



VanWineFest  
22–30 April 2023



# Celebrate South America!

For the first time ever, the Vancouver International Wine Festival is featuring an entire continent as its theme region. The spotlight shines on the wines of **South America** this April, with **44 wineries** representing four countries – **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay** – participating in a variety of special events throughout festival week.



The festival welcomes noted South American wine expert, **Evan Goldstein MS** as this year's keynote speaker. One of just 269 Master Sommeliers worldwide, Goldstein has authored four books, and co-authored several more, and recently became the first-ever sommelier for a professional sports team, the San Francisco Giants. Evan will give the address at the *Keynote Speaker Lunch* on Wednesday, April 26, as well as moderate the seminars, *Southern Exposure* and *La Crema de la Crema*.



Wine writer **Patricio Tapia** is also travelling to Vancouver to share his expertise with festivalgoers. During his more than 25-year career, he has written numerous books and has contributed to magazines such as *Decanter*, *Wine & Spirits*, and *The World of Fine Wines* among many others. He will co-moderate the trade-only seminar, *A Tale of Two Terroirs*.

Several South American winery dinners have already sold out, but there are still great events available, including three dinners, a casual midweek wine mingler, a blockbuster wine seminar, and the spectacular *Sabor Sudamericano* lunch, on closing weekend, with wines from all South American wineries to sip.

## International Festival Tasting Room

This year, the Tasting Room features a South American section, with all 44 wineries grouped together next to the onsite BCLIQUOR store, as well as a South American regional tasting station, where you can also discover a wine from Bolivia and Peru.

- 📅 Thursday, April 27– Saturday, April 29
- 📍 VCC East
- 💰 **\$115–\$135**

## Making a Chilean Icon – Montes

Montes is one of Chile's most celebrated and iconic producers. Enjoy a selection of elevated wines matched with equally lofty dishes from Alouette Bistro. This is a rare opportunity to taste Montes' peak wines, with an exclusive chance to taste something brand new to Canada.

- 📅 Tuesday, April 25
- 🕒 6:30–10 p.m.
- 📍 Alouette Bistro
- 💰 **\$175**

## Fiesta del Vino

Both festival themes – wines from South America and sparkling wines from around the world – take centre stage at this wine party. Enjoy a selection of wines from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay, plus bubbles from North America and Europe, accompanied by Latin American themed music and light bites.

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- 📅 Tuesday, April 25
- 🕒 7–9 p.m.
- 📍 The Loft at Earls Yaletown
- 💰 **\$69**

## Best of Uruguay: Bodega Garzón

Explore Bodega Garzón's award-winning wines with Enologist Mele Sosa. Discover the Southern hemisphere's best kept secret as you savour some of the most distinctive wines of Uruguay. Each pairing has been thoughtfully curated by Hydra to amaze guests.

- 📅 Wednesday, April 26
- 🕒 6:30–10 p.m.
- 📍 Hydra Estiatorio Mediterranean Cafe & Wine Bar
- 💰 **\$175**

## Southern Exposure

Led by Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein, this seminar explores both the rich history and the modern innovation and renaissance of *criolla* classics shaping the contemporary identity of this diverse and seminal eno-titan.

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- 📅 Thursday, April 27
- 🕒 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- 📍 VCC East
- 💰 **\$55**
- TRADE ONLY**

## A Tale of Two Terroirs

Argentine and Chilean viticulture have been defined by the influence of two great forces of nature: the Andes in Argentina; and the cold Pacific winds in Chile. Explore how this influences the flavours and character of these countries' wines.

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- 📅 Friday, April 28
- 🕒 9:30–11:15 a.m.
- 📍 VCC East
- 💰 **\$45**
- TRADE ONLY**

## Celebrating Excellence: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Lunch Featuring South America

Exciting wines from South America that would shine on any well-respected wine list set the stage for the annual awards ceremony, honouring individuals and companies who have made a mark in the community.

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- 📅 Friday, April 28
- 🕒 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
- 📍 VCC East
- 💰 **\$99**
- TRADE ONLY**

## Sabor Sudamericano

All participating South American wineries will gather for a grazing lunch that celebrates their wine and food culture, set against the stunning North Shore backdrop. Enjoy wines from 44 different wineries at this continental culinary and wine journey.

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- 📅 Saturday, April 29
- 🕒 12–2 p.m.
- 📍 VCC West
- 💰 **\$119**

## La Crema de la Crema

Discover South America's wow factor through the prism of some of the continent's most exceptional wines. From Argentina to Chile, Brazil to Uruguay, enjoy *la crema de la crema*. Explore these southern gems with Anthony Gismondi, Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein, and the participating vine stars.

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- 📅 Saturday, April 29
- 🕒 5:15–6:45 p.m.
- 📍 VCC East
- 💰 **\$75**



## Tickets

**VanWineFest.ca**

**604.873.3311 / 1.877.321.3121**  
Monday–Friday,  
9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### Questions?

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