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2016 Denver International Wine Festival Dates Announced

Region's premier wine and food festival rolls into the Westin Hotel, Denver International Airport (DIA) November 2-4, 2016



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Wine Country Network, Inc. has announced the dates for its 12th Annual Denver International Wine Festival. The three-day wine and food festival showcases the largest selection of international and domestic wines at any Grand Tasting in the Rocky Mountain region, and was recently named one of the “Top 10 Can’t Miss Fall Wine Festivals” in the U.S. by Fodor’s.

This year, the DIWF moves to the newly opened Westin Hotel at The Denver International Airport, making the DIWF the world’s first fly in, fly out wine festival. This grand and modern hotel offers 519 guest rooms, 35 suites and a 37,500 square foot conference center. Similar to the on-site Hilton Hotel at Munich International Airport, the Westin DIA is just a short stroll from airline check-in counters and security.

A new light rail train system will connect the DIA’s new transportation center and the Westin Hotel with Union Station in Downtown Denver, facilitating travel to and from the Westin even more. Transit time is just under thirty-seven minutes, and the cost is just \$9 per day. The Westin Hotel DIA will offer special Denver International Wine Festival rates starting at \$149 per night.

Main Festival Events:

Day one: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

The festival will kick off on Wednesday, November 2nd with the **Grand Vintner's Dinner**, a multi-course winemaker's dinner featuring the wines of Tenuta Sette Cieli," or "the estate of the seven skies," surrounded by the lush woods of Monteverdi Marittimo, Tuscany. Elena Pozolini, winemaker and president, will personally guide attendees through each wine pairing.

Cost: \$200 per person (limited to 50).

Day Two: Thursday November 3, 2016

The festival continues with the **Pairsine Chefs Fine Food and Wine Pairing Competition**. Ten celebrated chefs will each have been assigned two of the gold-medal-winning wines from the 2016 Denver International Wine Competition, and must create a gourmet food pairing for each wine, competing for the coveted People's Choice Award. Attendees savor twenty food and wine pairings, along with more than forty gold-medal wines (with scores of at least 91). A new VIP ticket allows one-hour early access, raw seafood bar, premium cocktails and a meet-and-greet with the chefs.

Chef/Restaurant registration is now in progress.

Current line-up includes:

- Jonathan Kaiser, Fruition Restaurant, Denver
- Paul Nagen, Range, Denver
- Laurent Mechin, Jill's Restaurant, Boulder

Cost: \$175 VIP, \$120 General Admission

Day Three: Friday November 4, 2016

The Grand Tasting of International Wines and Food will be held on Friday, November 4th from 4:00–9:00 p.m. (VIP), or 6:00–9:00 p.m. (general admission). This is the region's largest wine tasting event for consumers, media and trade, with more than eighty wineries and distilleries pouring. Attendees enjoy delectable food and wine tastings, food products, wine accessories, a silent auction and fine art. 2016 Exhibitor registration is now in progress. Recent additions include Page Cellars (Washington), Kovacs Nimrod Winery (Hungary), Chateau Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Babylonstoren (Cape Dutch, South Africa). The Grand Tasting will feature more than 300 wines and spirits.

Cost: \$175 VIP, \$95 General Admission

View the 2016 exhibitors here: <http://www.denverwinefest.com/exhibitors.html>

2016 Charity Of Choice:

100% of the auction proceeds will benefit There With Care®. There With Care's mission is to provide a wide range of thoughtful and fundamental services to children and families during the critical phase of a medical crisis. <http://www.therewithcare.org/>

For a complete Festival schedule and tickets, visit: www.denverwinefest.com

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Editors:

Professional quality photos available for publication usage.

Visit Wine Country Network's DIWF gallery on Flickr:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/winecountrynetwork/sets/72157652150503242>

To request an interview with Wine Country Network Co-Founder and CEO, Christopher J. Davies, contact Karin McLean at Tel. 303 664-5700 or email: kmclean@winecountrynetwork.com

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About Us

Wine Country Network, Inc. is a multi-platform media and event company dedicated to wine, beer, spirits, food and travel. Christopher and Darcy Davies founded the company in 2002 in New York. Today the company is based in Erie, Colorado.

The company publishes Wine Country International® Magazine, a well-respected glossy print publication (2003 to 2012), which transformed into a fully digital magazine in 2013. The magazine is now available through Issuu, the world's leading digital publishing platform. It also hosts a radio show, "Travel, Wine & Cuisine," which is podcast on iTunes at www.twcradio.com, and throughout the year organizes several professional beverage competitions (Wine, Spirits and Beer), as well as the Denver International Wine Festival and the Pairsine Chefs Fine Food and Beverage Pairing Competitions.

For further information, please visit www.winecountrynetwork.com or call 303-664-5700.