaking technology, and new premium producers. In addition to international grapes, explore indigenous Romanian grapes such as Fetească albă, and Fetească neagră, white and red grapes that produce dry, aromatic wines.

LacertA

Liliac - The Wine of Transylvania



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 FoodsWinesfromSpainCanada.com.

Les Vins Bonhomme Freixenet

Iberwine Bodegas Juan Gil Bodega Sarmentero Segura Viudas

Hammeken Cellars

Marqués de Riscal Verum Bodegas y Viñedos



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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 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. Oregon Pinot Noir has found considerable success around the world, while winemakers are also getting great results with Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, and Gamay Noir. Washington State's growing conditions are superb: aridity, well-drained soils, and long hours of sunlight. Learn more at DiscoverCaliforniaWines.com; OregonWinegrowers.org; WashingtonWine.org.

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The Vancouver International Wine Festival, Canada's premier food and wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society, which has been the charitable beneficiary since the 2013 festival.

VanWineFest grew from humble roots as a fundraising initiative dreamed up by the late John E. Levine for the former Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company. 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.

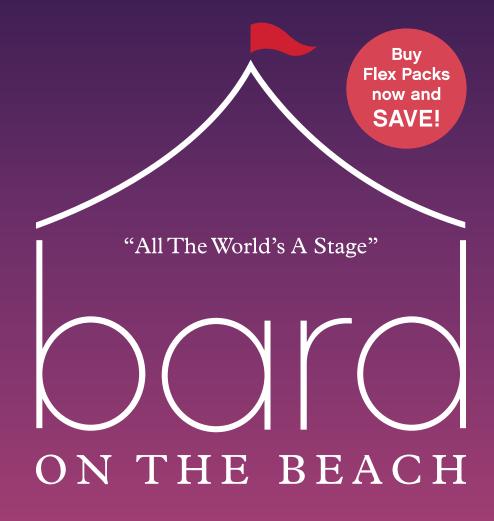
In 1996, VanWineFest began shining the spotlight on specific wine regions or countries by featuring a new area each year, with the French wine region Bordeaux as the inaugural theme. This year, the theme country is France, with 42 wineries coming from France's iconic regions. France was also the theme country in 2006 and 2014.

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 lunches, educational seminars and culinary competitions, wine parties, and a charity wine auction and gala dinner.

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