



CALGARY 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

The wine event of the year is back! The World of Wine Awaits at Winefest Calgary. Sip and sample an incredible selection of over 300 wines from more than 60 wineries across the globe, paired with an assortment of delectable hors d'oeuvres. Here are a few of our Festival favourites in 2020.

2020 FEATURED THEME:

- We are proud to announce this year's wine theme: Rosé Wines. Fans of the pink beverage rejoice – we're celebrating this beloved wine with rosé-specific booths, exciting feature areas, and more. If you find yourself saying "Yes way, rosé" Winefest 2020 is sure to delight. Check out rosé booths from your favourite wineries and be sure to try something new! Winefest will also be showcasing its usual variety of wines, so there truly is something for everyone at the event this year.

WINE:

- **Château d'Esclans** – Speaking of rosé, this luxurious French winery is bringing some of the world's favourite pink-hued wines to Winefest this year, including Whispering Angel, one of the most popular rosés in the world. Fans of Whispering Angel will be able to try a variety of wines from the Château d'Esclans portfolio, including the thrilling Rock Angel. If you love rosé, you do not want to miss this vineyard at Winefest!
- **City & Country Urban Winery** – Calgary's first winery inside the city will be joining us at Winefest for the first time! Boasting a delectable variety of vinos with grapes from the Okanagan, this local treasure will please palates. With no added colours or flavours, and guaranteed to be gluten-free, this is a wine choice that you can definitely feel good about.
- **Purcari** – A Winefest favourite from Moldova, Purcari will be at Winefest in full force with a vast range of wines, including a high-end dessert ice wine that is sure to surprise your palate, and a Moldovan varietal Rara Neagra, for a traditional tasting experience. Also be sure to give the remarkable rosé a try as you will not be disappointed.
- **Calliope Wines** – Fans of Burrowing Owl Winery get ready! Owned by the Wyse family, Calliope Wines are easy sipping, fruit-forward wines. Another delicious Canadian winery that is definitely worth checking out!
- **Kolonist Wines** – Get ready to wow your taste buds with these Ukrainian wines that are available in North America for the first time ever. The principal winemaker, Oliver Dauga, is from the Bordeaux region and has not only built quite the name for himself in the wine world, but is also known for his wild

style and rugby-playing past. Two of its wines, Odessa Black and Sukholymanske, are made with grapes indigenous to the Black Sea Danubian region of Bessarabian. You do not want to miss treating your palate to these remarkable wines this year.

- **Fallentimber Meadery** – According to its website, “Honey is to mead as grapes are to wine!”. We can’t agree more. This delectable sip is made from honey, crafting a warmth and sweetness that is a delight to taste. Made locally in Alberta from the finest honey, this mead will be a fun alternative to traditional wines at Winefest this year.

FOOD:

- **The Calgary Stampede** will once again be serving up delicious hors d’oeuvres, specially chosen to complement the many wines on offer, and satisfy your cravings! Menu will be released soon.
- **Arepa Boss** will be joining us at Winefest for the first time, showcasing its traditional guasacaca sauce paired with tasty tortilla chips.
- **Springbank Cheese** will be sampling a variety of artisan cheeses that make the perfect pairing with the array of wine samples available at the event.
- **Urban Fare Mount Royal** will showcase its incredible charcuterie and catering programs with gorgeous charcuterie samples.
- **Master Chocolat** will cater to your sweet tooth with its hand-crafted chocolates by Master Chocolatier, Bernard Callebaut.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- **Liquor Connect** makes finding your new wine discoveries easy. Download the app or visit [LiquorConnect.com](https://www.liquorconnect.com) to find where your favourite wines are sold in Alberta. Stop by the booth to enter to win a \$100 restaurant gift card, along with two tickets to the 2021 Winefest Calgary Saturday Afternoon Session.
- Winefest values the importance of **giving back** to the community. All guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for the Calgary Food Bank. Guests who make a donation will be given a special prize ballot to be entered to win a \$100 Sobeys and Safeway Liquor gift card or two tickets to the 2021 Winefest Saturday Afternoon Session. Winefest will once again make every donation go further by contributing \$1 for every pound of food donated. Last year, Winefest raised over \$2,300 and collected 265 pounds of food to help those in need.
- **The People’s Choice Awards** are back for Winefest 2020! Guests are encouraged to swirl, sip, then vote for their favourite wines. The People’s Choice Awards will crown the crowd’s top picks in various price categories, creating a go-to list of spectacular wines for every budget and palate. Share your experiences on social media using #peopleschoiceawards and @Winefest. One lucky voter will win a \$100 Sobeys and Safeway Liquor gift card.