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Weekday wine and food events at Cornucopia worthy of a 'sick-day'

Suggested Tweet: Calling all foodies + winos – start your weekend early at Cornucopia with a bunch of weekday events! #Cornucopia2015 @CornucopiaWine



Whistler B.C. – It's no secret Whistler has a crush on good food + wine, boasting a plethora of high-calibre restaurants, with extraordinary wine cellars to match. [Cornucopia, presented by BlueShore Financial](#) presents weekday events worthy of a 'sick day' – but be warned, your boss might just have the same idea. From winemaker dinners to deliciously-educational wine seminars, Cornucopia is turning your average weekday into a utopia of culinary excellence. Explore the tantalizing [event schedule](#), if you dare.

***TOMORROW* Winery Dinner at the Chateau: Fort Berens Winery (Wednesday, November 11)**

Fort Berens Estate Winery is a culmination of the dreams, vision and pioneering spirit forged on the road less travelled. The winery is owned by a team of eight individuals who share a common belief in the incredible winemaking ability of British Columbia's Fraser Canyon and a shared vision to make Fort Berens into one of Canada's leading producers of fine wine. Join Fairmont Chateau Whistler as we explore the delicious desert wines of Lillooet and indulge in the local gastronomic flavours of British Columbia. Get your ticket [HERE](#).

***TOMORROW* Giddy Grapes (Wednesday, November 11)**

There's a time to discuss the nuances of a delicate Pinot Blanc, and then there's a time to embrace the power of a big, bold wine that's built like a monster truck. This seminar

is all about quality wines that aren't shy about drawing attention, such as voluptuous vogners, robust hot climate reds, powerhouse fortifieds, and more. Presenter and Whistler local, Joanne Digeso leads this guided tasting of take-no-prisoners favourites that will win a place in your glass with their combination of charm and solid muscle. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

The Picnic: Chef's Choice Cookbook Launch Party (Thursday, November 12)

If you could picnic with anyone in the world, who would it be? In a full celebration of Whistler's culinary excellence, Cornucopia and Pique Newsmagazine introduce The Picnic: Chefs' Choice Cookbook Launch Party. The Chefs' Choice cookbook features local restaurants incredible talent, as featured in Pique's weekly column: Chefs' Choice. Get up close and intimate with some of Whistler's hottest culinary talent, as chefs from your favourite restaurants prepare recipes from the cookbook. Tour each restaurant, while tasting and pairing excellent wines along the way. Lively, fun and fresh, The Picnic will be a truly unique Whistler experience. Get your ticket [HERE](#).

Red Door Bistro: Tightrope Dinner with R.D. Stewart (Thursday, November 12)

Tightrope, one of B.C.'s much-loved wineries pairs their delicious grape varieties along side cuisine prepared by one of Whistler's most highly-regarded Chefs, RD Stewart of Red Door Bistro. French fare inspired by Canada's West Coast. Enjoy a phenomenal five-course dinner with expertly paired wines in the intimate setting of Red Door Bistro in Creekside. Get your ticket [HERE](#).

Le Cirque De La Nuit: VERADEASI (Friday, November 13)

Come one, come all to [Le Cirque de la Nuit's VERADEASI](#) – a new (and eccentric) instalment, joining the late-night line-up at Cornucopia's ever-evolving food and drink extravaganza. Housed in the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, VERADEASI takes guests on a gripping journey, from feats of hooping, aerial pole, corde lisse, silks, lyra, dance, acro, bellydance, contact ball illusion, contortion, juggling and dragon staff manipulation, in what can only be called a sensory overload of epic proportions. Accompanying the all-star stage (and air) cast is Beats Antique in a live performance, featuring David Satori & Sidecar Tommy. Beats Antique, renowned for their intense electro-acoustic breakbeats and Middle Eastern melodies brings added dimension to the VERADEASI experience – transcending traditional theatre in true Le Cirque de la Nuit style. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

Nita Lake Lodge: Into the Wild Winemaker Dinner (Friday, November 13)

Step 'Into the Wild' for a culinary collaboration like no other, featuring Chef Jefferson Alvarez & Chef Dean Hossack with wines by Stags Hollow. This unique pop-up event will celebrate the best of the wild, foraged delights and local produce in an inspiring lakeside setting. Chef Jefferson and Chef Dean will bring it all together with elegance and a creative flair; this 10 course affair is not to be missed. Get your tickets [HERE](#). Start your weekend early enjoying a plethora of weekday events at Cornucopia. With just five delicious days remaining of the festival's enormous 11 day schedule, be sure to tantalize your taste buds while you still can.

For detailed event information or to purchase tickets visit www.whistlercornucopia.com.

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Cornucopia, presented by BlueShore Financial is an eleven day dazzling display of gourmet food, wines, spirits and beer catering to everyone from amateur enthusiasts to aficionados. Respected industry professionals, judges and presenters headline each event, seminar and tasting, offering the best possible opportunity to garner as much information and insight as possible. Held on the cusp of the opening of each ski season in beautiful Whistler, British Columbia; Cornucopia was designed to showcase and support the local food and drink industry. Now encompassing wineries, breweries, distilleries, chefs and restaurants from Vancouver, greater B.C. and beyond, Cornucopia has become recognized as a preeminent representation of the culinary tourism industry in Canada. With widespread appeal shown through the immense variety of events available, the festival is truly a food and drink festival with a Whistler attitude.

Whistler is Canada's premier year-round leisure and meeting destination located in the Coast Mountains 120 kilometres (75 miles) north of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Consistently rated the top ski resort in North America, Whistler was the Host Mountain Resort of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The resort offers an extensive range of accommodations totaling 10,000 bedrooms among 24 hotels as well as townhomes, condos, B&Bs and chalets. Whistler also boasts more than 100 restaurants and bars, 200 retail shops, 25 spas and countless activity options from world-renowned skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking and golf, to hiking, rock climbing, and watersports. The Resort Municipality of Whistler is home to a diverse community of more than 10,000 permanent residents.

Tourism Whistler is the member-based marketing and sales organization representing Whistler, operating the [Whistler Conference Centre](#), [Whistler Golf Club](#), Whistler Visitor Centre, as well as 1.800.944.7853 and whistler.com - Whistler's official source for visitor bookings and information. As the convention and visitors bureau for the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Tourism Whistler represents more than 7,000 members who own, manage and operate properties or businesses on resort lands including hotels, restaurants, activity operators and retail shops.

Media can visit whistler.com/media for Whistler facts, media releases, story starters, local personality profiles and access to images and B-roll.

Broadcasters: Whistler now has the capability to take you live with our enhanced fibre network. The significantly expanded network of more than 200 kilometres of fibre optic cabling throughout the resort allows instant transmission of HD signals to any location at any time. Details on how to access, and book the fibre are available on our [media site](#).

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