

Reasons to Wine About

This year's 11th annual Steamboat Wine Festival, held August 6-10, 2014, once again provided multiple reasons to *wine* about. From the Farm to Barn Wine Dinner to the Toast of Steamboat Grand Tasting, thousands of delighted guests enjoyed hundreds of bottles of fine wine, beer, and specialty spirits and liquors, such as Finlandia with their delicious coconut flavoured vodka.

Throughout this 5-day event, wine lovers got a chance to interact with the most-talked-about wine makers, vineyard owners and master sommeliers. There was no shortage of talent pouring the most interesting bottles from top vineyards all over the country.

In conjunction with this fabulous wine tasting event, Steamboat once again added to this year's festival by including a savory element. Here national and local culinary celebrities entertained and shared their experience with delighted guests who got to sample all kinds of food delights.

On Saturday, guests walked throughout downtown Steamboat to enjoy the "Stroll of Steamboat Grand Tasting." Hundreds of people, if not more, toured the town as they sipped wine and tasted culinary treats in numerous restaurants, theaters and art galleries.



This year's festival continued its tradition by offering a variety of experiences on the mountain, in restaurants, classrooms and all around town. Steamboat's Wine Festival was in full gear throughout the weekend with events that incorporated the best Steamboat has to offer, such as hiking, biking and strolling around town.

Steamboat's wine festival offered venues from "Ladies on the Links" to "Mixology for Soccer Moms" and "Hike and Hops". No matter what day it was, there was plenty of fun and activity for people of all ages, and who had a variety of interests.

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Non-Profit Events To Benefit Others

STARS (Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports), a non-profit to the Steamboat Wine Festival, hosted a 5-course elaborate dinner featuring an extensive menu from locally and nationally acclaimed executive chefs. Master sommeliers paired fine wine selections and presented them with each course.

STARS provides outdoor opportunities to individuals with disabilities. The organization offers private ski lessons, camps, fishing, waterskiing and much more.



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