

21 Reasons to attend the 21st Wine & Food Week

And Yes, We're Crushing it! May 28-31; June 6

Houston, Texas (May 12, 2025) ...The 21st Wine & Food Week, May 28 – 31 presented by H-E-B, promises an unforgettable experience for gastronomy enthusiasts and wine aficionados alike. Here are **21 Reasons not to miss the 21st Wine & Food Week — And Yes, We're Crushing It.**

1. **Because 21 Years Deserves a Toast** – We've been *crushing it* for over two decades, and this year we're serving up new experiences and tastes for foodies and wine lovers from novice to experienced.
2. **The Debut of *Crushing It with Cocktails*** – A fresh, spirited event spotlighting mixology masters and cocktail creativity where bartenders compete for Best in Glass honors and more including Danny Velazquez Beverage Director, The Blind Finch; Carla Espinoza partner I Know the Owner bar; Afzal Kaba Beverage Director, Musaafer; Sebastien Escobar Beverage Director, Monarca Modern Cocina Kitchen, Kiana Carillo from Plume and more.
3. **Sip Over 500 Wines** – From bold reds to crisp whites and everything in between, your taste buds are in for a world tour.
4. **Celebrity Chefs, IRL** – Rub elbows and raise forks with culinary icons from across the region including exotic destinations like Aruba. More than 100 chefs and restaurants will be featured during Wine & Food Week.
5. **Chef Showdown: Culinary Combat Live** – Watch 40 top chefs go head-to-head for the title of *Chef of Chefs* and a \$5,000 cash prize. [Who will crush the competition?](#) Can reigning champ Chef Nancy Manlove hold her title?
6. **The Grand Tasting Experience** – This is the one everyone talks about. You'll taste why.
7. **Crush-Off Grape Stomp** – Watch finalists from Can You Crush This Tuesday Trivia try to stomp out the competition at Sips, Suds & Savor to win a weekend staycation at the Bernhardt Winery. Then, dive into the rich story of "vine to glass" with a lively grape stomp demo led by none other than Jerry Bernhardt himself—owner and winemaker extraordinaire.
8. **Ladies of the Vine Luncheon** – Empowering. Elegant. Effervescent. Join the sisterhood of wine and hear from a power-packed panel including Laura Oskwarek, Winemaker, Silver Oak; Cynthia Lohr, Co-Owner, J. Lohr; Roberta Ceretto, 3rd Generation Family Member Ceretto Winery; Melissa Phillips Stroud, Vice President Michael David Wines with Kelly Limbaugh, Vice Chairman - Administration, Winery Relations Committee Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo international wine competition.



9. **Reserve Tastings** – Rare wines. Intimate pours. No velvet rope can hold you back. More than 7,000 bottles of wine will be poured during Wine & Food Week.
10. **Food That Stops Time** – Crafted by chefs who turn ingredients into unforgettable experiences.
11. **Epic Cocktail Moments** – Thanks to *Crushing It with Cocktails*, it's not just about wine anymore.
12. **A ticket to Aruba could be yours**—Aruba is calling. Global wine experiences are all the rage. We're excited to announce a trip giveaway to Aruba including 3 nights at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino with daily breakfast plus two tickets to the Wine on Down the Road culinary tour, a \$500 airline voucher for Southwest Airlines. A \$3,200 value. Wine & Food Week ticket holders are automatically entered or enter [online here](#).
13. **Meet Culinary and Wine Icons plus Rising Stars**—Wine & Food offers a rare opportunity to meet culinary veterans and rising stars alike — all crushing it in the worlds of wine and food. Houston's first master sommelier Guy Stout is back to unveil his new wine line, Magic Bus, at Sips, Suds & Savor. Chef Lena Le, Chopped Champion Truffle edition is one of many fresh faces competing in the *Chef of Chefs* competition.
14. **Wine Education That Doesn't Feel Like School** – Sip, swirl, and soak up knowledge in style.
15. **Live Music, DJs & Vibes** – Because good food and drink deserve a great soundtrack, photo opps and experiences.
16. **Winemakers Who Pour With Passion** – Chat and chill with the people behind the bottles.
17. **Themed Nights That Hit Different Clans** – Glam, casual, bold, or bubbly — there's a perfect vibe for every guest.
18. **VIP Lounges that Seriously Slay** – Elevate your evening with exclusive access and next-level indulgence at the Bayway Cadillac Luxury Lounge.
19. **The Woodlands: A Perfect Backdrop** – Scenic, upscale, and just far enough to feel like a getaway.
20. **You'll Be Part of Something Bigger** – Proceeds support local charities and community efforts like New Danville, Woodlands Art Council and Montgomery County Food Bank.
21. **FOMO is Real. Don't Miss It.** – Wine & Food Week only happens once a year! Tickets at wineandfoodweek.com

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Wednesday, May 28
4pm - 9pm | \$65
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

AROUND THE WORLD WEDNESDAY

Thursday, May 29
4pm - 9pm | \$65
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

CRUSHING IT! WITH COCKTAILS

Friday, May 30
4pm - 9pm | \$45
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

SIPS, SUDS & SAVOR

Saturday, May 31
7pm - 10pm | \$150
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom

or upgrade to
Bayway Cadillac
VIP Luxury Lounge
\$200

Wine RENDZVOUS!

Friday, June 6
11:30am - 3pm | \$165
The Club at Carlton Woods

Ladies of the Vine

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Event line-up includes **Wine Around the World Wednesday**; the all-**NEW Crushing it With Cocktails**, and **Sips, Suds & Savor**. The week culminates with the grand dame—the elaborate **Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & Chef Showcase** at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom where acclaimed chefs compete for the coveted *Chef of Chefs* Award and a \$5,000 cash prize. Looking for that extra touch of VIP, be sure to get tickets early to the Bayway Cadillac VIP Luxury Lounge with ultra-premium wines but limited space. June 6 don't miss the **Ladies of the Vine Tasting, Luncheon, & Panel Discussion**, at The Club at Carlton Woods. Wine & Food Week is truly foodie heaven.

Wine & Food Week is presented by H-E-B. Sponsored by: Bayway Cadillac of The Woodlands, Aruba Tourism, Visit the Woodlands, Trincherro Family Estates, Origami Sake, Riboli Family Wines, Duckhorn Wine, Hess Persson Estates, Michael David Winery, Europe Shares,

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ABOUT WINE & FOOD WEEK AND FOOD & VINE TIME PRODUCTIONS

Food & Vine Time Productions, producer of Wine & Food Week, has raised over \$2 million dollars through various channels since its inception in 2002 for local charities and deserving non-profits.

The first large scale event in the Metro founded by Food & Vine Time Productions, Wine & Food Week, was the first multi-day, multi-faceted, comprehensive destination culinary and wine event and the first nationally to promote locally sourced and sustainable products. Founder Constance McDerby with life and business partner, Clifton McDerby have been promoting and furthering the diverse culinary scene to avid followers since 2002. Diffusing the mystique of wines, FVTP events make wines approachable by educating the novice to the aficionado. Food & Vine Time Productions created another first when it launched the state's first multi-day craft beer destination and educational event featuring over 300 craft beer selections. Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival celebrated a decade of craft beer experiences, being named #3 beer event in America by USA Today and #1 in Houston by Houstonia Magazine. Food & Vine Time Productions' events include Houston Chronicle Culinary Stars, Katy Sip N Stroll, Wine Fair Cy-Fair, Zest in the West, Haute Wheels Food Truck Fest, and a myriad of public lifestyle events and private events for various clients. Founders invite you to raise a glass, meet a new friend, share a laugh and take it all in!