



BELLE GROVE
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Belle Grove Plantation to Host Annual Wine Fest
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Belle Grove Plantation will host its annual Wine Fest on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at www.bellegrove.org.

The event will feature tastings from eight Virginia wineries: North Mountain Vineyard & Winery (Maurertown), Mountain View Vineyard (Strasburg), Desert Rose Ranch and Winery (Hume), Quievremont Wine (Washington), Hunt's Vineyard (Stuarts Draft), Wicked Oak Farms and Vineyard (Star Tannery), Winding Road Cellars (Markham), and Valerie Hill Vineyard & Winery (Stephens City). Winchester Ciderworks will also participate. Visitors with tasting tickets will receive a souvenir tasting glass and be able to sample from all these participants and purchase wine or cider by the glass, bottle, or case.

Live music will be performed throughout the day. From 11:30-2:30, singer and acoustic guitarist Billy Caldwell will play classic rock, blues, and country favorites. At 3:00 p.m., The Duskwales will take the stage. The Manassas-based indie rock trio regularly plays at Washington, D.C. venues such as the 9:30 Club and Rock and Roll Hotel and describes their music having "a retro 60s feel with a modern twist of intricate rhythms and upbeat melodies."

Belle Grove's 2015 Wine Fest will also feature local food. In the big, red barn there will be cooking and wine pairing demonstrations by Chef Sam Saliba from Hotel Strasburg (at 12:30), Chefs Blair and Susan Dolinar of 'Nibblins cooking school and kitchen shop in Winchester (at 2:30), and Chef Christa Nahhas from La Nourriture Catering in California (at 4:30).

Food will be available for purchase from area trucks. The Farm Effect food truck from Warrenton features local farm produce in their sandwiches and salads. Winchester based truck, Shaffers Barbecue Palace, will bring their popular smoked meats and sides made with family recipes. Wolfe and Beane Ice Creamery will provide delicious desserts.

Local produce will be highlighted among the Wine Fest artisan and business vendors as well. Some of these items include Hackwood Farm's pickles and salsas, J & W Farm's apple cider products, and Vale of the Blue Ridge Maple Farm's syrups. Belle Grove Museum Shop also sells unique gifts made by local artists and producers.

Advanced tasting tickets are on sale now for \$20 at www.bellegrove.org or in the Belle Grove Museum Shop. Tasting tickets may be purchased for \$25 at the gate. Admission includes a commemorative wine tasting glass, tastings, access to all vendors, performances, cooking demonstrations, and tours of the historic Manor House and landscape. General admission is \$10 for visitors who do not wish to do wine tastings or who are under age 21.

For the latest information, visit www.bellegrove.org, www.facebook.com/BelleGrove, or www.twitter.com/BelleGrove1797. Pets, large backpacks, and outside food or drink may not be brought onto festival grounds. Belle Grove Plantation is located off Route 11 at 336 Belle Grove Road just south of Middletown, Virginia 22645 and is conveniently located to I-81 (use exit 302) and I-66.

Belle Grove Plantation is a non-profit historic house museum that is a National Trust for Historic Preservation site and a partner in Cedar Creek Belle Grove National Historical Park. The Belle Grove Wine Fest is one of the museum's most successful annual fundraisers that contributes to the preservation and interpretation of its buildings and site. Sponsors for this year's event are Winchester Oral Surgery Center, United Bank, North Mountain Vineyard & Winery, and City National Bank.

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