



TASTE OF VAIL
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More Than Two Dozen Wineries Already Committed for 24th Annual Taste of Vail

Vail, Colo. – Dec. 4, 2013 – Vineyard owners and winemakers from all over the world have begun making travel plans to showcase their products at the 24th Annual Taste of Vail taking place April 2-5, 2014. The involvement of the owners and winemakers is undoubtedly what sets Taste of Vail apart from other food and wine festivals throughout the United States.

Taste of Vail already has more than two dozen wineries lined up to participate in the event, and will feature new wineries along with a few returning favorites. New wineries include:

- Capture
- De Martino
- Dinastia Vivanco
- Domaine roux Pere & Fils
- Dutton Goldfield Winery
- Jeff Runquist Winery

Additional wineries featured at this year's event include:

- Canyon Wind Cellars
- Chateau de Dours/Le Fleurs
- Flora Springs Winery
- Gloria Ferrer Champagne
- Grgich Hills Cellars
- Hahn Family Wines
- HDV
- Humanitaas
- Klinker Brick Winery
- Ladera Vineyards
- MacPhail Family Wines
- Margerum
- Milbrandt Vineyards
- Moshin
- Peter Paul Winery
- Rock Wall Wine Co.
- Rotie Cellars
- Saintsbury
- Schug Carneros Estate Winery
- Souverain
- The Hess Collection
- VML
- ZD Wine

As the wine industry continues to evolve, so do the wineries featured at the 24th Annual Taste of Vail. Following are some notable facts about select vineyards pouring at the event:

- Celebrating his 90th birthday this year, Mike Grgich, founder of **Grgich Hills Estate** has achieved a lifetime of accomplishments ranging from a seat in the Vintners' Hall of Fame, a place in the Smithsonian and a Global Citizen Award to name a few. The Grgich wines also have earned their spotlight beginning with the 1972 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, the impetus for the movie *Bottle Shock*, up to its most recent release in honor of Grgich's birthday, a 2010 Paris Tasting Chardonnay. For more information, please visit www.grgich.com/.
- Launched in 2007, **Milbrandt Vineyards** has already begun collecting regional

accolades such as a spot in the Top 10 Hot Brands from *Wine Business Monthly*, Washington's Best Value Wines of 2012 from *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and not to mention Winery of the Year in 2012 also from *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. Milbrandt also has earned national attention for its Riesling, Merlot and Cabernet. With a goal to be the best farmers in the state, the Milbrandt family set out on uncharted territory in 1997 and paid exceptional attention to matching the right varietals to its respected site. Today, Milbrandt creates highly individualistic wines as it is home to 12 estate vineyard sites totaling more than 2,300 acres. For more information on Milbrandt Vineyards, please visit www.milbrandtvineyards.com.

- **Saintsbury** is a leader in the Napa Valley eco-friendly farming movement, having been amongst the first wineries to achieve Napa Green Farm certification. In addition to long list of eco-friendly practices, Saintsbury also has established its reputation early on for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and has been a long time champion in production and quality of these varieties in California. Visit www.saintsbury.com for more information.
- **ZD Wines** began farming organically in Rutherford in the early 1980's, long before actually applying for certification. ZD's organic approach stemmed from Founder Norman deLeuze who had a strong belief in building vineyard strength through biodiversity. DeLeuze's understanding that soil full of life results in a healthier environment coupled with a belief that it also would lead to more flavorful grapes and world class wines defined ZD's organic approach. As the second and third generation of the deLeuze family continue growing grapes and producing quality wine in the Napa Valley such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, a commitment to finding better and more ecologically friendly approaches has never been stronger. Visit www.zdwines.com for more information.

Additional wineries for the 24th Annual Taste of Vail will be announced once confirmed for the months leading up to the event.

Taste of Vail is the nation's premier spring food and wine festival, held at several different venues throughout North America's most popular mountain resort from April 2-5, 2014. In addition to the new seminars offered during the 24th Annual Taste of Vail, the event will include the 10th Annual Colorado Lamb Cook-off and Après Ski Tasting, the Mountaintop Picnic and the Grand Tasting.

Individual event tickets and signature event passes are now on sale with special discounts of up to 20 percent until Dec. 31, 2013. Four and six-pack seminar tickets are now available for those wanting hands on experience with participating wineries and local chefs. The four-pack seminar tickets are on sale for \$110 (regular \$150) and a six-pack for \$155 (regular \$185). The signature Mountaintop Picnic is currently available for \$108 (regular \$135) and the Grand Tasting for \$140 (regular \$175). Access the entire event and save as the signature event package is on sale for \$350 (regular \$385) until the end of 2013.

For more information on the Taste of Vail or to purchase tickets, please visit www.tasteofvail.com.

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