

May 2016 Virginia Wine Events

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May 1: Chocolate Loves Cider

Blue Bee Cider (Richmond)

A unique pairing experience featuring locally made Blue Bee cider and John Gearharts handcrafted chocolates. Reservations in advance.

www.bluebeecider.com

May 1: Library Tasting

Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)

Past vintages of Gray Ghost in the wine library with the owners and winemakers. Limited number of each wine available for sale.

www.grayghostvineyards.com



May 1: Spring Kite Day

868 Estate (Purcellville)

Fly a kite on the 868 feet high hill. Limited number of kites will be given away. Pizzas and wine tasting in tasting room or full lunch from The 868 Grill.

www.868estatevineyards.com

May 1: Wine Pairing Dinner

Democracy Vineyards (Lovington)

Three course menu by Mouth Wide Open from Charlottesville. Includes Crab Cake, Ribeye Cutlet and Bananas Foster, each paired with special wine. Reservations.

www.democracyvineyards.com

May 7: Release of the Gewurztraminer

Afton Mountain Vineyards (Afton)

This delicious, wonderful wine has been sold out since last September. Now released just in time for warm weather.

www.aftonmountainvineyards.com

May 7: Weekend Plant Sale

DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)

Mother's Day Weekend will feature plants from Madison Garden Club and the soulful music of Erin Lunsford on the patio.

www.ducardvineyards.com



May 7: A Taste of New Kent

New Kent Winery (New Kent)

On the beautiful grounds of New Kent Winery with 14 Virginia wineries, live music, food vendors, arts and crafts, carriage rides and more.

www.ATasteofNewKent.com

May 7: Kentucky Derby

Winery at Kindred Pointe

The 142nd running of the Derby on the big screen. Music by Randy Black entertainment before race time around 6:30.

www.kindredpointe.com

May 7: Wine and Food Pairing Program

DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)

New. Unique gourmet food and wine program for couples and small groups on selected Saturdays and Sundays in the winery or private events room.

www.ducardvineyards.com/barrelroomreservation.html



May 7-8: Montpelier Spring Wine Festival
1130 Constitution Hwy (Montpelier Station)

Annual festival on the spectacular grounds of President Madison's Montpelier. Tastings by Virginia wineries, specialty foods and vendors, live music, wagon rides and hat contest.

www.montpelier.org

May 7-8: MOM for Mom

Narmada Winery (Amissville)

Complimentary tastings and roses for Moms all weekend, along with food pairings and live music. MOM, the signature wine, is a great Mother's Day gift.

www.narmadawinery.com

May 8: French Crepe Day

DelFosse Vineyards & Winery (Faber)

Select from menu of savory and sweet crepes and wine by the glass or bottle, all available for purchase. Let them know you're coming.

www.delfossewine.com



May 8 is Mother's Day!

Many Virginia Wineries have events to celebrate this special day. Check with your favorite winery to see what they have planned.

May 8: Pastry, Mimosa and Sparkling Bar

Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton)

Celebrate Mother's Day in Paradise with various pastry assortments as well as mimosas and sparkling wine available by the glass. Starts at 11 until supplies last.

www.paradisesspringswinery.com

May 13-14: Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour

Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens (Mount Vernon)

Celebrating the history of Virginia wine. Candlelit tours of the Mansion, including rarely-open basement. Live music on the lawn and tastings from 16 wineries.

www.MountVernon.org



May 14: Doswell Food & Wine Festival

Castle Glen Estates Winery (Doswell)

A day of fun for the whole family, including pets. Wine tastings, live music, 35+ vendors, pet adoptions. Bring your lawn chairs.

www.castleglenwine.com

May 14: Dog Day at Breaux

Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville)

Bring your four legged friends for a day of fun with wine tastings, live music and doggie based vendors and local crafters. Food available from Crandale Farms.

www.breauxvineyards.com



Central Virginia
WINE FESTIVAL

May 14: Central Virginia Wine Festival

Innsbrook Pavilion (Glen Allen)

Twelve wineries, 30+ specialty vendors, live music, food. Also

non-alcoholic beverages concessions. Fund raiser for Virginia Tech scholarship fund.

www.CVAWineFest.com

May 14: Spring Planting of the Grapes

Wisteria Farm and Vineyards (Stanley)

See how the whole wine making process starts as you join in planting the new vines. Volunteers receive free wine tasting.

www.wisteriavineyard.com



May 14: Wine Trail of Botetourt County Concert Series

Fincastle Vineyard & Winery (Fincastle)

First in summer series, presenting traditional music of Scotland, Ireland and Wales. spanning 800 years of musical tradition. Local wines available along with breathtaking views. Bring chairs and blankets for this outdoor 6:00 pm concert.

www.fincastlewine.com

May 15: UNCORKED: Virginia Winery Bus Tour

Multiple Locations

Spend the day tasting Virginia wines while someone else does the driving. Visit Gauthier, New Kent and Saude Creek Vineyards.

www.ThePackTravelClub.com

May 15: Wine and Food Pairing Program

DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)

New. Unique and elegant gourmet food and wine program for couples and small groups on selected Saturdays and Sundays in the winery or private events room.

www.ducardvineyards.com



May 15: Yappy Hours

Keswick Vineyards (Keswick)

Every Sunday through October, winery hosts local animal shelters with dogs needing homes. Your own dog can run free in the new dog park while you enjoy your wine.

www.keswickvineyards.com

May 21: Experience Virginia

James River Cellars (Glen Allen)

Third annual featuring James River wines and local breweries, cideries and meaderies. Craft vendors and live music.

www.jamesrivercellars.com



May 21: Lucy's Weekend

Cooper Vineyards (Louisa)

Annual benefit for Richmond SPCA is a time honored rite of spring. Wine tastings, food trucks, live music, pet adoptions, craft and pet vendors. Picnics and leashed pets welcome. Bring lawn chairs.

www.coopervineyards.com

May 21: Meritage Blending Class

Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton)

Participants have opportunity to create and taste their own Meritage blends and take home of bottle of their personally blended Meritage blend. Reservations.

www.paradisep Springswinery.com

May 21: Hammerstock

Grayhaven Winery (Gum Spring)

Blacksmithing and wine tasting event includes demonstrators, live music, arts and crafters, vendors, wine tasting and food. To benefit Banton-Smith Center.

www.hammerstock.org



May 21: Virginia Wine & Craft Festival

Downtown Front Royal

Wine tasting from 20+ of the best Virginia wineries. Over 100 artisans and crafters, regional and restaurant foods, and live entertainment to please every taste. Rides, games and face painting for the kids.

www.wineandcraftfestival.com

May 21: Three Rivers Wine Festival

West Point Town Square

Visit the sights and sounds of beautiful downtown West Point. Enjoy specialty food, 10+ wineries, craft artisans, music and fun activities.

www.wpvfr.com

May 21-22: Greys and Grapes

868 Estate Vineyards (Purcellville)

Over 1000 rescue greyhounds and their wine loving owners will participate. Meet and learn about these beautiful dogs and enjoy dog-related goodies.

www.868estatevineyards.com

May 22: Uncork and Color

Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)

Enjoy the wine while taking painting class with artist Julie Taylor. Advance registration at www.uncorkandcolor.com.

www.threefoxvineyards.com



May 28: Valleyfest Beer and Wine Festival

Massanutten Resort (Massanutten)

Spend Memorial Day weekend sampling regional wines, craft and microbrews, live music, delicious food and browsing wares of quality artisans and crafters.

www.valleyfestbeerandwine.com

May 28: Annual Jazz and Blues Festival

Blue Ridge Vineyard (Eagle Rock)

Relax, unwind, refresh and renew in this beautiful setting. Wine, music and a view less than an hour from everywhere.

www.blueridgevineyard.com

May 28: Spring Art & Wine Festival

Wilderness Run Vineyards (Spotsylvania)

Along with wonderful art throughout the farm, there will be live music all day long, outdoor cigar lounge, silent auction, food trucks and wine tasting.

www.wildernessrunvineyards.com

May 29: The Winemaker's Dinner

Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)

Multi-course meal prepared by the Chef and paired with the ideal wine. Learn all about good food and good wine and why they go so well together. Reservations.

www.thedogs.com



May 29: Vino Dog Celebration

Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)

Join Posh, the wine-loving and lovable Westie, in partying with like-minded canines and their owners. Games and competitions and good wine. Sibby's BQ for purchase.

www.threefoxvineyards.com

About Events: *As our information comes from many sources, we recommend you verify dates and times, as well as costs and reservations that may be required. (We are not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate information.)*

If you would like to submit an event, send details (what, where and when, as well as contact information) to info@vawinelover.com no later than the 10th of the month prior to the event.