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The Countdown is On! Only 7 days until Whistler Cornucopia kicks off!

Whistler, B.C. – As quickly as the snowline is moving down the mountains, Whistler's favourite kick-off to winter festival -- [Cornucopia, presented by BlueShore Financial](#) – is almost upon us.

Taking place from November 10 – 20, Cornucopia will celebrate its 20th anniversary and with a lengthy line-up of events to sip, sample and savour, it can be hard to know which events to partake in.

What better way to start Cornucopia than with a party? Join us in celebrating [Cornucopia's 20th Anniversary Party at the Picnic: A Showcase of Whistler Culinary Excellence](#) on Thursday November 10 at 6 p.m.. Celebrate alongside the visionaries and talent of Whistler's culinary tradition with grazing stations from Whistler restaurants and chefs paired with tastings from local and international beverage producers for a Whistler feast in the mountains. Prior to this celebratory picnic like no other, the [Restaurant Association of Whistler Hall of Fame](#) ceremony will take place, honouring the first-ever Hall of Fame inductee, Mario Ereno. Doors open for the Hall of Fame ceremony at 5:15 p.m. and a ticket to the Picnic is required for entry.

Not only is Cornucopia celebrating its 20th anniversary so is its signature event – [Crush Grand Tasting!](#) On Saturday November 12, don't miss out on this renowned flagship event, where you can taste it all, with over 72 wineries to sample from. Taste your way through the night, finding new favourites from New-World to Old-World, sparkling to Champagne. Enjoy a dynamic, lively and sensational evening and don't forget to also sample Cornucopia's Top 20 Wines and discover for yourself why the experts honoured them.

Want to get a head start on the night? Purchase an [early entry ticket to Crush Grand Tasting](#), and you, along with a limited number of attendees, will enjoy a complimentary glass of The Bub from Haywire Winery, while interacting with representatives from dozens of wineries. Early entry also allows you the opportunity to purchase the new option of a [Cornucopia Sommelier Tour provided by Taste Whistler](#). These small group guided tours with groups of six or less, are a curated tasting experience exploring the highlights and nuances of the night's collection through the eyes of an expert. Tours are \$35 per person and a Crush Grand Tasting Early Entry ticket is required.

Anchoring the second Saturday of Cornucopia , [Poured Grand Tasting: The Full Spectrum of Taste](#), is the all-encompassing tasting event at Cornucopia. Experience the full spectrum of what the beverage industry has to offer as you sip scotch, an expertly crafted B.C. beer, a Canadian cider or a fine wine from across the globe. POURED is a spirited night of music and revelry and tasting – the perfect celebratory way to end Cornucopia!

Visit [Whistler.com](#) for exceptional accommodation rates with packages starting from \$75/pp per night. Visit [whistlercornucopia.com](#) for full information on event and accommodation details.

Cornucopia, presented by BlueShore Financial is Whistler's Celebration of Food + Drink. The dazzling eleven-day display of gourmet food and drink attracts over 15,000 visitors to the resort and caters 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 local restaurants, restaurateurs and the food and wine industry. With wide-spread appeal 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 for the past 12 years in a row, 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 9,000 permanent residents.

Media can go to www.whistler.com/media for Whistler facts, media releases, story starters, and access to images and b-roll.

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