

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

wine & food festival

Banff Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival

May 7 – 8, 2010



Images from 2009 Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival Weekend Wine Events

Weekend Wine Events & Other Celebrations

Friday, May 7th, Saturday, May 8th, and Sunday May 9th

The highly anticipated return of the Banff Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival also brings back the ever popular Weekend Wine Events & Late Night Celebrations! Spend an entire weekend celebrating fine wine and gourmet food in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Take in an evening or afternoon tasting session at the Festival Grand Tasting Hall and round off your weekend plans with one of the following events. Be sure to book early, as tickets sold extremely quickly last year!

Please note that only Grand Tasting Hall tickets can be purchased on www.rockymountainwine.com. For tickets to other weekend events, please contact the host restaurant or hotel directly.

Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting Hall

Location: **The Fairmont Banff Springs** (Conference Centre)
Website: www.rockymountainwine.com
Date & Times: Friday, May 7th (7-10pm)
Saturday, May 8th (2-5pm)
Saturday, May 8th (7-10pm)
Tickets: \$17 before April 1st
\$22 online
\$27 at the door (if available)
Sampling Coupons are 50 cents each (minimum sample charge is \$0.50)
Purchase tickets at www.rockymountainwine.com

Don't miss the Banff Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting Hall! Similar to the Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival in Calgary and Edmonton, the Grand Tasting Hall will feature a wide assortment of wine and adult beverages including beer, scotch, port, spirits and liqueurs. Expect the food selection to be fabulous with Banff's most popular restaurants creating a range of dishes from grilled seafood to wild game meat, artisan cheese and decadent desserts. Your entrance ticket brings you into the Grand Tasting Hall where you can purchase sampling coupons to exchange for the samples of food and beverages you wish to try. Visit www.rockymountainwine.com regularly for updates on participating restaurants and wineries.

Weekend Events

Tour de France Dinner **~SOLD OUT~**

Location: **Le Beaujolais** (corner of Banff Ave & Buffalo Street)
Website: www.lebeaujolaisbanff.com
Date: Friday, May 7, 2010
Time: 6:00pm
Tickets: \$120 per person, plus taxes and gratuity

Experience a true, classic French dining experience at Le Beaujolais! Enjoy a five course gourmet dinner perfectly paired with seven wine pairings from France presented by Horizon Wine's Wilfried Lens. Visit the restaurant that John Gilchrist, Restaurant Critic, has claimed "never disappoints". Only 20 tickets are available, which are sure to be snapped up quickly!

For tickets and information, please call Albert Moser at 403-762-2712.

Winemaker's Dinner **~SOLD OUT~**

Location: **The Maple Leaf Grill & Lounge** (137 Banff Ave)
Website: www.banffmapleleaf.com
Date: Friday, May 7, 2010
Time: 7:00pm
Tickets: \$105 per person, plus taxes and gratuity

Once again, The Maple Leaf will host one of their ever popular wine and food pairing dinners. Special guest, Katrina Fetzer from Ceago Vineyards, will host this delicious four course meal prepared by Head Chef Salvatore Polizzi. Each course will be accompanied by carefully selected wine pairings. With only 30 seats available, this will be a relaxing and intimate evening celebrating fine wine and Canadian cuisine. Check back soon for more details on the winemaker and menu.

For tickets and information, contact Eric at 403-760-5088 or eric@banffmapleleaf.com, or contact Maria at 403-760-7680 or maria@banffmapleleaf.com

Saltlik 'r' Mixer

Location: **Saltlik Steakhouse** (221 Bear Street)
Website: www.saltliksteakhouse.com
Date: Friday, May 7, 2010
Time: 8:30pm – 10:30pm
Tickets: \$25 per person, includes food and beverage samples and taxes (gratuity not included)

Mix and mingle in the lounge of Banff's premier Steakhouse. This Mixer will host up to 70 people, offering a wide selection of signature cocktails made from fresh ingredients, such as the Cucumber Fizz and Grape Smash (made from muddled fresh grapes!). Pair your favourite cocktail, wine or beer with mouth watering food samples from the extensive and always fresh menu. A great way to enjoy your Friday evening in Banff...and kick off your weekend!

For tickets and information, email banffpromotions@saltlik.com, or visit the restaurant.

Banff Restaurant Baby Back Rib Cook Off

Location: **Elk & Oarsman Pub** (119 Banff Ave)
Website: www.elkandoarsman.com
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Tickets: \$25 per person, not including tax or gratuities

Decide for yourself who really has Banff's best ribs! Prepared by restaurants around town, delicious baby back ribs will be waiting for you to sample, alongside Alberta's own Big Rock Brewery beer. Each attendee will receive a score card to vote on their favorite ribs. The winner will be announced at 5pm. Get your elbows up and dig in! Only 50 tickets available.

For tickets and information, visit www.elkandoarsman.com, contact Dave Dickson at 403-762-4616, or visit the pub.

Great Canadian Lobster Boil ~SOLD OUT~

Location: **St. James's Gate** (207 Wolfe St)
Website: www.stjamesgatebanff.com
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: 6:00 – 9:00pm
Tickets: \$25 per person, not including tax or gratuities

Come and pick your own live lobster and enjoy an authentic Atlantic dining experience in the Rockies. Your 1.5 pound lobster will be accompanied by scalloped potatoes, root vegetables and drawn butter. Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc will be offered at a discounted price. Hosts up to 75 people. Attendees are invited to stay for the remainder of the evening and enjoy live music from *John Jenkin's Small Town Revival!*

For tickets and information, call 403-762-9355 or visit the pub.

Sunday Brunch ~SOLD OUT~

Location: **Saltlik Steakhouse** (221 Bear Street)
Website: www.saltliksteakhouse.com
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2010
Time: Arrive between 10:00am – 11:00am
Tickets: \$20 per person plus tax and gratuity

A relaxing way to finish the weekend! Enjoy a two course brunch and signature mimosas made with Cinzano Prosecco at the cozy Saltlik Steakhouse. Give cheers to your Mom on Mother's Day...or better yet, bring her along! Only 24 tickets available.

For tickets and information, email banffpromotions@saltlik.com, or visit the restaurant in person.

Late Night Celebrations

Stoli Stir-up at HooDoo

Location: **HooDoo Lounge & Nightclub** (137 Banff Ave)
Website: www.hoodoolounge.com
Date: Friday, May 7, 2010
Time: 9pm - late
Tickets: \$10 (includes cover and other surprises!)

Head out for a night on the town after the Grand Tasting Hall on Friday! Mingle in style as you chill out in a private area inside of the HooDoo, enjoying a selection of Stoli cocktails. With great tunes pumping, you won't be able to resist hitting up the dance floor.

For tickets and information, contact Joe at joe@siding29.com.

Absolut After Party

Location: **Aurora Nightclub** (110 Banff Ave.)
Website: www.aurorabanff.com
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: 9pm - late
Tickets: \$10 (includes cover and other surprises!)

Make your way to Banff's most contemporary nightclub after The Grand Tasting Hall on Saturday night. The Onyx Bar, a private room inside Aurora, will be decked out in swanky décor and feature an Absolut cocktail bar. Mix and mingle your way between the Onyx Bar and the rest of the club, while savoring some ultra hip Absolut cocktails. If you've got rhythm, you won't want to miss strutting your stuff on the DJ hosted dance floor. Tip: Last year's ticket holders were able to skip the big line-up outside Aurora!

For tickets, contact joe@siding29.com. For more information, visit www.aurorabanff.com.

Swill & Shuck at Wild Bills

Location: **Wild Bills Legendary Saloon & Cookhouse** (201 Banff Ave.)
Website: www.wbsaloon.com
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010
Time: Tasting 8:30-11:30, Festivities 8:30pm to 2:00am
Tickets: Special Event for Grand Tasting Hall attendees! Pick up your complimentary ticket at the Grand Tasting Hall.

Back by popular demand, your complimentary ticket will include entrance into Wild Bills, along with two samplers of delicious beer, including Creemore Springs Premium Lager. Each ticket holder will also receive an oyster from the Swilling and Shucking station, set-up inside Wild Bills. Oyster and beer tastings will be held from 8:30pm to 11:30pm. Stay all night for more celebrations and dancing to live entertainment.

For more information, call 403-762-0333.