

Saturday Evening, September 15

Damali Lavender & Winery ~ Sangria Party! Tapas and paella. Dancing to the Latin licks of Rodrigo Figueroa.

Godfrey Brownell Vineyard ~ Special buffet and jazz trio "Bases Loaded"

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.

Rocky Creek Winemaker's Dinner at Stone Soup Inn ~

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.

Sunday, September 16

Amuse Bistro at Unsworth Vineyard ~ Winemakers Brunch

Unsworth's finest wines with dishes from the savoury and decadent menu of Chef Bradford Boisvert. Learn firsthand from the winemaker about our wines, the winery & winemaking style as well as local food creations and choice of pairings.

Merridale Cider & Bistro ~ We will wrap up the weekend with a pizza night. In our usual pizza night tradition, relax on the back deck with a cider as you watch your pizza made before your eyes in the orchard cookhouse. Live entertainment.

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Get into the spirit! Enjoy a variety of wine and culinary related events at various venues throughout the beautiful Cowichan region. On September 15 & 16 tour the scenic back roads and discover special events at each of the participating wineries. Indulge your senses with both classic and unique flavours of a wide variety of grape and fruit wines & ciders.

All Week

All wineries will be open regular hours during festival week

Merridale Cider Bistro - Monday to Thursday enjoy a special three course meal menu with a cider pairing in our bistro throughout the week.

Pioneer House Restaurant ~ Some of the valley's best wines will be incorporated into special dishes and Chef will suggest appropriate pairings...or try a wine flight!

Wine Tours - Guided wine tours can be arranged through participating tour companies.

Saturday, September 8

MNP Grape Stomp ~ The Festival Kick Off Event!

1:30 - 3:30 at the Cowichan Exhibition Fairground during the Cowichan Exhibition. 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.

Godfrey Brownell Vineyard ~ Taste from the last dozen cases of the 2002 Sparkling Pinot Noir. Tapas and salmon grill, and the music of guitarist Tanya Gillespie.

Silverside Farm & Winery ~ Come take a tour of our new wine making facility and taste our delicious berry wines!

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.

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 !

Teafarm - A Taste of South America ~ Drink yerba mate the way it's done down south served in a gourd, sipped through a metal straw. Yerba available throughout the day served up alongside locally made Argentinian sweets.

Thursday, September 13

SAVOUR! at 'The Barn' ~ Featuring nine Cowichan wineries in a spectacular setting overlooking Bird's Eye Cove. Culinary treats by the farm's resident chef include their signature Highland beef. Shuttle service to and from Duncan will be available.

Stone Soup Inn ~ Rare Cowichan Wines Dinner Chef Brock Windsor pairs 5 rare local wines with a 5 course local menu in a lovely forested setting. Can you say 'terroir'?

Satellite Bar & Grille & Arbutus Ridge Golf Club ~ 'Prime Rib Thursday' Prime rib dinner served with mashed potatoes and yorkshire pudding. Choose a local red to go along with it!

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.

Friday, September 14

Amuse Bistro ~ 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.

Averill Creek Winemakers Dinner at Stone Soup Inn ~ Special 5 course locally sourced meal paired with back vintages of Averill Creek wines. Insight from Andy on the wines.

Merridale Cider & Bistro ~ Cocktails and Gourmet Meals! Cocktail reception in the Brandihouse distillery, with a rare look behind the scenes. Light appetizers paired with spirit tastings. Savour a 3 course meal in the orchard bistro.

Teafarm - The Champagne of Teas ~ The mountainous region of Darjeeling offers an exquisite tea experience. We offer a tasting of three different darjeelings gracefully paired with tea infused chocolate truffles.

Saturday, September 15 & Sunday September 16

22 Oaks Winery ~ Free tastings. Local musicians and local BBQ experts from Garland's Smokehouse will be here selling their wonderful creations. The perfect place to enjoy a bottle of wine with friends.

Averill Creek Winery ~ Complimentary winery tours. Live music in the afternoon on the patio featuring "Cuban Party". All wines will be available for tasting. Tasting fees apply

Cherry Point Estate Winery ~ A select group of artists and artisans will be presenting their work 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, picnic area, live music, wine garden, lavender gift shop and lavender wand making demos. Saturday - Wine Writer's Workshop

Deol Winery ~ Grand opening of the 'Crushed Grape Studio'. Free tastings and East Indian cuisine available or a great opportunity to bring a lunch and try a glass of our wine on our patio. Live performances.

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.

Godfrey Brownell Vineyard ~ Tapas and 'bring your own' picnic. Saturday - music by Maureen Washington & Pablo Cardenas. Sunday – music by Avram McCagherty and Ron Hall.

Merridale Cider & Bistro ~ Perfect for the whole family. Self-guided tour and complimentary tasting. Bee keeper in the orchard. Interactive games. Orchard Cookhouse will have special small plate menu.

Rocky Creek Winery ~ Free tastings. Learn about Cittaslow and cooking with BC Wines at the only winery in Cowichan Bay. Vendors & outdoor café overlooking the gardens and vineyard. Sunday – Cheese and wine pairing with special guest Patty Abbott of Hilary's Cheese & Island Thyme Morris dancers in the vineyard.

Silverside ~ Bring the family to the Farm! Enjoy the taste of our unique berry wines or our delicious berry frozen yogurt cones while listening to the sounds of our fabulous local Marimba band.

Unsworth & Amuse ~ Saturday - Market Feast! Sip and taste your way through our food & wine market with artists and live music.

Zanatta Winery & Vinoteca ~ Tastings, sales and dining.