

Feb 24 – Mar 3, 2024

Taste the World



International Festival Tasting

The Wine World is Here for the 45th Vancouver International Wine Festival, and you can discover it for yourself at the International Festival Tastings. A tour of the Tasting Room lets you sample ~800 wines from 12 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 events with tickets available on the Festival at a Glance. Our festival app is also a useful tool to browse the Tasting Room wines and make notes.

- 📅 Thursday, February 29
 - 🕒 7-10 p.m.
 - 💰 \$115 all-in
 - 📅 Friday, March 1
 - 🕒 7-10 p.m.
 - 💰 \$125 all-in
 - 📅 Saturday, March 2
 - 🕒 2:30-5 p.m.
 - 💰 \$125 all-in
 - 📅 Saturday, March 2
 - 🕒 7-10 p.m.
 - 💰 \$135 all-in
- 📍 Vancouver Convention Centre West
1055 Canada Place



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 see more tips from festival insiders.

- Have a plan – take a moment to look through the Tasting Room Program or app and mark your must-tastes.
- Be international – try a wine from all 12 countries and all 13 regions represented in the theme country, Italy.
- Take a focused wine journey – visit one of the tasting stations featuring wines from California, Italy, New Zealand, and sparkling wines from around the world.
- Try something new – you could find your next go-to wine. Or take some comfort in an old favourite.
- Save your top sips – make notes in the Tasting Room Program, give the wine a star on the festival app, or take a picture for a visual shopping list. You'll want to remember what you liked later!
- Look for the blue lanyards – those are top winery personalities, our #VineStars, here to share their wines and stories with you.
- Share the space – step away from the table once you've had your taste and asked your questions.
- Sip, Spit – you don't have to finish every sample; use the rinse stations. Save your palate for the rest of the session!
- Cleanse your palate – enjoy small bites and treats and non-alcoholic hot and cold beverages at our food exhibitors.
- Shop often – pick up your favourite wines in the on-site BCLIQUOR store before they sell out – you can check your purchases and return to the room, then have them delivered to your local store.
- Don't wine and drive – pick up a complimentary transit ticket at the Get Home Safe Booth in the BCLIQUOR store.

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.
By Phone: 604.873.3311 | Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Online: VanWineFest.ca 24/7
Questions? boxoffice@vanwinefest.ca



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 afternoon 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.



Golden State Vineyard Visions

An exclusive Master Class exploring eight sustainably crafted, single-vineyard selections, carefully chosen to express the terroir they hail from. Experience wines that resonate with the land they're rooted in, offering a vivid taste of the Golden State's diverse climates and soils.

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- 📅 Friday, March 1
- 📍 Vancouver Convention Centre West
1055 Canada Place
- 🕒 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- 💰 \$55 all-in

The Global Cru

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.

- 📅 Saturday, March 2
- 📍 Vancouver Convention Centre West
1055 Canada Place
- 🕒 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- 💰 \$95 all-in

Trade-Only Seminars

The following seminars at VCC are available to professionals in the hospitality and food & beverage industries.

Italy Reimagined

- 📅 Thursday, February 29
- 🕒 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 💰 \$55 all-in

Italy's Lightness of Being

- 📅 Friday, March 1
- 🕒 9:30-11:15 a.m.
- 💰 \$45 all-in

Napa Valley: Cabernet Takes Root

- 📅 Friday, March 1
- 🕒 9:30-11:15 a.m.
- 💰 \$45 all-in

Sustainable Future of BC Wine

- 📅 Friday, March 1
- 🕒 9:30-11:15 a.m.
- 💰 \$45 all-in

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