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NANTUCKET, MA (March 17, 2025) - The Nantucket Wine & Food Festival, one of America's most prestigious culinary gatherings, announces a rock star line-up of talent and exciting new events for its 2025 edition, The Dates are May 14-18, 2025. This milestone year introduces a new chapter, with Tasting Tents at the iconic Bartlett's Farm and the elegant Nantucket Hotel as its new hub in town.

The festival will showcase over 40 fabulous events across five days, bringing together an extraordinary collection of culinary talent and world-class vintners. "This year represents a fresh new perspective, celebrating the island's rich history alongside exciting new events featuring the best of the best in the world of wine and food." says Nancy Bean, owner of the festival.

"Nantucket has always been a gathering place for exceptional talent, and this year it is on fire!" says Bean. "We are thrilled to headline top island chefs including Gabriel Frasca of Straight Wharf, Neil Ferguson of American Seasons, Sarah Barlow of Nautilus, Joseph Keller of Company of the Cauldron, Scott Osif of Galley Beach, Michael Hervieux of The Breeze at Nantucket Hotel, Steve Rhee of Billie's (opening this June!), MJ Mojer from Bartlett's Farm, Sushi Sean, and more!"

### **Fresh New Programming and Signature Events**

"The caliber of talent converging on Nantucket this May is unprecedented," notes David Blessing, Culinary Director of the festival. "Each event has been carefully curated to showcase global excellence and our deep New England roots."

**"La Fête"** Charity Wine Dinner benefiting island youth organizations, will transform the historic Sconset Casino into an epicurean paradise. This intimate evening features more than 20 renowned winemakers seated with the guests, beginning with Champagne and Caviar, and followed by a four-course dinner featuring Chef Andrew Chadwick of Chatham Bars Inn and Chef where guests share prized bottles from their cellars and taste some of the best wines

**"Caviar, Oysters & Bubbles"** is the NWF's answer to the quest for luxury and decadence. With multiple producers of all three under one roof, this elegant walk-around tasting is the perfect way to begin your evening on the cobblestones.

**“SMOKED! Grill Around the World”** celebrates global grilling traditions from South African Braai to Argentine Asado, featuring live-fire cooking demonstrations, international wine pairings, and live entertainment.

**“French Country Luncheon”** at Straight Wharf Restaurant features stunning wines from Champagne, Provence, Burgundy and Bordeaux paired with the creative cuisine of the island’s Chef Gabriel Frasca of Straight Wharf and visiting Chef Marc Orfaly of Schlow Restaurant Group, Boston.

**“Battle of the Cabs”** This four-course dinner features 10+ wines from California and around the globe as they go head to head putting their best juice forward! Blind tasting of Rock Star Cabernets - primarily from Napa and a few stars from Sonoma, Italy, and Chile.

**“The Judgment of Paris”** recreates the legendary 1976 tasting that put California wines on the global map. With stunning wines and big personalities, this tasting will be lively and interactive.

**“Saints of Bordeaux Luncheon”** showcases legendary producers Château Troplong-Mondot, Château Cos d'Estournel, and Château Lagrange, paired with cuisine by award-winning Chef Neil Ferguson at American Seasons Restaurant and visiting Chef David Charrier of 2 Star Michelin Les Belles Perdrix in Saint-Emillion, Bordeaux.

### **World-Class Wines**

The 2025 festival welcomes an extraordinary collection of vintners, representing some of the world's most prestigious wine regions. From Bordeaux, Burgundy, Piedmont, Tuscany, South Africa, Argentina California and beyond - the elevated legends of the wine world gather on the Grey Lady. "From old-world traditions to new-world innovations, our wine program brings together a veritable who's who of the wine world.

### **About The Nantucket Wine & Food Festival**

The Nantucket Wine & Food Festival is celebrating its 27th year in 2025. is one of America's most prestigious culinary events, drawing over 4,000 attendees annually to the iconic island of Nantucket, Massachusetts. The festival brings together renowned winemakers, chefs, and culinary enthusiasts for five days of extraordinary tastings, intimate dinners, educational seminars, and immersive culinary experiences. Founded on the island's rich tradition of hospitality and enhanced by its unique coastal setting, the festival showcases the best in wine and food while celebrating Nantucket's deep agricultural heritage.

### **The Nantucket Wine & Food Festival Charitable Foundation**

Nantucket Wine & Food Festival Charitable Foundation is entrenched in the island community and provides support to many island non-profits and organizations that provide services to the island community. This year, the NWF will support the Nantucket High School Culinary Arts Program, Maria Mitchell Foundation, Nourish Nantucket, NISHA, Nantucket Shellfish Association, Angel Flight New England and other island organizations.

**Sponsors**

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