

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

A Taste of What's to Come

2019 Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival's Must-Try Exhibitors

Happiness Never Tasted So Good! Chefs from over 40 restaurants and more than 200 wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries are bringing the best of the best to this year's Festival and serving up some incredible samples.

Some highlights include:

Bubbly Boulevard – New this year, Bubbly Boulevard is a special area of the Festival dedicated to everyone's favorite celebratory sip. These booths will be pouring up a variety of sparkling wines, guests can be sure to raise a glass to. If your motto is "no Champagne, no gain", this boulevard is for you.

Spiked Kombucha – This trendy sip just got better! With flavours like Fruit N' Funk and Ginger Donkey from **Burwood Distillery**, Wild Ginger and Blueberry Hibiscus from **Wild Tea Kombucha** – these are can't-miss sips.

Purpus Vodka – New to Alberta, Purpus Vodka will be showcasing its delectable sips at this year's Festival! With remarkable flavours such as Prosperous Peach, Ludicrous Lime and Guilty Pleasure Rosé, we will be saying yes way everyday to these buzz-worthy bevies.

Lekker Cider – Relatively new to the YYC beverage scene, the husband and wife team behind Lekker craft innovative and creative ciders from all-natural ingredients. With Lekker meaning tasty, delicious and local, the name speaks for itself – sip their classic, hopped, and sour-cherry pear ciders at this year's event!

Choose Local – New this year, RMWFF is partnering with Sobeys and Safeway Liquor to bring you *Choose Local*, a program that celebrates Alberta-made craft beverages! Choose Local showcases over 37 Alberta-based breweries, distilleries, and cideries that will be pouring delectable homegrown sips at this year's event. Some favorites include, Tippa Inc., Long Hop Brewing Co., Confluence Distilling, Good Mood Brewery, and many more.

Canadian Wines

Sonora Desert Winery – These Southern Okanagan wines come from the heart of the Canadian winemaking region and are new to Alberta this year. Featuring some of its bestselling wines, such as the Intermission White and Sonora Red, don't miss these homegrown gems.

City & Country Wines – Will be launching its Okanagan Red at the Calgary Festival! Even more exciting, only 133 cases were made – be sure to try this sip at #RMWFF before it's too late.

Spirit Hills Honey Winery – Will showcase its award-winning collection of grape-less wines, crafted locally in Millarville, Alberta. Looking to your vitamin intake? One glass of the winery's Dande and Saskwatch honey wines contain 100 times more antioxidants than a typical red wine.

Delectable Bites

Brie & Banquet Wild Catering Co. – Every cheese and charcuterie lover's dream come true! Enjoy beautiful, luxe grazing boards that are almost too pretty to eat – *almost!*

Sky Bistro at the Banff Gondola – A taste of Canada. From the summit of Banff's Sulphur Mountain, Sky Bistro is bringing samples that feature the unique flavours of Canada through a hand-picked selection of regionally-sourced ingredients including its stout braised short rib with Roquefort & mushroom sauce.

Ollia Macarons & Tea – Macarons are the most Instagrammable way to treat yourself, and we've got a sweet spot for Ollia. This Calgary-based bakery will be sampling some of its tasty macarons for Festival guests, including a lavender lemonade macaron that will leave you wanting more.

New Calgary Cravings – Guests can sink their teeth into the delicious eats these new food booths are cooking up: **Ono Poke Co., Grumans Catering and Delicatessen, Arepa Boss, Pie Junkie, Smoke N Fusion,** and more!

Giving Back – The RMWFF has donated more than \$200,000 to local charities and organizations since 1998, thanks to help from Festival guests and sponsors. This year, RMWFF aims to donate even more to fantastic organizations like Mealshare (where \$1 from every VIP ticket is donated to Mealshare to support hungry youth in need), the Calgary Food Bank, and the SAIT Culinary Campus. Guests are encouraged to bring a monetary or non-perishable food donation to the event to support the Calgary Food Bank.

Fun Festival Features – Capture all of those Insta-perfect Festival moments at RMWFF's stunning new flower wall photo booth, designed by Chair Flair, hang out in a gondola at Sunshine Village Ski & Snowboard Resort's crafted cocktail area, play in a retro game zone by GRETA Bar, roam through beer gardens, and jam with a live DJ. Guests looking to treat themselves can grab a VIP ticket for exclusive entry and perks like a welcome cocktail crafted by Eau Claire Distillery, chocolate by Master Chocolat, private coat check (fees apply), sampling coupon booth and more!