

## Springtime Wine Events Across Virginia

May 2015



### May 1: Library Tasting

*Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)*

Taste three or four sold out vintages of red wine in the wine library, current release wine tasting and light hors d'oeuvres. Reservations recommended.

[www.grayghostvineyards.com](http://www.grayghostvineyards.com)

### May 2: Blacksburg Fork and Cork

*VA Tech Corporate Research Center (Blacksburg)*

Food, wine and art festival featuring 20+ wineries, culinary delights, cooking demonstrations, local artists and live music.

[www.blacksburgforkandcork.com](http://www.blacksburgforkandcork.com)



### May 2: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

A date of great importance in Mexico when the French were defeated at the Battle of Puebla which represents a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism.

*Bogati Bodega & Vineyards (Round Hill)* [www.bogatibodega.com](http://www.bogatibodega.com)

*Rebec Vineyards (Amherst)* [www.rebecwinery.com](http://www.rebecwinery.com)

*North Gate Vineyard (Purcellville)* [www.northgatevineyard.com](http://www.northgatevineyard.com)

### May 2: Eats & Beats

*Keswick Vineyards (Charlottesville)*

Outdoor music series continues every Saturday through June 27. Soulful and rhythmic singer Michael Coleman and Blackjack Soul food truck.

[www.keswickvineyards.com](http://www.keswickvineyards.com)

### May 2-3: Estate Celebration

*Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)*

Marking 11 years of serving great estate vintages. On Sunday, Blessing of the Vines by Rev. Murphy of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Middleburg.

[www.threefoxvineyards.com](http://www.threefoxvineyards.com)

### May 2-3: National Harbor Wine & Food Festival

*National Harbor on the Potomac*

Rich flavors, simple pleasures and stylish tastes in a perfect waterfront setting. It's a world class culinary and wine event for foodies and lovers of wine and spirits.

<http://www.nationalharbor.com/event/wine-food-festival/>



### May 2-3: Montpelier Spring Wine Festival

*11407 Constitution Hwy (Montpelier Station)*

Held on the spectacular grounds of Montpelier. Tastings from 24 wineries, distinctive arts and crafts, food vendors and live music. Hat and Kite contests and demos by Wings over Washington Kite Club.

[www.montpelierwinefestival.com](http://www.montpelierwinefestival.com)

### May 3: Wine & Chocolate Pairing

*Virginia Mountain Vineyards (Fincastle)*

Craving wine and chocolate? Learn how to pair these decadent treats. Reservations required.

[www.vmvines.com](http://www.vmvines.com)

**May 3: Cooking Class**

*First Colony Winery (Charlottesville)*

Interactive class by guest chef from C'ville Wine & Culinary on the relationship of food and wine. Prepare 3-course meal paired with FC wines. Reservations.

[www.firstcolonywinery.com](http://www.firstcolonywinery.com)

**May 3: Spring Kite Day**

*868 Estate (Purcellville)*

Enjoy the steady breeze from the hillside, perfect for kite flying. Flatbread pizzas and wine tasting or lunch at the grill.

[www.868estatevineyards.com](http://www.868estatevineyards.com)

**May 4: Mountain Cove Music Festival**

*Mountain Cove Vineyards (Lovingston)*

Music throughout the day. Wine by the glass or bottle and food by Mouth Wide Open. Bring chairs and blankets.

[www.mountaincovevineyards.com](http://www.mountaincovevineyards.com)

**May 9: Central Virginia Wine Festival**

*Innsbrook Pavilion (Glen Allen)*

Ten wineries, 30+ specialty vendors, live music, food and non-alcoholic beverages concessions. Fund raiser for Virginia Tech scholarship fund.

[www.cvawinefest.com](http://www.cvawinefest.com)

**May 9: Dog Day at Breaux**

*Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville)*

Bring your four legged friends for a day of fun with wine tastings, live music and gourmet hot dogs. Contests and treats for the pups. Doggie vendors and crafters.

[www.breauxvineyards.com](http://www.breauxvineyards.com)

**May 9: Reserve Blending Class**

*Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)*

You will be guided through the fine nuances of Bordeaux blended wines and experience the final blend. Advance reservations.

[www.grayghostvineyards.com](http://www.grayghostvineyards.com)

**May 9: 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](http://www.ATasteofNewKent.com)

**May 9: Art & Wine Festival**

*Wilderness Run Vineyards (Spotsylvania)*

Wine and music and the art of some of area's best artists. Bring picnic blankets and enjoy the day.

[www.wildernessrunvineyards.com](http://www.wildernessrunvineyards.com)

**May 9: Bud Break Festival**

*Stanburn Winery (Stuart)*

Live music beginning at 12:30, food and tastings and inflatables for the kids.

[www.stanburnwinery.com](http://www.stanburnwinery.com)



#### **May 10: It's Mother's Day!**

**Check out the special events just for Mom at these wineries....**

Bogati Bodega & Vineyard (Round Hill) [www.bogatibodega.com](http://www.bogatibodega.com)

Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville) [www.breauxvineyards.com](http://www.breauxvineyards.com)

Cardinal Point (Afton) [www.cardinalpointwinery.com](http://www.cardinalpointwinery.com)

CrossKeys Vineyards (Mt. Crawford) [www.crosskeysvineyards.com](http://www.crosskeysvineyards.com)

Doukenie Winery (Purcellville) [www.doukeniewinery.com](http://www.doukeniewinery.com)

DuCard Winery (Etlan) [www.ducardwinery.com](http://www.ducardwinery.com)

868 Estate Vineyards (Purcellville) [www.868estatevineyards.com](http://www.868estatevineyards.com)

Fox Meadow Winery (Linden) [www.foxmeadowwinery.com](http://www.foxmeadowwinery.com)

Gray Ghost (Amissville) [www.grayghostvineyards.com](http://www.grayghostvineyards.com)

Miracle Valley Vineyard (Delaplane) [www.miraclevalleyvineyard.com](http://www.miraclevalleyvineyard.com)

Narmada Winery (Amissville) [www.narmadawinery.com](http://www.narmadawinery.com)

North Gate Vineyard (Purcellville) [www.northgatevineyard.com](http://www.northgatevineyard.com)

Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton) [www.paradisep Springswinery.com](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com)

Philip Carter Winery (Hume) [www.pcwinery.com](http://www.pcwinery.com)

Prince Michel Vineyard (Leon) [www.princemichel.com](http://www.princemichel.com)

Trump Winery (Charlottesville) [www.trumpwinery.com](http://www.trumpwinery.com)

Two Twisted Posts Winery (Purcellville) [www.twistedposts.com](http://www.twistedposts.com)

Veramar Vineyard (Berryville) [www.veramar.com](http://www.veramar.com)

Veritas Vineyards & Winery (Afton) [www.veritaswines.com](http://www.veritaswines.com)



#### **May 10: French Crepe Day**

*DelFosse Vineyards and Winery (Faber)*

Select from menu of savory and sweet crepes. Wine by the glass or bottle available. Let them know you're coming.

[www.delfossewine.com](http://www.delfossewine.com)

**May 10: Band Fair**

*Cardinal Point Vineyards (Afton)*

Afternoon of music and activities to benefit North Branch School. Child friendly, live music, cakewalk and silent auction.

[www.cardinalpointwinery.com](http://www.cardinalpointwinery.com)

**May 15: Cigar Bar and Swagger Friday**

*Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton)*

Cigar bar on the front patio along with Swagger, fortified port style wine. Complimentary tasting with every cigar or Swagger clothing purchase.

[www.paradisep Springswinery.com](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com)

**May 16: Virginia Wine & Craft Festival**

*Main & Chester Steets (Downtown Front Royal)*

Wine tastings from 20+ of the best of Virginia wineries. Over 100 East Coast artisans and crafters and variety of regional foods. Children's activities.

[www.wineandcraftfestival.com](http://www.wineandcraftfestival.com)

**May 16: Wine & Cheese Pairing**

*Ingleside Vineyards (Oak Grove)*

Interactive, educational class with gourmet cheese paired with Ingleside wines. Learn from knowledgeable cheese purveyor. Reservations.

[www.inglesidevineyards.com](http://www.inglesidevineyards.com)

**May 16: The Virginia Wine Fest**

*Philip Carter Winery (Hume)*

A celebration of spring featuring live performers and a "Locavore Market" with locally produced products. Hay rides, barrel riding and cornhole.

[www.pcwinery.com](http://www.pcwinery.com)

**May 16: Mimi's Run 5K**

*Trump Winery (Charlottesville)*

The run is a scenic path through rolling vineyards hills, not too difficult and children are welcome. Supports UVA Heart & Vascular Center. Register early.

[www.raceit.com/Register](http://www.raceit.com/Register)

**May 16: Wineappalooza**

*DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)*

Annual wine, food, crafts and just all around fun festival. Music by Local Vocals and Scuffletown. Pets and families welcome.

[www.ducardvineyards.com](http://www.ducardvineyards.com)

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**May 16: Spring Music Concert**

*Doukénie Winery (Hillsboro)*

Bring your chairs and blankets and listen to the music of A Little Bit of Blues and Gary Smallwood. Food by local vendors; wine sold during event.

[www.doukeniewinery.com](http://www.doukeniewinery.com)

**May 16: Hammerstock**

*Grayhaven Winery (Gum Spring)*

A unique festival dedicated to blacksmithing and wine tasting. Demonstrations on traditional and modern metalwork, live music, arts and crafts and food vendors.

[www.hammerstock.org](http://www.hammerstock.org)

**May 16-17: Annual Hottest Cool Jazz Festival**

*Chrysalis Vineyards (Middleburg)*

Showcasing local musician and plenty of vendors to please the crowd. Gates open at 10 am.

[www.chrysaliswine.com](http://www.chrysaliswine.com)

**May 17: Annual Barrel Tasting**

*Virginia Mountain Vineyards (Fincastle)*

Awaken your taste buds and enjoy a sampling of new wine vintages from the barrel. Visit the winery then enjoy a picnic with a bottle of your favorite wine.

[www.vmvines.com](http://www.vmvines.com)

**May 23: Valley Fest**

*Massanutten Resort (Massanutten)*

Shenandoah Valley Beer & Wine Festival will celebrate the holiday weekend with wine and microbrew tastings, music and dancing, food sampling and unique crafts.

[www.valleyfestbeerandwine.com](http://www.valleyfestbeerandwine.com)

**May 23: Lobster Main**

*Otium Cellars (Purcellville)*

Enjoy fine wine, fresh steamed Main Lobster, lobster rolls and lobster bisque. Live music. Reservations not required.

[www.otiumcellars.com](http://www.otiumcellars.com)

**May 23: 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](http://www.wisteriavineyard.com)

**May 24: French Crepe Day**

*DelFosse Vineyards and Winery (Faber)*

Select from menu of savory and sweet crepes. Wine by the glass or bottle available. Let them know you're coming.

[www.delfossewine.com](http://www.delfossewine.com)

**May 25: Virginia Beer & Wine Festival**

*Daleville Town Center (Daleville)*

Over 20 breweries, 7 wineries and a cidery gather for the tasting event of the year. Live music, kid's area and local food trucks.

[www.dalevilletowncenter.com](http://www.dalevilletowncenter.com)

**May 24: 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](http://www.thedogs.com)

**May 28: Wine Bootcamp**

*Wine Loves Chocolate (Charlottesville)*

All about wine in plain English. Learn how to taste, choose the perfect bottle and pair wine with food, why we drink some wines when they're young and when they're old.

[www.wineloveschocolate.com/wineclass.htm](http://www.wineloveschocolate.com/wineclass.htm)

**May 29: Sipping Under the Stars**

*Potomac Point Vineyard & Winery (Stafford)*

Begin with dinner from Le Grand Cru Bistro in a Tuscan venue. Then watch the sunset and make your way to the vineyard for a feature film.

[www.potomacpointwinery.com](http://www.potomacpointwinery.com)

**May 30: James River Wine & Music Festival**

*City Stadium (Lynchburg)*

Best Festival of the Year returns to Lynchburg. Featuring 14 premiere Virginia wineries and a craft brewery. Music by Left Hip Pocket, Apple Butter Soul and Major and the Monbats. Food trucks, craft and retail vendors.

[www.vawinelover.com](http://www.vawinelover.com)

**May 30: Wine Country Half Marathon**

*Doukénie Winery (Hillsboro)*

Race begins and ends at Doukénie and is set on Virginia scenic byways. After the race, enjoy the Wine & Music Festival. Wine tastings, food and entertainment.

[www.destinationraces.com/runvirginia](http://www.destinationraces.com/runvirginia)

**May 30: Wine Trail of Botetourt County Summer Concert Series**

*Fincastle Vineyard & Winery (Fincastle)*

Sample the wines of the Wine Trail of Botetourt County. Series begins with Beggars' Circus. Bring chairs, blankets and picnics for a great night in the mountains.

[www.finecastlewine.com](http://www.finecastlewine.com)

**May 30: Wine and Roses at Monticello**

*Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants (Charlottesville)*

Savor the sights and scents of antique roses in peak bloom and taste local wines in the garden.

[www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org)

**May 30-31: Vintage Virginia Wine & Food Festival**

*Bull Run Regional Park (Centreville)*

A fun filled festival with wine, friends and music. Plus, there will be 24 food trucks with DC area's favorite foods.

[www.vintagevirginia.com](http://www.vintagevirginia.com)

**May 31: Cooking Class**

*First Colony Winery (Charlottesville)*

Interactive class by guest chef from C'ville Wine & Culinary on the relationship of food and wine. Prepare 3-course meal paired with FC wines. Reservations.

[www.firstcolonywinery.com](http://www.firstcolonywinery.com)

**May 31: Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival**

*Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center (Centreville)*

The Commonwealth's best wine, food and music and this year with an emphasis on Virginia cuisine. Two dozen favorite DC food trucks will be on hand.

[www.vintagevirginia.com](http://www.vintagevirginia.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](mailto:info@vawinelover.com) no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event.*