

COWICHAN WINE & CULINARY FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 8-16, 2012

(Listings appear in chronological then alphabetical order)

FESTIVAL WEEK September 8 – 14 - Get into the spirit ~ enjoy a variety of wine & culinary related events at various venue throughout the Cowichan region. Go to individual listings for location, bookings and/or ticket purchasing information.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND - September 15 & 16 - Tour the scenic back roads of the beautiful Cowichan region while visiting the wineries along the way where many special events will be held during this celebration of local wine & food. Indulge your senses with both classic and unique flavours of a wide variety of grape and fruit wines, ciders and artisan vinegars. Savour local cuisine prepared by world class chefs or dance the night away at a variety of evening soirees. Be sure to check all listings for events that may require reservations or ticket purchases.

All Week (wineries will be open regular hours during festival week)

Pioneer House Restaurant - Wine & Culinary Festival Week Special - To celebrate this wonderful valley in which we live our chef has created a Local and Fresh menu for the month of September. He has incorporated some of the valleys best wines in his recipes and has suggested pairings for your utmost experience. We feature a large selection of Cowichan Valley wines on our menu or try a wine flight for a taste of the best. 250 746-5848 for reservations or just drop in, open 7 days a week from 7:30 am to 9 pm 4675 Trans-Canada Highway (At Whippletree Junction)

Quamichan Inn - Featuring nightly appetizers paired with flights of local wines. The chef will create these delectables based on fresh local products from the valley. This will be offered during lunch or dinner. Open 7 days a week for dinner, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 11:30 to 2:30 for lunch and Sunday from 10 Am for brunch. 1478 Maple Bay Rd 250 746-7028 www.thequamichaninn.com

Steeple Bar & Grill - Crab 'Feastival' - We will be pairing local wines with different dishes containing crab. Open every day 11:30-5:00 for lunch and Sunday brunch from 10:00 -3:00. Dinner every day at 5:00. Shawnigan Lake Village www.steeplerestaurant.ca reservations@steeplerestaurant.ca 250-743-1887

Wine Tours - Guided wine tours can be arranged through participating tour companies. See website for Wine Tour Operator listings

Saturday, September 8

Grape Stomp! This is the kickoff event of the 2012 Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival. 1:30 - 3:30 at the Cowichan Exhibition Fairgrounds during the Cowichan Exhibition. Teams include: 'Tennis Whites and Tipples', 'Vin de Garde', 'Real Housewives of North Cowichan', 'CHEK TV' and more....It's sure to be a funny, messy and joyful time!

Sunday, September 9

Damali Lavender & Winery – People's Choice Awards - Come and sample the unique and classic wines of Damali Winery and choose your favourite. Ballots will be entered in a draw for 2 bottles of the winning wine. Winner and winning wine to be announced at Sangria Party on September 15. Come and taste and cast your ballot to win! 10am - 4pm. Then join the fun at the Sangria Party on Sept 15...Ole!

Deol Estate Winery - Come take a photo with a raptor from the Raptors Center. 10% of all wine sales will be donated to the birds of prey at this rehabilitation center. Enter for a chance to win a painting from Crushed Grape Studio artist Katrina Espetveidt.

Godfrey Brownell Vineyard - Guitarist Tanya Gillespie will be featured from 1 to 4 as we taste from the last dozen cases of the famed 2002 Sparkling Pinot Noir. Reservations recommended for tables. Tapas and a salmon grill. Details and registration at www.gbvineyards.com

Rocky Creek Winery - First Annual 'White Dinner' a chic picnic in a public place" 4:00 pm . There is a new trend called White Dinners that happen all over the world on the spur of the moment! This is a free family friendly event. We are all about Cittaslow and how we tie in together as a community, so let's do a potluck community dinner event. Everyone comes wearing white, bring your own salad potluck or picnic that ties into the ideals of Cittaslow...local food for the main ingredients in your salads and as close to the region as you can get. Bring your own chairs, dishes and cutlery that ties into the requirements of Cittaslow...no plastic or Styrofoam please. So bring as much white as you can...On site if you wish, there will be salmon, crab and wine for sale also as a fundraising event for Cittaslow. Bring your enthusiasm, great food and have a wonderful community experience! No pets please. RSVP 250-748-5622 or www.rockycreekwinery.ca

Silverside Farm & Winery Open House 2 - 4 pm - Come take a tour of our new wine making facility and taste our delicious berry wines! ~ Savour our Berry Flavours~

Teafarm - Moroccan Tea Tasting - Experience the sweet and luscious flavours of Moroccan tea culture right here in the Cowichan. Green tea perfectly blended with freshly picked spearmint accompanied by authentic Moroccan sweets. Our Moroccan guests will take you to another world of sight, sounds and taste. We offer three services at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm. Limited seating, please call or email to reserve. \$10/person. Open 10am-5pm 8350 Richards Trail, 250.748.3811 www.teafarm.ca for more details

September 10 - 13

Merridale Cider Bistro – Enjoy a special three course meal menu with a cider pairing in our bistro.
For reservations (250) 743-4293

Wednesday, September 12

Satellite Bar & Grille at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club - 'Wine Wednesday' 15% off any bottle of wine with the purchase of 2 entrees. Choose local! 250 743-5100 for reservations

Teafarm - A Taste of South America - Drink yerba mate the way it's done down south served in a gourd and sipped through a metal straw. Yerba available throughout the day served up alongside locally made Argentinean sweets. The yerba is complimentary. A tasting with a plate of sweets \$5/person. Open 10am-5pm 8350 Richards Trail, 250.748.3811 www.teafarm.ca

Thursday, September 13

Savour! at 'The Barn' Birdseye Cove Farm, 5881 Genoa Bay Road, Duncan - 7pm - 10pm
The premiere tasting event of the Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival features the wines of ten Cowichan wineries at a magnificent new venue in its beautiful setting in Birdseye Cove. The wines of 22 Oaks, Averill Creek, Blue Grouse, Cherry Point, Damali, Enrico, Rocky Creek, Silverside, Unsworth & Zanatta will be poured and culinary treats prepared by the farm's own chef Ashley Lee incorporating the farm's signature Highland beef. Complimentary shuttle service available from Beverly Corners in Duncan. Tickets are \$79. ea and includes a logo'd Riedel wine glass souvenir. Tickets available by PayPal or at Spinnakers Spirit Merchants, James Bay Spirit Merchants, Damali Lavender & Winery, Rocky Creek Winery, Silverside Farm & Winery & Unsworth Vineyards.

Stone Soup Inn Rare Cowichan Wines Dinner - Join Chef Brock Windsor at the Stone Soup Inn as he pairs 5 rare local wines from 5 wineries with a 5 course local menu. Can you say 'terroir'? Wine pairing is optional, local wine list and full bar available in a lovely forested farm setting. 430, 6:30 or 7:30 seatings. Dinner \$65 Wine pairing \$40 Call 250-749-3848 to reserve Or email info@stonesoupinn.ca

Satellite Bar & Grille & Arbutus Ridge Golf Club - 'Prime Rib Thursday' - 6 oz prime rib dinner served with mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding just \$18. Choose a local red to go along with it! 250 743-5100 for reservations

Teafarm - Single Malt Teas - Taste the finest teas the region of Assam has to offer. These gorgeous teas are famous for their round and malty flavours and are also known as single malt teas. Sample three different leaf types and be prepared to fall in love. Tasting is \$3/person or complimentary with a tea purchase.
8350 Richards Trail, Open 10am - 5pm with tastings at 11am, 1pm, 3pm. 250.748.3811 www.teafarm.ca for more details

Friday, September 14

Stone Soup Inn - Averill Creek Winery 'Winemakers Dinner' Join Andy and Wendy Johnston and Chef Brock Windsor in a special 5 course locally sourced meal paired with back vintages of Averill Creek wines. Insight from Andy Johnson on the wines in a lovely farm/restaurant setting, with a guarantee of the finest food in Skutz Falls. 6:30pm Tickets are \$110 pp + tax/ gratuity.
6755 Cowichan Lake Road 250-749-3848 www.stonesoupinn.ca

Merridale Cider Bistro - Cocktails and Gourmet Meals! Friday Night is about our cocktails and gourmet meals! Begin your evening with a cocktail reception in the distillery. Come in and meet our resident wine maker and distiller, Laurent Lafuente alongside owner Rick Pipes, as they open up the Brandihouse for a rare look behind the scenes. If you are looking to refine your palette and learn the art of distilling, this is the perfect opportunity to let the spirits move you. The cocktail reception will run 5-6:30pm and include light appetizers paired with spirit tastings. Signature cocktails will also be available at an extra cost. Following this tasty and revealing start join us in the orchard bistro just steps away. Here you will savour a 3 course meal in the bistro prepared by our chef Benjamin King. We have created two dinner seatings at 5:30 and 6:30. The price for the reception and dinner is \$69. Cider pairing options for each course are available as well at \$15 extras or choose from our local wine menu. (250) 743-4293

Teafarm - The Champagne of Teas - The mountainous region of Darjeeling offers an exquisite tea experience. The teas produced in this area have a characteristic muscatel flavour and are sought after because of their delicate astringencies. They are known as the champagne of teas. We offer a tasting of three different Darjeeling's gracefully paired with tea infused chocolate truffles. \$10/person. 8350 Richards Trail, Open 10am - 5pm with tastings at 11am, 1pm, 3pm 250.748.3811 www.teafarm.ca

Unsworth & Amuse Bistro Join Chef Bradford at Amusé on the Vineyard for a very special menu celebrating the start of Cowichan's 2012 Wine & Culinary Festival. This exclusive dinner reflects the unique terroir of the Cowichan Valley using locally grown ingredients paired with Unsworth Vineyards Premium wines. Three course dinner with wines, \$75 per person + tax and gratuity. RSVP to Amusé on the Vineyard at 250.743.3667 www.unsworthvineyards.com
Unsworth Vineyards tasting room open 11am - 6pm. Restaurant open for Lunch & Dinner, Foch Lounge also open.

Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16

22 Oaks Winery - During the Festival, the winery will be open every day from 12pm-5pm. Enjoy complimentary tastings of our wines in our large beautiful tasting room. On Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th, local musicians will be playing and local BBQ Experts from Garland's Smokehouse will be here selling their wonderful creations. You can enjoy both in our spectacular picnic area overlooking the vineyard and Quamichan Lake. The perfect place to enjoy a bottle of wine with friends, you won't believe the view.

Averill Creek Winery - Complimentary winery tours will be running throughout the day. All current season wines will be available for tasting (5 tickets for 5 dollars, 1 ticket=1 oz pour), and the Cowichan Pasta Company will have fresh pasta, oysters, and charcuterie available for purchase. Saturday afternoon - Live music on the patio featuring the band "Cuban Party".

Blue Grouse Estate Vineyard & Winery - Come and welcome the new owners of Blue Grouse, Paul, Cristina and daughter Paula Brunner. The \$3 tasting fee for 5 wines will be waived if a purchase is made.

Cherry Point Estate Winery - Cherry Point Estate Winery would like to take the opportunity of the Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival to thank the community for its support throughout the year. The farm grounds and gardens will be open for families to enjoy and to share our farm experience. A select group of artists and artisans will be presenting their work on the lower part of the lawns and visitors will enjoy a complimentary serving of Xavier's Spanish Paella and Sangria as well as nine Cherry Point Estate wines for tasting.

Damali Lavender & Winery - Free tastings, self guided farm tours, labyrinth walks, picnicking, live music, wine garden, lavender gift shop, lavender wand making demos. Plenty of parking in lower field.

10:30 - 1:30 'Terry Brennan' - roots/country/blues artist 2:00 - 4:00 - The Ukeladies - will be performing tropical tunes.

Saturday Evening ~ Sangria Party! At Damali we're going with a Spanish theme for our party with 2 different lavender wine sangria's, tapas, paella and of course dancing to the fabulous Latin licks of 'Rodrigo Figuerola'. Ole! Only 60 tickets available at \$30 each (+ tax) which includes dinner and first glass of wine or sangria. Contact alison@damali.ca 250 743-4100

Sunday - 11:00 - 3:00 Come and see The Raptors up close and chat with their knowledgeable handlers you'll be amazed by these magnificent birds and how they can be trained for bird control in vineyards. Falconry demonstrations 12:00 & 2:00.

12:00 - 3:00 - 'Dave Spinks' - Cobble Hill's own Country, Folk, Rock, Pop, Blues artist.....you name it....Dave does it!

Deol Winery ~ Wine case sale of 2007 Gamay Rose & 2007 Blanc De Noir - Free Wine Tasting and East Indian Cuisine! Live Performance from Kent Ball 11-2. Grand Opening of Crushed Grape Art Studio. Meet Artist Natalie Bannister who will be discussing her recent trip to Butan and photographer Karen Holmes with her nature photographs of Vancouver Island and Helen Edley will be discussing Geocaching!

Enrico Winery ~ Enjoy a music extravaganza by the pond, bring a picnic or walk through the gardens and vineyards. New wine releases, case lot sales plus lots more on display in our Cantina. Tasting fees apply. Casual Chess Tournament with prizes, equipment provided along with life size board and pieces. Chess Games on Saturday. Tournament Sunday with 4 rounds. Refer to www.bowserchess.pbworks.com

Godfrey Brownell Vineyard ~ Tastings, Tapas and 'bring a picnic.

Saturday - music by Maureen Washington & Pablo Cardenas.

Saturday Evening ~ Special buffet and jazz trio "Bases Loaded" 250 715-0504

Sunday – music by Avram McCagherty and Ron Hall.

Merridale Cider & Bistro ~ Perfect for the whole family! Come in and enjoy complimentary guided tours at 11am and 1pm, complimentary self-guided tours and tastings all day. Bee keeper, Gord Hutchings, will also be on site with an information kiosk displaying information on the native bees of British Columbia. Interactive games for the kids, special small plate menu in the Orchard Cookhouse, bistro open from 11-3

Sunday - Pizza Night. Wrap up the weekend and relax on the back deck with a cider as you watch your pizza made before your eyes in the orchard cookhouse. Eric Harper's music will serenade you in the orchard while you taste the flavours of local drink and food. Is there any better way to end the week and the wine festival?

Rocky Creek Winery ~ Cooking demonstrations with winemaker Mark three times a day featuring great recipes from 'Cooking with BC Wines' with his own twist and pairing his creations with Rocky Creek Wines. Learn about 'Cittaslow' at the only winery in Cowichan Bay. Relax and enjoy a glass of wine in our outdoor café overlooking the gardens and vineyard. Free wine tastings or visit our Sparkling wine bar where you can enjoy our 3 sparkling wines and also our Mure Royale.

Sunday – Cheese and wine pairing with special guest Patty Abbott of Hilary's Cheese & Island Thyme Morris dancers in the vineyard.

Silverside Farm & Winery ~ Vancouver Island Event Catering will be on-site for culinary delights to pair with our delicious berry wines from 11 am - 4 pm. Try their curry dishes with our Tayberry or Raspberry Dinner wines. For dessert we have Dreams & Delights Creations ~ try their handmade chocolate with our Port Style dessert wines! Marimba Band entertainment for everyone from 2 - 4 pm. Come join in the fun!

Unsworth & Amuse ~ Tasting room open 10am - 6pm Restaurant open for Lunch & Dinner. Foch lounge also open.

Saturday - Market Feast & Art in The Vineyard! Sip and taste your way through our food & wine market around the pond. Visit each table for a food and wine pairing while shopping from local producers like Teafarm, Vancouver Island Salt Co., Hilary's Cheese, Drumroaster Coffee and more. Admission is free. Ticket for each food and wine pairing table is \$7 and will be sold on the day of the event. Mingle with the Cowichan Valley's most creative people, enjoy live music and take in the beautiful surroundings of the peaceful rolling hills of Mill Bay.

Sunday at Amuse Bistro ~ Winemakers Sunday Brunch - serving Unsworth's finest wines for you to enjoy with dishes from the savory and decadent menu of Chef Bradford Boisvert of Amuse. A special event like this offers the unique opportunity to learn firsthand from the winemaker about our wines, the winery & winemaking style as well as local food creations and choice of pairings. Two sittings at 10am and 1pm. \$55 Reserve early, limited seating. 250 743-3667

Zanatta Winery & Vinoteca ~ Tastings, sales and fine dining

Saturday Evening September 15

Satellite Bar & Grille at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club ~ Winemaker's Dinner ~ Battle of the Pinot's! Enjoy a three course dinner featuring the menu of Chef Paul Haddon and wine pairings of the islands best Pinot Noirs! Winemakers will be speaking about each pairing and available to answer questions. Please join us for a special evening filled with quality food and some of the best wine the Island has to offer. \$59 per person (plus tax and gratuity) includes wine tasting and complimentary pinot glassware. 250 743-5100

Stone Soup Inn - 'Winemaker's Dinner' ~ Join Linda & Mark Holford of Rocky Creek Winery with chef Brock Windsor for a special 5 course locally sourced meal paired with award winning wines of the valley! Learn how Mark has made different varietals and also trained his vineyards to be more sustainable. Sit and enjoy the wine in a lovely farm/restaurant setting with a guarantee of the finest food in Skutz Falls. Tickets are \$100 per person (plus tax & gratuity) 250 749-3848.
6755 Cowichan Lake Rd www.stonesoupinn.ca

We hope you had a great time!

As we continue to build the reputation and profile of the Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival we welcome your ideas and feedback. Please use the Contact Us page on the website.

www.wines.cowichan.net

Thank you from

The Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival Committee