

Feb 24 – Mar 3, 2024

Discover Italy!



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Learn more about the storied wines of Italy at the 45th annual Vancouver International Wine Festival, featuring 71 wineries from 13 different regions. All Italian wineries will be showcased in a special section of the **Tasting Room**, as well as at the spectacular Saturday lunch, **La Dolce Vita**. Festival week will include 22 Italian-themed events in all. Many are already sold out, but there are still excellent opportunities to explore the myriad facets of Italian wine, food and culture.

Visit VanWineFest.ca to use our interactive **Festival at a Glance** to learn more about all festival events or browse our online **Festival Brochure**.

International Festival Tasting Room

Discover all 71 Italian wineries in a multi-region exploration of Europe's magical boot. Get tips from wine experts on your tasting journey at the Italian tasting station.

- 📅 **Thursday, February 29, 7-10 p.m.**
- 📅 **Friday, March 1, 7-10 p.m.**
- 📅 **Saturday, March 2, 2:30-5 p.m. & 7-10 p.m.**
- 📍 VCC West, Ballroom C
- 🎫 **\$115-\$135**

Discover delle Venezie DOC

Get your gang together and discover premium Italian Pinot Grigios from the delle Venezie DOC at this *aperitivo* hour walk-about tasting.

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- 📅 **Tuesday, February 27**
 - 📍 The Loft at Earls Yaletown
 - 🕒 6-8 p.m.
 - 🎫 **\$69**
 - Wine Mingler

TRADE DAYS EVENTS

The following Italian events are only available to members of the hospitality or food & beverage industries:

Italy Reimagined

Discover the rich history, the modern innovation, and renaissance of Italian classic wines.

- 📅 **Thursday, February 29**
- 📍 VCC West
- 🕒 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 🎫 **\$55**

Gusto d'Italia

Enjoy an exquisite dinner at La Piazza Dario at IL Centro matched with the wines of Medici Ermete and Montesor.

- 📅 **Wednesday, February 28**
- 📍 La Piazza Dario Ristorante Italiano
- 🕒 6:30-10 p.m.
- 🎫 **\$175**
- Winery Dinner

Life's a Masquerade

Delectable, creative dishes are impeccably paired with Vinicola Botter and Zaccagnini wines at The One Sixty in Port Moody.

- 📅 **Wednesday, February 28**
- 📍 The One Sixty Wine Bar & Café
- 🕒 6:30-10 p.m.
- 🎫 **\$145**
- Winery Dinner

Italy's Lightness of Being

Explore appetite-inducing bubbles, textured whites, and a seriously cheerful pink, along with some remarkably agile reds.

- 📅 **Friday, March 1**
- 📍 VCC West
- 🕒 9:30-11:15 a.m.
- 🎫 **\$45**

Challenge of the Red Titans

Learn how the big Italian blockbusters are reshaping themselves towards a more lyrical and uplifted style.

- 📅 **Friday, March 1**
- 📍 VCC West
- 🕒 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- 🎫 **\$95**
- Wine Seminar

La Dolce Vita GOING FAST

A spectacular Saturday grazing lunch featuring all 71 Italian wineries set against the stunning North Shore backdrop.

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- 📅 **Saturday, March 2**
- 📍 VCC West
- 🕒 12-2 p.m.
- 🎫 **\$135**
- Grazing Lunch

Celebrating Excellence: 20th Annual Awards Lunch Featuring Italy

Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch matched with top Italian wines, while cheering on the 2024 award winners.

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- 📅 **Friday, March 1**
- 📍 VCC East
- 🕒 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
- 🎫 **\$109**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FILIPPO BARTOLOTTA

To help festivalgoers navigate the complex world of Italian wine, the festival is pleased to welcome wine journalist and educator, Filippo Bartolotta, as this year's keynote speaker.

Filippo Bartolotta writes and tastes for *Decanter Magazine* and is the correspondent on Italian wines for *The Drinks Business*. He's authored three books and co-authored several more, but his main occupation is to entertain press, trade members, and wine lovers through his cultural and fun wine seminars. Filippo will moderate three seminars during festival week and present the keynote talk at **Rethinking Food & Wine Pairing** on Wednesday, February 28.

How to Buy Tickets

By Phone: 604.873.3311
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Online: VanWineFest.ca 24/7

Full event details available online – scan to check out the online Festival Brochure.



It's a deal! All prices are inclusive of wine, food (where applicable), gratuities, service charges, and taxes. No surprises at checkout!

No Minors. 19 years or older only.

Turn your Tasting into a Weekend Trip

When you book a stay with one of 43 downtown member hotels via StayVancouverHotels.com, you'll get a FREE ticket to your choice of one of four International Festival Tastings on February 29-March 2. Tickets are limited. The offer is available until February 15.

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