
CHARLOTTE
WINE & FOOD
WEEKEND
VINTAGE 2010
WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

**Vintage 2010: Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend
Tickets on Sale January 18**

WHAT: The 2010 Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend is Charlotte's bi-annual celebration of wine, food and charity. Since its inception in 1989, the Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend has grown into one of the Southeast's largest wine events and has raised more than \$3.2 million for local charities. Held in the spring of every even-numbered year, the weekend draws notable winemakers from around the world and pairs them with Charlotte's top chefs for three days of fun and educational events.

WHEN: Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend tickets are \$35 to \$350 for the following events:

- April 21-22 Vintner Dinners - winemaker dinners held at various restaurants
- April 23 Big Bottles & Blues - a casual event with the largest attendance
- April 24 Vintner Tasting – sample wines from all the vintners
- April 24 Tutored Wine Tastings - by industry leaders such as Kevin Zraly, Eric Solomon, Andy McNamara, Robert Foley and more
- April 24 - Grand Gala and Live Auction

WHERE: The Vintner Dinners scheduled for April 21 and 22, 2010 will be located in several of Charlotte's fine dining restaurants. Big Bottles & Blues and Vintner Tasting will be held at Gateway Village. Tutored Wine Tastings will be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte and Johnson & Wales University. The Grand Gala and Live Auction will be at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte. Complete details of all events can be found online at www.charlottewineandfood.com.

WHO: Since its inception in 1989, the Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend has grown into one of the Southeast's largest wine events and has raised more than \$3.2 million for local charities. Five beneficiaries have been selected based on the theme "Nourishing Mecklenburg County Youth." The beneficiaries are: Children's Theatre of Charlotte – Professional Theatre for Youth Audiences, Council for Children's Rights-The Leading Voice for Children Abuse and Neglect Advocacy Program, Johnson & Wales-Scholarships and Career Development for Low Income Youth, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina-Backpack Project for Underprivileged Kids, and W.I.S.H. Affordable Housing for Families—Homeless Children Focus. For more information, visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @CLTWineandFood. Check the web site for tickets at www.charlottewineandfood.com or call (704) 338-9463.

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