

## 11th Annual Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival Returns Aug. 10-13

**Beaver Creek, Colo., July 18, 2017** — The much anticipated wine, spirit and culinary event of the summer, the 11th Annual [Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival](#) presented by [Wine Spectator](#), returns Aug. 10-13, nestled in the raw beauty of the Rocky Mountains of Beaver Creek, Colorado. This event incorporates culinary excellence with Beaver Creek's longstanding traditions, outdoor adventures, health and wellness.

Each event has a specialized theme and a location that pairs perfectly. The weekend starts off on Thursday evening with a special kick-off event, Whiskey Wranglers at the Beaver Creek Rodeo – a whiskey tasting with a touch of the wild, wild, west. Friday's festivities begin with Mountaintop Fitness Classes and Breakfast at Spruce Saddle. An invigorating outdoor spin, yoga, and pilates session is followed by gourmet continental breakfast. The Friday Afternoon Club Social offers a casual alpine summer setting with live music and wine tasting at the Plaza Pavilion in Beaver Creek Village. Cap off the evening with Paired with Patron: A Cigar Tasting Event at the Smoking Lounge at the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch. Join Chef Joly of Mirabelle Restaurant for a new Farm-to-Table Dinner, with ingredients sourced from within 150 miles.

Embark on the Hike & Lunch: Guided Gourmet Experience on Saturday for a memorable hike on Beaver Creek Mountain through aspen groves and meadows of wildflowers all above Beaver Creek Village guided by experts from Beaver Creek's Hiking Center and culminating with an outdoor, wine-paired lunch at the lush Creekside Park.

The weekend's star event, Saturday's 11th Annual Grand Tasting, is a celebration of the weekend's highlighted dishes and drinks with mouth-watering samples, music and drink. The Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival hosts 17 events in total expanding over four days. Tickets can be purchased online at [BeaverCreek.com/wine](#).

### ***Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival Schedule:***

#### **Thursday, August 10th, 2017**

##### **Whiskey Wranglers @ the Beaver Creek Rodeo 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Put on your boots and kick off the Wine & Spirits weekend at the Beaver Creek Rodeo while sampling a variety of fine whiskeys from Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey. Savor the flavor of the whiskey on your palate while getting a taste of this wild west tradition.

**Location:** Beaver Creek Rodeo, VIP Tasting Area. The Beaver Creek Rodeo Grounds are located in Avon just east of the Chapel Square and City Market shopping centers. Parking is complimentary at the Rodeo. Complimentary shuttle service is also available from Beaver Creek Resort Dial-a-Ride: (970) 949-1938.

**Price:** \$50pp (Includes VIP Rodeo ticket, access to VIP tasting area and a Commemorative 16th Anniversary Rodeo Gift)

#### **Friday, August 11th, 2017**

##### **Mountaintop Fitness Classes + Breakfast at Spruce Saddle Lodge**

Rising high above Beaver Creek Village at the top of the Centennial Express chairlift, Spruce Saddle Lodge is an iconic venue for breathtaking scenery and mountain adventure. Built in 1982, it is one of the original resort structures, and at 10,200 feet offers unrivaled views of the Gore Range and Eagle River Valley. It is here that you'll participate in an outdoor fitness class from Allegria Spa like never before. Includes a gourmet continental breakfast at Spruce Saddle and a complimentary gondola pass that will be valid all day.

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Spin:** This spin class will work on a bell curve to elevate your heart rate and sustain average power. Condition your heart, lungs, legs and core without impact or stress to your joints.

**9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Yoga Flow:** A flowing practice that links Hatha yoga postures together with dynamic movements and conscious breathing. Includes sun salutations, standing poses and optional inversions.

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Pilates Mat:** This class uses the classical Pilates callisthenic exercises to strengthen deep core musculature. Learn the fundamentals of movement that will create postural awareness all day long!

**Location:** Spruce Saddle Lawn

**Price:** \$60pp / per class

### **Five Bordeaux Varietals and Your Five Senses 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Take your wine knowledge from enthusiast to expert with this exciting group exploration of the five classic red Bordeaux varietals. Taste Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot in a guided group tasting designed to engage each of your senses to heighten your tasting experience. Once you learn how to harness all five senses to aid in identifying the delicate differences in each varietal, we'll treat you to chef created bites that will enhance the unique characteristics of each wine.

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Malbec

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Petit Verdot

Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot

Rutherford Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

**Location:** TBA

**Price:** \$50pp

### **Friday Afternoon Club Social 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Bring your friends to the Plaza Pavilion and enjoy an alpine summer evening featuring live music and complimentary wine and cheese tastings. Stop by for a wine tasting, the perfect pairing for a warm Rocky Mountain afternoon.

**Location:** The Plaza Pavilion at Beaver Creek

**Price:** Free admission and open to the public, drinks will be available for purchase.

### **Paired with Patron: A Cigar Tasting Event 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Come explore the Smoking Lounge at the Ritz Carlton in Bachelor Gulch for an avant garde cigar and tequila tasting. Whether you're a cigar smoking novice or a seasoned cigar lover, enjoy a selection of delicious cigars while learning to how to cut, light, and identify specific tobacco flavors to help pair your cigar with the perfect tequila or spirit. Ticket price includes the purchase of cigars and complimentary spirit tastings.

**Location:** The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch Smoking Lounge

**Price:** \$60pp

### **Mirabelle Farm to Table Dinner 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

A concept created by Master Chef Daniel Joly, this four course dinner sources all of its food from within 150 miles of the very spot that you'll be sitting for a truly one of a kind outdoor dining experience. Paired with Zonin1821 wines, the night will be as elegant as it is delectable.

**Location:** Mirabelle at Beaver Creek (55 Village Rd, Beaver Creek, CO 81620)

**Price:** \$130pp

### **Splendido Wine Dinner Benefiting Bright Future Foundation 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

This event is the perfect opportunity to do good while eating well! Join us for a sumptuous five-course dinner prepared by Splendido at the Chateau's Executive Chef Brian Ackerman paired with the perfect wines from Robert Mondavi Winery. Enjoy a little friendly competition while raising money for the Bright Future Foundation during a special four-course semi-silent auction.

**Location:** Splendido at the Chateau (17 Chateau Lane, Beaver Creek, CO 81620)

**Price:** \$150pp

**Saturday, August 12th, 2017**

**Mountaintop Fitness Classes + Breakfast at Spruce Saddle Lodge**

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**Hike & Lunch: A Guided Gourmet Adventure 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Join us for a journey of the senses through the summer mountain trails to the tables filled with locally sourced foods from Chef Riley Romanin of Revolution. Guests will enjoy a beautiful hike with the friendly and knowledgeable guides of the Beaver Creek Hiking Center, ultimately winding their way to the lush Creekside Park for an outdoor, wine-paired lunch.

**Location:** Beaver Creek Mountain/Creekside Park. Check in at the Summer Adventure Center, located next to Starbucks in Beaver Creek Village.

**Price:** \$90pp

**Pinot Noir with a Distinct Sense of Place 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Visionary Winemaker Jayson Woodbridge always had a desire to make Pinot Noir. In 2006, he contacted the owners of historic Stanly Ranch, in the Carneros appellation of Napa to craft his first Pinot Noir. Woodbridge's first vintage of Cherry Pie Stanly Ranch garnered critical acclaim and was noted as "a wine not to be ignored," by Robert Parker. The success of the first bottling led to two additional single vineyard Pinot Noirs - Huckleberry Snodgrass from the Russian River Valley and Rodger's Creek from the Sonoma Coast. Join us as we explore the nuances of Pinot Noir from one of the most acclaimed winemakers in Napa Valley.

2014 vintages of Cherry Pie Pinot Noir

Pinot Noirs to be featured:

2014 Cherry Pie Stanly Ranch, Los Carneros

2014 Cherry Pie Rodgers Creek, Sonoma Coast

2014 Cherry Pie Huckleberry Snodgrass, Russian River Valley

2015 Cherry Pie Three Vineyards, Monterey, Sonoma Coast, Santa Barbara

**Location:** TBA

**Price:** \$50pp

**Best of Piedmont 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

One hundred years after the creation of the Viberti winery, the family's connection to their beloved land of Barolo and its fine red wines remains constant. Today, under the direction of Claudio Viberti, the winery produces varietally accurate, elegantly-structured wines with fresh fruit aromas, bold tannins, and vibrant acidity that are approachable upon release, yet reward extensive cellaring.

Experience the very best of Piedmont with a selection of their exquisitely crafted DOCG 'Buon Padre' Barolo dating back to 1983 poured from limited release 3L bottles. The event will be capped off with a special tasting of Viberti's prized single-vineyard Barolo Riserva Bricco Delle Viole 2010 & 2007.

Barolo Buon Padre 2013

Barolo Buon Padre 2012

Barolo Buon Padre 1988

Barolo Buon Padre 1983

Single-vineyard Barolo Riserva Bricco Delle Viole 2010

Single-vineyard Barolo Riserva Bricco Delle Viole 2007

**Location:** TBA

**Price:** \$50pp

### **11th Annual Grand Tasting 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

The Wine and Spirits Grand Tasting at Beaver Creek is the culinary highlight of the summer. Celebrate the height of summer harvests with fresh food tastings and premium wines, spirits and beers being poured outdoors at the base of Beaver Creek Mountain. Sample all the best Beaver Creek has to offer.

**Location:** Base of Centennial Express Chairlift (#6), next to Beaver Creek Chophouse

**Price:** \$85pp

### **Sunday, August 13, 2017**

### **Port and Cheese 4x4 Jeep Excursion 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

Get out on the mountain for this adventurous port and cheese pairing experience with Premium Port and Murray's Cheese - served with a side of breath-taking scenery. Enjoy an exclusive guided Adventure 4x4 Tour that will stop at two scenic vantage points, allowing you time to enjoy the pleasures of the palate and a feast for the eyes!

**Location:** Beaver Creek Mountain. Check-in at the Summer Adventure Center

**Price:** \$175pp

### **Participating Brands and Sponsors**

The 11th Annual Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival is presented in partnership with Wine Spectator Magazine, American Express, The Club at Allegria Spa, Premier Party Rentals, and The Charter. Festival partners include: The Prisoner Wine Company, Takara Sake USA, Hess Family Wine Estates, Santa Barbara Vintners, Meiomi, Robert Mondavi Winery, Zonin, Hundred Acre, St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery, Premium Port, Opici Wines, Bouchaine Vineyards, Santa Margarita William Hill Estate Winery, Breckenridge Brewery, Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey, Patrón Tequila, Ultimate Vodka, Pyrat Rum, and Murray's Cheese.

Don't miss the week's list of activities at the [VPAC](#), starting with [Citizen Cope](#) on August 6, and Comedian [David Spade](#) on August 11.

For additional information about Beaver Creek's Wine & Spirits Festival and to purchase tickets, visit [www.beavercreek.com/wine](http://www.beavercreek.com/wine).

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