

Thousands expected to explore the world's best beverage and food in Calgary at the Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival, October 13 & 14, 2023

Pours from 20+ countries to be featured at two-day event, alongside 45+ Alberta-based businesses at annual festival

(September 14, 2023 - Calgary, AB): Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival (RMWFF), presented by Sobeys Liquor and Safeway Liquor, will soon welcome Calgarians to a one-of-a-kind food and beverage experience, October 13 and 14, 2023 at the BMO Centre. With chefs and creators from over 25 restaurants and more than 225 wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries, attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore and expand their palate through some incredible sampling.

This year's festival includes over 45 Alberta-based businesses that will be pouring delectable homegrown sips, including, **Broken Oak Distilling Co, Core Values Cider Company, Cabin Brewing Company** and many more. Building on the success of RMWFF 2022, attendees can expect to see even more vendors, as well as elevated fine-dining small bites, and extremely rare pours of the most sought-after spirits.

"Getting to chat with people who have not heard of us, tasted our barbecue, or sipped our beer before is always a highlight of our year" says Laura Coles, the Co-owner and Founder of Prairie Dog Brewing, who regularly appears on the festival. "But seeing those same people sitting at a table in our brewpub within weeks following RMWFF because they had such a great experience at our booth is a feeling like none other. The sampling experience at the festival creates new fans and energizes our industry."

Tickets and VIP Wine Experiences are available at rockymountainwine.com, with sampling coupons available for purchase upon arrival. New to this year's festival, the VIP Wine Experience will wine and dine you through the Grand Tasting Hall, including a minimum of 10 premium wines — such as the El Barba from Zorzal Wines (Argentina) and the Los Chamizal Zinfandel from Deerfield Winery (Sonoma Valley).

"What's unique about Rocky Mountain Wine and Food Festival, especially this year, is the opportunity and access to industry leaders and knowledge. This is something that has never been done before at our festivals," says Festival Director, Fiona Standing. "When you are hearing from and speaking directly to experts and masters in their field, your experience truly goes beyond a tasting or sampling — it opens you up to a world of learning and what can evolve into a hands-on educational experience."

Festival Highlights

- **KLM Presenters Stage** - A first-of-its-kind partnership for RMWFF, official travel partner KLM Royal Dutch Airlines sponsors a stage for local Alberta businesses to share their restaurants, products, and brands, and educate attendees.
- **El Tequileño Tequila Experience** - A tasting flight led by El Tequileño Tequila's master distiller for the first time in Calgary. Guests will be transported through the world of tequila and entered to win a trip to visit the distillery in Tequila, Mexico.
- **Jane Skilton Master of Wine Experience** – Jane Skilton, Master of Wine (MW) will be joining this year's RMWFF. With only a handful of individuals with the Master of Wine distinction in Canada (only 414 worldwide) and so far, none located in Alberta, this is an incredibly rare opportunity to hear from an expert. Jane will lead a tasting highlighting six of her favourite wines from around the world, focusing on varied regional characteristics and what makes wines taste the way they do. This is a separately-ticketed event.
- **Riedel Glass Workshop** – A favourite from Winefest 2023, this wine glass workshop led by a Riedel expert will teach you about the relationship between the shape of a glass and the perception and enjoyment of wine.
- **Gerard Bertrand Wine Flight** - In their first appearance at RMWFF, the Gerard Bertrand Winery will pour a selection of premium biodynamic wines from Southern France in a fully guided wine flight experience, including a niche orange wine from their collection.

Feature Food and Beverage Experiences

From Mexico to Austria, more than 20 countries will be represented at this year's RMWFF. Attendees can explore the globe through spirits and snacks, as well as their own backyard with local Calgary cravings. Well-known favourites cooking up curated samples include **Brix + Barrel, Blowers & Grafton, Sunterra Market, Codo Agave Social House, Terra, The Mash, Veranda**, and more. From pretzels and charcuterie to cheese tarts and short ribs, sampling will be nothing short of outstanding — including oysters served with gin and tonic liquid nitrogen pearls, created by Chef Joshua Dyer and **The Wilde on 27th**.

Making their RMWFF debut:

- **Weingut Salwey Winery** – From Kirchberg, Germany, this winery borders on one of the best-protected nature reserves in the country. They will be showcasing three new to market wines.
- **byHendo** - A new locally owned Banff company specializing in ready-to-drink and on-tap cocktails, priding themselves on the use of real juice to craft their cocktails.
- **The Inn on Officer's Garden** - As a boutique hotel and historic heritage building nestled in Currie Barracks, The Inn serves up incredible locally sourced food and beverages. They'll be serving up pan-fried lobster and crab ravioli, as well as a seared Alberta beef tornado.

The list of festival highlights at RMWFF can be found [here](#).

Giving Back

This year, RMWFF aims to donate even more to fantastic organizations like the Calgary Food Banks and the SAIT Culinary Campus. Guests are encouraged to bring a monetary or nonperishable food donation to the event to support the Calgary Food Bank. Since 1998, the RMWFF has donated more than \$200,000 to local charities and organizations, thanks to help from festival guests and sponsors.

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Since 1998, the Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival in Edmonton and Calgary has brought together great people with great food and wine. Each year, it welcomes more than 25,000 attendees to discover a variety of fine wines, premium spirits, and craft beers alongside delicious bites from local chefs. Guests can explore and educate themselves — they'll find offerings not found anywhere else, and never before in one room. For makers, it's a unique chance to meet consumers face-to-face, share a glass, and build relationships. For all, it's a feast for the senses and a chance to connect over a mutual love of great food and drink. Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival is produced by Dunollie Castle Productions Inc. in Calgary and Edmonton and also produces [Winefest](#) in Calgary and Edmonton. Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival Calgary takes place October 13 and 14, 2023, and Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival Edmonton takes place November 3 and 4, 2023. For tickets and additional information, visit rockymountainwine.com.