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The Wine World is Here



# TASTE THE WORLD

## International Festival Tasting

**The Wine World is Here** for the 42nd 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 around the wine world. Begin with a trip to the theme country section, where you can explore 10 iconic French wine regions. Then explore another 120 wineries representing **14 countries**. You can also visit Regional Tasting Stations from **France, Emilia-Romagna, Germany, New Zealand, and South Africa**, and a **#RoséAllDay** station, where you'll get a mini wine tour. The festival is graciously co-hosted by the embassies and consulates of the participating countries.

You can download a PDF of the Tasting Room Program at **VanWineFest.ca** to plan your Tasting Room visit in advance. And see all the remaining events on the **Festival at a Glance**.

- Vancouver Convention Centre**
- Thursday, February 27**
  - 7-10 p.m.
  - \$95 (\$105 day-of)**
- Friday, February 28**
  - 7-10 p.m.
  - \$105 (\$115 day-of)**
- Saturday, February 29**
  - 2:30-5 p.m.
  - SOLD OUT** Limited tickets released day-of for **\$105**
  - 7-10 p.m.
  - SOLD OUT** Limited tickets released day-of for **\$125**



## IT'S A DEAL!

All ticket prices include wine, food (if it is a food event), gratuities, service charges, and taxes. No additional charges.

View the **Festival at a Glance** for up-to-date event availability.

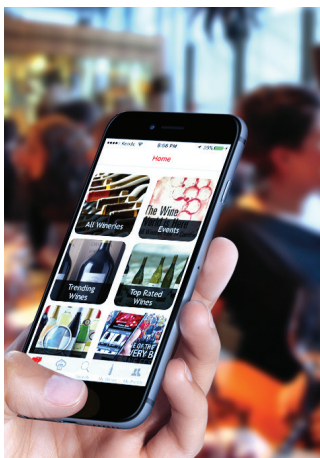
Call: Toll free 1.877.321.3121 | 604.873.3311 (Weekdays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

**VanWineFest.ca** 24/7

## 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. Check out Instagram and Facebook to view the full series of Tasting Tips videos.

- Anthony Gismondi, wine writer, Vancouver Sun, Gismondionwine.com:** Start at the end of the winery list and work your way towards to the France theme section to avoid crowds.
- Jason Yamasaki, JOEY Restaurants group sommelier:** Eat before the show...and drink lots of water during the tastings to stay hydrated.
- Tim Pawsey, wine writer, hiredBelly.com:** Make a plan and stick with it.
- Justin Hall, Nk'Mip Cellars winemaker:** Wear dark clothing. White shirts and red wine don't mix.
- Harry Hertscheg, VIWF executive director:** Visit a table from each country to get a sense of the wine world while navigating the room. Visit tables without line-ups and spend more time discovering new wines.
- A veteran wine taster:** Wear comfortable shoes. Your feet will thank you.
- Lorenzo Gucci, Altesino export manager:** Go easy on the fragrance. It will help your sensory enjoyment of the wine.
- Richard Carras, Authentic Wine & Spirits president:** Talk to the people with blue lanyards. They're the actual producers and they know everything about their wines.
- Brian Lynn, Majella Wines owner:** Sip, spit. Easy as that.
- Kelly Snider, VIWF gala manager:** Visit the onsite BC Liquor Store early to make your purchases. Go to two sessions and buy on your second trip.



## 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.



## VINE STARS SHINE AT SEMINARS

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the world of wine at our dynamic wine seminars. Our wine experts will guide you through the tasting, while our panels of vine stars will share the inside scoop about their star wines.

All seminars take place from 5:15-6:45 p.m. at the Vancouver Convention Centre—perfect timing to upgrade your #VIWF experience. Enjoy a seminar before or after an International Festival Tasting.

### Blending California-style

- Thursday, February 27**
- \$85**

DJ Kearney guides a panel of Golden State vine stars in an exploration of California's brilliant and bold Bordeaux and Rhone-style blends.



### Wine 101: Explore Your Senses

- Thursday, February 27**
- \$70**

Wine narrator Paul Wagner is back to lead a sensory-focused journey around the wine world.

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### Grapes Unknown

- Friday, February 28**
- \$70**

James Nevison takes a panel of vine stars through an exploration of grapes hard to spell, but easy to enjoy.

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### The Global Cru

- Saturday, February 29**
- \$100**

Evan Goldstein MS and Sara D'Amato guide a global journey through some of the wine world's greatest vineyards.

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