

BRECKENRIDGE **WINE** CLASSIC

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BRECKENRIDGE WINE CLASSIC, COLORADO'S NEWEST FOOD + WINE EVENT, DEBUTS SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2016

Tickets on Sale for Inaugural Event Featuring Food and Wine Tastings, Live Seminars and Cooking Demonstrations, and a Variety of Outdoor Adventures in a Premier Destination Mountain Town

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (April 14, 2016) — [Breckenridge Wine Classic](#), produced by [Team Player Productions](#) (whose credentials include [Park City Food & Wine Classic](#), [Steamboat Wine Festival](#) and the [Divide Music Festival](#)), is pleased to announce tickets are now on sale for its inaugural food and wine festival featuring master chefs and sommeliers, cocktail experts, culinary personalities, rising stars and musical acts. The four-day event is taking place September 15-18, 2016 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Tickets go on sale on April 14, 2016 at www.breckenridgewineclassic.com.

The Breckenridge Wine Classic will be located in the heart of Breckenridge's new Arts District, offering a unique sensory immersion of creativity, studios, galleries, performance spaces, historic landmarks, public art and more. The Festival will include **Grand Tasting** tents with food, wine, beer and cocktail samples from local and regional artisans; **interactive seminars** providing the perfect balance of food, pairings and outdoor adventure; **cooking demonstrations** and **intimate tasting sessions**; and a **Toast to Breckenridge** where hundreds of domestic and international wines, premium craft beer and spirits and gourmet local food purveyors will be displayed for the weekend's finale.

"We're also passionate about creating extraordinary experiences, so we're thrilled to produce this first-ever Breckenridge Wine Classic event," said Jason Ornstein, owner, Team Player Productions. "In developing the festival, we created a playground for master winemakers, culinary greats, and guests to gather, play, wine and dine."

[Breckenridge Wine Classic Events and Seminars](#)

- **Farm to Mountain Wine Dinner – Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Sevens at Breckenridge Resort | 6:30pm-9:30pm | \$165

Experience an artfully crafted five-course meal and wine pairings by the talented culinary imagination of acclaimed Sevens Executive Chef Tristan Guger and the expert wine selections of Master Sommeliers Sean Razee and Damon Ornowski.

- **The Walk of Wine – Friday, September 16, 2016**

Taddeo's | 10:00am-1:00pm | \$85

Explore Carter Park trailhead and take in the panoramic views of the Tenmile Range and Breckenridge Ski Resort. Following the hike, enjoy a delicious and specially crafted lunch at Taddeo's Italian restaurant paired with selected wines from Old Bridge Cellars.

- **Savor the Single Track – Friday, September 16, 2016**

Relish | 10:00am-1:00pm | \$85

Led by Breckenridge local Executive Chef and fellow cyclist Matt Fackler of Relish, take a scenic ride through the beautiful panoramic single tracks. After, Chef Matt will prepare a classic and Colorado-inspired lunch at the Relish kitchen. Joining the meal and enthusiasm will be Master Sommelier and avid cyclist, Damon Ornowski and retired pro racer Tammy Jacques.

- **Mi Casa es Su Tapas – Friday, September 16, 2016**

Mi Casa | 11:30am-1:00pm | \$85

Tapas are the perfect companion to this selection of Spanish wines provided by Brooke Smith of Winesellers Ltd. Enjoy the savory bites of classic Mexican cuisine provided from the Breckenridge local favorite Mi Casa and Executive Chef Bruce Carlton.

- **Better Off Red – Friday, September 16, 2016**

Ember | 11:30am-1:00pm | \$85

This exceptional tasting pairs the unique and artistically inspired cuisine of Ember with the established and green-conscious wines of Alexander Valley Vineyards. Enjoy the poetic and soulful plates of Executive Chef and owner Scott Boshaw paired expertly and uniquely by AVV's Stewart Vandenberg with a selection of wines that reflect the unique character of the vineyard's region and heritage.

- **The Taste of Music – Friday, September 16, 2016**

Imperial Ballroom at Beaver Run | 1:00pm-3:00pm | \$85

Musicians from the National Repertory Orchestra will perform a musical number influenced by the style of the wine selected by Sommelier Jim Santangelo. A small plate will follow to match the music and wine. Following each course, it will be discussed and revealed why the music, wine and food has been paired and selected.

- **Wine on the Mountain – Friday, September 16, 2016**

TenMile Station, Breckenridge Resort | 6:00pm-8:30pm | \$125

The Executive Chef Steve Arndt and his culinary team will serve an array of delectable creations throughout the evening. This intimate setting provides an exclusive opportunity to spend one-on-one time with wine experts, listen to live music, all while taking in serene views of the White River National Forest. Guests will enjoy an excellent selection of international and domestic wines as well as beers and fine spirits. A portion of ticket proceeds and silent auction profits for this event will benefit the National Repertory Orchestra.

- **Hike & Hops – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Breckenridge Brewery | 10:00am-1:00pm | \$85

Starting at Breckenridge Brewery, you'll be guided by their outdoor ambassadors as they elevate the spirit and burn those calories! Upon return, enjoy a delicious lunch at Breckenridge Brewery paired with frosty samples of beers.

- **Breaking the Bottle – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Czech It Out | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$85

Join this educational and interactive tasting as we explore the modern winemaking and production landscape and the female pioneers who are shaping it. Sommelier and Colorado native Shelley Sale with Southern Wine & Spirits will discuss her first-hand experiences with over 20 years in the business while you sip on a selection wines and enjoy the local cuisine.

- **Meet Your Match – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Giampietro's | 12:00pm-1:30pm | \$85

Multi-course lunch and wine pairing seminar that explores the intricacies of wine with, and without, food. Compare examples of the same varietal from different regions and get to the heart of some food + wine pairings toughest questions; Better with food or without? Match maker Stacey Swetil-Rust of Constellation Brands shares her decades of expertise.

- **Toast of Breckenridge – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

The Breckenridge Arts District | 3:00pm-6:00pm | \$95

The Toast of Breckenridge culminates with an impressive selection of hundreds of domestic and international wines, premium craft beer and spirits, gourmet local food purveyors and live music.

- **VIP Toast of Breckenridge – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

The Breckenridge Arts District | 2:00pm-3:00pm | \$145

Skip the lines with this exclusive pass and enjoy one full hour of early access to wines and gourmet food without the crowds. Sniff, swirl and taste your favorite wines and cocktails in advance of general admission.

- **Namaste & Nosh – Sunday, September 18, 2016**

Quandary Grille & Main Street Station | 10:00am | \$75

Outdoor yoga practice lead by Meta Yoga Studios at Main Street Station followed by a scrumptious lunch at Quandary Grille, complemented with a delightful and much-earned cocktail.

Tickets & More Information

Grand Tasting Package tickets for September 16th and 17th are \$199 per person and include access to all unlimited food, wine and spirit tastings. VIP Toast of Breckenridge tickets are \$145 per person and include early entrance. Tickets to seminars and additional events range from \$35-\$125 per person depending on selection. Guests may purchase tickets and view the latest festival additions, schedules and more by visiting the festival [website](#).

The Festival has partnered with the [National Repertory Orchestra \(NRO\)](#) donating a percentage of ticket sales to this intensive and unique fellowship program. NRO helps to change the lives of young musicians and enriches the lives of Colorado residents and visitors. The NRO performs two full orchestra concerts each week in Breckenridge's Riverwalk Center between mid-June and late July. In addition, members of the NRO take part in smaller chamber concerts during the festival, and the full orchestra plays at several other locations in the state including Vail, Dillon, Keystone, Silverthorne, Frisco and Denver.

About the Breckenridge Wine Classic

One of the newest Breckenridge events, the Breckenridge Wine Classic, will be held September 15-18, 2016. The festival offers a variety of experiences on the mountain, in restaurants, classrooms, and around town, which can increase patron's knowledge, and enjoyment of food and wine as well as the experiences Breckenridge has to offer.

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