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## Nantucket Wine & Food Festival Announces 2019 Programming: Tickets Now On Sale

***Winemakers, Chefs and Sommeliers from around the world come together on the beautiful island of Nantucket for five days of extraordinary food and wine experiences.***

NANTUCKET, MA (January 15, 2019) – Tickets are now on sale for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual [Nantucket Wine & Food Festival](#) (May 15-19). For over twenty years, the Nantucket Wine & Food Festival has brought distinguished winemakers and chefs together for a world-class epicurean celebration. Over the course of five days, the island comes alive with prestigious tastings, lunches, dinners and educational seminars.

“This year’s festival truly reflects our team’s combined efforts to keep true to our roots as we raise the bar. We are committed to maintaining the high caliber wine experience as we continue to enhance our culinary program. The talent and the fresh programming is just where we want it to be.” - Nancy Bean, Executive Director.

One of the festival’s missions this year is to celebrate women in the food and wine industry. In that spirit, the NWF has partnered with luxury lifestyle publication *Robb Report* and its female-focused publication, *Muse*. Affiliated signature events include **The Dames Déjeuner**, honoring women chefs, vintners and sommeliers, and **La Fête: Women in Whites**, with an all-star cast of fabulous female chefs. These much-anticipated events will feature Chefs Karen Akunowicz (Fox & the Knife), Celebrity Chef Elizabeth Falkner, Maura Kilpatrick (Sofra Bakery & Cafe), Anita Lo (formerly of Annisa), Cassie Piuma (Sarma) and Silvia Barban (LaRina) among others.

The prestigious **Great Wines in Grand Houses** series continues this season with a new line-up of featured tastings and dinners. Hosted in private, elegant Nantucket homes and historical landmarks, guests will break bread with renowned winemakers and world-class chefs. Notable wine luminaries for the GWIGH events include Michael Silacci of Opus One, Jean-Paul Bignon of Château Talbot, Carlo Francetti of Tenuta di Trinoro, Carissa Mondavi of Continuum Estate, Robert Sinskey of Robert Sinskey Vineyards and Laura Catena of Bodega Catena Zapata.

In addition, annual events include:

- **The Harbor Gala**  
A veritable Who’s Who in the world of wine and food! Enjoy 40 exquisite winemaker/chef pairings at this elegant walk around event overlooking Nantucket Harbor. Winemakers from around the world present their wines paired with dishes prepared by local, regional and national chefs. Boston talent includes Jamie Bissonette (Little Donkey, Toro, Coppa), Tracy Chang (PAGU), Michael Scelfo (Alden & Harlow) and Tyler Kinnett (Harvest).
- **The Grand Tastings**  
Intoxicating energy! The heart of the Nantucket Wine & Food Festival. Taste hundreds of wines from over 150 prominent wineries worldwide, along with famed restaurants and artisan foods. Wineries are curated to create an exceptional well-rounded tasting experience.
- **Educational Seminars**  
Learn from the masters! Seminar highlights include Knights at the Wine Table; a meeting of the minds with wine educator and writer, Kevin Zraly, *The New York Times* wine critic Eric Asimov, *Food & Wine Magazine* wine editor, Ray Isle and moderated by Master Sommelier and vintner, Larry Stone. Also on the seminar roster: Bordeaux’s Magical Médoc, The Provençal Rosé Brunch, Passport to Napa; a Date with California Cabernet, Around the World Lunch and an Oregon Wine Luncheon Seminar.

- **Culinary Tent**

Non-stop chef entertainment! The excitement continues in the Culinary Tent at The White Elephant Village with two days of chef demos on the culinary stage, restaurant samplings, artisan purveyors, spirited cocktails, interactive exhibits and retail therapy. In a word – delicious!

### **Complete list of programming**

For a complete list of programming and pricing for the 2019 Nantucket Wine & Food Festival, please visit [www.nantucketwinefestival.com/events](http://www.nantucketwinefestival.com/events). Follow the festival on social media @nantucketwineandfood on [Instagram](#) and @nantucketwine on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **Sponsors**

Sponsors for this year's event include The White Elephant Hotel, Robb Report, Woodford Reserve, Mountain Valley Spring Water, Dole & Bailey, Inc., Kobrand, Château d'Esclans, Tito's Handmade Vodka, PEAK Event Services, Santa Margherita, Open Table, Acker Merrall & Condit, Nantucket Tents, The Westmoor Club, Cape Air, Fever-Tree, Calvisius Caviar, Steamship Authority, Sodexo, White Claw, Verlasso Salmon and Hy-Line Cruises.

### **About the Nantucket Wine & Food Festival**

With the help of island purveyors, restaurants and retailers, founder Denis Toner created what would become one of the most prestigious events of its kind. When the first vintners arrived to the island 23 years ago and bottles were uncorked, a magical tradition was launched. The festival now draws over 4,000+ attendees each May and hosts a loyal family of vintners, wineries, renowned chefs and restaurants. The NWF marks the awakening of the island when restaurants, galleries, activities and tours open for the season. The Grey Lady, as Nantucket is fondly called, is known as a culinary destination. As the festival has evolved, it remains intimate in style and true to its origins.

### **About the Nantucket Wine & Food Festival Charitable Foundation**

The Nantucket Wine & Food Festival Charitable Foundation is the charitable arm of this annual event. Over the past 22 years, the NWF has donated over a million dollars to Nantucket Island charities and non-profit organizations on and off island. They are committed to supporting the island community, its history and its natural resources. They embrace the Nantucket High School Culinary Arts program, providing on-going contribution to their scholarship efforts, hosting a yearly Junior Top Chef competition and providing paid student employment and mentoring opportunities. The NWFCF supports over 30 different organizations annually.

### **Contact Information**

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