

## **TASTE WASHINGTON RETURNS IN MARCH 2026**

TICKETS FOR GRAND TASTING ON SALE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12



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Taste Washington, the state's premier celebration of wine and culinary culture, returns in March 2026. The landmark Grand Tasting will welcome guests at Lumen Field Event Center on Saturday and Sunday, March 21–22, 2026, featuring pours from more than 200 Washington wineries and bites from over 75 acclaimed restaurants. The Grand Tasting is the centerpiece of a monthlong program of curated events that celebrate Washington's wine, food, and farming communities.

"We are excited to reunite Washington's wine and culinary communities at Taste Washington," said Kristina Kelley, Executive Director of the Washington State Wine Commission. "We're honoring a tradition that brings our makers, growers, and chefs together to showcase the craftsmanship and bounty of one of the world's most diverse agriculture regions. Community is what wine is all about, and there's no better time to experience it than this March."





Taste Washington offers experiences for every palate, with engaging settings and educational programming at events throughout March. Highlights include:

- **The Grand Tasting**: Taste from 200+ Washington wineries and savor 75+ culinary creations, plus activities such as Bubbles and Bingo and Stitch and B\*tch.
- Pacific Standard: A seafood-forward pairing of white, light, and sparkling wines with fresh Pacific Northwest fare.
- **The New Vintage**: An elegant evening pairing Washington's top wines, up and coming restaurants and live entertainment.
- **The Seminars**: Educational, expert-led sessions to deepen appreciation and knowledge of Washington wines.
- No Frills!: A relaxed finale featuring chefs' favorite at-home dishes and live music.
- **Dinner Series**: Intimate culinary collaboration featuring multi-course meals, winemakers, and chefs at Seattle's leading restaurants.

"Taste Washington will come back bigger and better than ever in 2026," said Sam Minkoff, President of SE Productions. "This year was a blast, and we can't wait to elevate the series of curated, interesting, energetic events to even higher levels." Cassie Hendrickson, Vice President of SE Productions, added, "Taste Washington is a giant celebration of food and wine: the pairings, the people, and all the stories that come with them. The series of events aims to spark curiosity and showcase the inventive spirit that defines our state."

March 2026 will be designated **Taste Washington Month**, as we highlight Washington-grown, -raised, and -crafted products while supporting local communities.

Tickets to Taste Washington 2026 The Grand Tasting will be released to the public **Wednesday**, **November 12**, **2025**. Remaining Taste Washington events go on sale in early December. Want early access to tickets? Subscribe to the Taste Washington email list: <u>tastewashington.org/subscribe</u>





## 2025 Taste Washington Photos Selects

- All photos taken by Aubrie LeGault unless marked with an asterisk. Photos marked with an \* are taken by Suzi Pratt

### **About Washington State Wine Commission**

The Washington State Wine Commission (WSWC) represents every licensed winery and wine grape grower in Washington State. Guided by an appointed board, WSWC provides a marketing platform to raise positive awareness of the Washington State wine industry and generate greater demand for its wines. Funded almost entirely by the industry through assessments based on grape and wine sales, WSWC is a state government agency, established by the legislature in 1987. To learn more, visit washingtonwine.org.

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### **About SE Productions**

SE Productions, renowned for creating memorable events such as 'Field To Table,' 'Sumo + Sushi,' and 'Bacon Eggs & Kegs,' has established itself as a leader in crafting unique experiences. With a rich background in event production, SE Productions founders Sam Minkoff and Cassie Hendrickson have been pivotal in shaping Seattle's food & beverage festival scene since 2013. SE Productions has brought together a vibrant community of creatives, festival producers, food enthusiasts, and outdoor lovers. This collaboration has not only fostered exceptional partnerships but has also underscored the importance of sharing unforgettable experiences with others. For more information, visit seproductions.us.

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