

Media Release

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THE SPRING WINE FESTIVAL IS SERVING EXCITING ADDITIONS AND A NEW PARTNERSHIP TO 2014

TICKETS TO THE 8TH ANNUAL SPRING TOWN POINT VIRGINIA WINE FESTIVAL ON SALE NOW AT FESTEVENTS.ORG!

Norfolk, Virginia (April 10, 2014) – Experience the 8th Annual Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival, presented by AT&T, with flavor and flair on Saturday May 3 & 4, 2014, 11am - 6pm daily, in Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk, VA Waterfront.

Wine Enthusiast Magazine has named Virginia one of the 10 best wine travel destinations in the world! Norfolk Festevents is bringing 26 of the best wineries from across the Commonwealth right to Hampton Roads' premier waterfront venue!

New in 2014! Renowned chef, food writer, and historian, Patrick Evans-Hylton, will serve as the official Culinary Advisor to the Festevents organization and will serve up his expertise to each of the events this season. For the Spring Wine Festival, Patrick has partnered with local dining establishments to introduce an elite brunch to start the off the day. The restaurants have been given the honor of being in the Patrick Evans-Hylton Culinary Circle.

Also new, the Wine Festival will now offer a VIP tasting ticket with access to an exclusive Waterfront VIP chalet. This area will feature a large tented space with complimentary catering and desserts, soda, water, adult beverages (includes beer and wine), limited reserved seating, private restroom trailer, flat screen TVs, beautiful views of the Elizabeth River and more! Enjoy Virginia's premier wine festival in style. *All VIP tickets include souvenir tasting glass, sampling wristband, and VIP chalet access.

Wine lovers will also enjoy live musical performances by **Brian Sewell** and **Brandon Bower.** All wines presented during the festival are available for purchase by the bottle or the case until 5pm daily. Wine sampling ends at 4:30pm daily.

Complementing the wine will be food and beer selections to satisfy every guest's appetite. Seafood menus include crab cakes, shrimp and crab soup. Gourmet foods include Turkey & Havarti with Quince Butter on French Baguette, Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella with Balsamic Vinaigrette on a French Baguette. Baskets including Honeydew, Cantaloupe, Pineapple, Strawberries and Grapes and cheeses including Soft Herb Garlic and Brie as well as Hummus Dip and French Baguette. Traditional festival favorites include pitas, Italian sausages and fresh-cut French fries. A Craft Beer bar will be available as well.

Spring Wine guests will be in for a real treat as they peruse through glassware to include hand-painted wine glasses, martini glasses and pitchers. Take home a wearable keepsake including women's hats, sterling silver jewelry, Spring Wine Festival apparel and more.

There is something for all tastes at the 8th Annual Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival presented by AT&T!

Am Rhein's Wine Cellars - Bent Mountain, VA Mattaponi Winery - Spotsylvania, VA

Athena Vineyards and Winery- Heathsville, VA New! - Mermaid Winery - Norfolk, VA

Barboursville Vineyards-Barboursville, VA Potomac Point Winery- Stafford, VA

Burnley Vineyards- Barboursville, VA Prince Michel de Virginia-Leon, VA

Castle Gruen - Locust Dale, VA Rebec Vineyards- Amherst, VA

Rockbridge Vineyard- Raphine, VA Chateau Morrisette - Meadows of Dan, VA

Chatham Vineyards- Machipongo, VA Rosemont Vineyard and Winery-LaCrosse, VA

Davis Valley Winery- Rural Retreat, VA Stanburn Winery- Stuart, VA

The Dog and Oyster Vineyard- Irvington, VA Vault Field Vineyards- Kinsale, VA

Holly Grove Vineyards- Franktown VA Villa Appalaccia Winery- Floyd, VA

West Wind Farm Vineyard and Winery -Horton Vineyards- Gordonsville, VA

Max Meadows, VA

James River Cellars- Glen Allen, VA Williamsburg Winery, Ltd.- Williamsburg, VA

Lovingston Winery-Lovingston, VA Wintergreen Winery- Nellysford, VA

Several Downtown Norfolk restaurants have partnered with Norfolk Festevents to help celebrate spring and the Spring Wine Festival in a most delightful way. Enjoy a leisurely start to the day, and then walk

over to Town Point Park for the fete. Some restaurants are opening just for the event, and some are offering special menus: Here is the tasty line up

Saturday 219 An American May 3rd Brunch **Options**

Sunday

May 4th

Brunch

Options

Bistro 10 am - 3 pm reservations recommended more 219 Granby St., Norfolk Norfolk 757-416-6219 757-961-0896 www.219Bistro.com www.NorfolkTap

Room.com Norfolk Tap Room 219 An American Bistro 11 am - all day -10 am - 3 pm reservations for reservations parties of 8 or recommended more 101 Granby St., 219 Granby St., Norfolk Norfolk 757-416-6219 757-961-0896 www.219Bistro.com www.NorfolkTap Room.com

Norfolk Tap Room The 3Way Cafe 11 am - all day -8 am - 3 pm reservations for reservations accepted parties of 8 or 216 E. Plume St., Norfolk 757-625-3929 101 Granby St., www.3WayCafe.com

10 am - 2 pm reservations required ***Open to non members for this special occasion*** Third Floor/World Trade Center 101 W. Main St., Norfolk 757-625-6606 www.ClubCorp.com/Clubs /Town-Point-Club

Town Point Club

Vintage Kitchen 10 am - 2 pm reservations recommended ***Park free at Dominion Tower all day with validated ticket*** 999 Waterside Dr., Norfolk 757-625-3370 www.Vintage-Kitchen.com

TICKET & TABLE PACKAGES:

Advance prices and Reserved Tables available until sold out or until 5pm on Monday, April 28th at www.festevents.org, by calling 757-441-2345.

- Reserved Table (includes Tasting Tickets and reserved seating for 8 guests)
 - o Saturday \$350 in advance only
 - o Sunday \$275 in advance only
- **Reserved 4-Star Seating** (includes Tasting Tickets and reserved seating for 4 guests at a table with another group of 4 guests)
 - o Sunday \$150 in advance only
- Tasting Tickets (includes souvenir glass)
 - o Saturday \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate
 - o Sunday \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate
- General Admission (does not include tasting privileges nor souvenir glass)
 - o Saturday \$20 in advance or at the gate
 - o Sunday \$15 in advance or at the gate
- VIP Ticket (All VIP tickets include souvenir tasting glass, sampling wristband, and VIP chalet access)
 - o Saturday & Sunday \$75
- **Private chalet packages** are available for small groups and private parties and can be customized to the group. Contact John Vellines at 757.441.2345 or email vellinesj@festevents.org for more information and to reserve your private chalet.
- **Boater's Package** (*includes 4 Tasting Tickets and Parkside docking for up to a 35' vessel, reservations required, pricing and ticket quantity increases for larger vessels. Docking is during Festival hours only)
 - o Saturday \$250*
 - o Sunday \$225*

Contact Shane Vernon at 757.441.2345 or email <u>vernons@festevents.org</u> for more information and to reserve your Boater's Package.

- Children 12 and younger
 - o Free

For the Spring Town Point Wine Festival, guests are able to reserve tables, private chalets, VIP chalet tickets, purchase individual sampling tickets, general admission tickets and Park-side boater packages. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit www.festevents.org or phone 757.441.2345. Tasting tickets and general admission tickets may also be purchased at participating AT&T and Total Wine and More Stores, cash or check only when making in-store purchases, service fee may apply.

Norfolk Festevents Ltd. is a private not-for-profit organization dedicated to producing premier concerts, festivals, ship visits and special events for residents and guests of Hampton Roads. Celebrating its 32nd season, Norfolk Festevents has garnered international acclaim for its outstanding quality programming. Norfolk Festevents is the official event marketing and production agency for the City of Norfolk.

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