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**CHARLOTTE WINE + FOOD WEEK PRESENTED BY TRUIST | APRIL 14-18, 2021**  
**TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 @ 12:00 PM**

*Join Charlotte's annual celebration of fine wine and food for an incredible cause!*



**Charlotte, N.C.** (March 9, 2021) – **Charlotte Wine + Food** is thrilled to announce the event schedule for the five-day **Charlotte Wine + Food Week (CW+FW) presented by Truist** (formerly known as Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend) taking place **April 14-18, 2021** – an annual celebration of fine wine and food benefiting children in the Charlotte community.

CW+FW 2021 events offerings will include annual staples such as private in-home vintner dinners, restaurant vintner dinners, an online charity auction, and the ever-popular 1000-Point Tasting & Dinner - all with COVID-conscious capacities and social distancing protocols. While the Grand Tasting, historically the largest event of CW+FW during normal times, will be further postponed to April 2022, CW+FW is excited to bring back its annual Spring festivities in support of its deserving charity beneficiaries. All events will benefit four child-focused charities: **GenOne, Mitchell's Fund, The Learning Collaborative, and The Relatives.**

**The 1000-Point Tasting & Dinner**, limited to 50 very lucky guests, starts with a tasting of ten 100-point-rated wines moderated by **Sommeliers Anthony Washington, Estate Director at Rewa Vineyards** and **Paula De Pano, Beverage & Service Director of The Ferrington House Restaurant** held in **The Grand Bohemian Hotel's** state-of-the-art **Palace Ballroom**. Following the tasting, festivities will resume on the

hotel's elegant Queen's Terrace for a **multi-course dinner** created by **Mico's Chef de Cuisine Whitney Thomas** including a **live auction** featuring the best wine and experience lots we have to offer. As our finale dinner of the 2021 CW+FW event series, this is the ultimate wine connoisseur's tour de force!

CW+FW will feature a **Junmai Daiginjo Sake** dinner held at **Baku** hosted by **Advanced Sake Professionals Sara Guterbock** and **Birdie Yang** and a casual **Rosé Brunch** held on the front patio of **Poplar** on Sunday to close out the week's festivities with the increasingly popular wine style and a fitting Spring celebration.

"The beauty of our events is there is something for every taste," says Lauren Deese, CW+F Executive Director. "All we ask is that you bring your appetite, a desire to learn and delight your palate, and a willingness to make a difference in the lives of local children."

Whether you are able to attend an event or not this Spring, everyone is welcome to get involved from home by participating in the **online auction open to the public**, purchasing **raffle tickets to win a \$5000 gift certificate to Morrison Smith Jewelers**, or making a **tax-deductible donation**.

Charlotte Wine + Food is also grateful to be supported by a **returning presenting sponsor** for this year's Charlotte Wine + Food Week, **Truist**, the recently merged BB&T and SunTrust. The impact of their support will go a long way in meeting Charlotte Wine + Food's fundraising goals for this year.

Tickets (\$125-\$500) will be available for purchase starting Wednesday, March 10 starting at noon at [charlottewineandfood.org](http://charlottewineandfood.org). An event schedule preview will launch Tuesday, March 9 in the afternoon.

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Participating vintners at time of release include Broadbent Selections, Caladan, Cardinale, DAOU Vineyards, Davidson Wine Co., Élevage Collection by E.&J. Gallo, Galerie, Gran Moraine, Hourglass, J Vineyards & Winery, Mutual Trading Company, Jayson by Pahlmeyer, La Jota vineyard Co., Penfolds, Penner-Ash Wine Cellars, Mt. Brave, Rewa Vineyards, Roy Estate, The Spire Collection, Talbott Vineyards, Winebow, and Zena Crown Vineyard.

Participating restaurants and caterers at time of release include Baku, Bardo, Bonterra Dining & Wine Room, Counter-, Fin & Fino, L'Ostrica, Myers Park Country Club, Napa on Providence, Oak Steakhouse, Poplar Tapas Wine & Spirits, and The Fig Tree Restaurant.

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Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also still available, and those interested are encouraged to email [info@charlottewineandfood.org](mailto:info@charlottewineandfood.org), or call the office at (704) 338-9463 (WINE).

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### **ABOUT CHARLOTTE WINE + FOOD**

Charlotte Wine + Food brings together leading wine industry experts from around the world and pairs them with Charlotte's top chefs to celebrate and advance public knowledge of and appreciation for fine wine and food, while making significant contributions to charitable organizations that benefit children and their families in the Charlotte community.

Charlotte Wine + Food is a non-profit 501(c)3 directed by a fellowship of wine and food connoisseurs that make up its volunteer board of directors. All events benefit strategically selected charity partners that support children and their families in the local community. The beneficiaries for Charlotte Wine + Food's 2020-2021 fiscal are GenOne, Mitchell's Fund, The Learning Collaborative, and The Relatives.