



Hudson Valley Wine Fest

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FAMILY FUN AND SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL HUDSON VALLEY WINE & FOOD FEST

Red Hook, NY – August 21, 2006 - The Fifth Annual Hudson Valley Wine & Food Fest that takes place September 9th & 10th at the Greig Farm in Red Hook, New York will offer wine tasting, cooking demonstrations, live music and more than 120 gourmet specialty food, fine art and craft vendors as well as family friendly activities like hayrides, a corn maze, kids crafting, a bouncy obstacle course and more!

WineRacks.com, the producers of the event are excited to be going into the fifth year of the Fest. Attendance is expected to be over 10,000 patrons over the course of the 3 days this year. The Fest gets started with the Grand Reserve Tasting on Friday evening September 8th. This kick-off event is always a highlight of the Wine & Food Fest. Once again proceeds from this special event will go to benefit the educational programs of Dutchess and Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extensions. Award winning wines will be paired with scrumptious hors d'oeuvres prepared by some of the Hudson Valley's favorite restaurants and caterers, there's a silent and live auction and grooving tunes by White Boys on Swing.

For the Wine & Food Fest itself, there will be over 120 vendors this year, not only great wineries, but all sorts of gourmet specialty foods, fine jewelry and art. There will be cooking demonstrations from celebrity chefs like Ric Orlando from New World Home Cooking in Woodstock and Jean Jacques Carquillat from Le Canard Enchaîné in Kingston. Live music will play all day from Too Blue, The Meg Johnson Band and the Hi Flyers.

The food concession area has been expanded. Our favorite "chocolate man", Chef Dan Budd will be back serving his delectable chocolate confections and coffee. The spectacular Soul Food from Soul & Caribbean Cuisine and the traditional German fare from the Wurst Haus will return as well. In addition, patrons can enjoy exotic Indian food from Chataka at Mountain Gate Lodge, the worlds' best crab cake sandwiches from Sherri's Crab Cakes and gourmet "blow torch" cooked kabobs from Gendron Catering, pizza, fried dough, steak sandwiches and more!

This year's Fest benefits from great sponsors that will be adding some new things; ING Direct will be offering tethered hot air balloon rides to support their children's charity and the Creations with C.A.R.E. Team from Big Yellow Box by Crayola will offer 2 full days of kids crafting for free. The Wine & Food Fest has worked to expand our "family friendly" features by adding the kids' crafts and a bouncy obstacle course provided by Durant Tent & Event in addition to the traditional hayrides and corn maze offered by the Greig Farm.

Patrons can take advantage of an advanced sale ticket discount of \$5 off the gate admission price if purchased prior to September 1st. For tickets and information, visit <http://www.hudsonvalleywinefest.com> or call toll-free: 888-687-2517.