

5th ANNUAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Food & Wine Festival

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A celebration of sea, farm, & vine

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Celebrating healthy food, healthy families

Edgartown, MA (September, 2011)—The 5th Annual Martha's Vineyard Food & Wine Festival is gearing up for another rich season of harvest. This year's gastronomical event will take place on **October 14-15th**. This island-wide event will include cooking classes, wine seminars, and a Grand Tasting at the beautiful Boat House Field Club in Edgartown.

Boston magazine and the Business Communities of Martha's Vineyard are partnering up this year to help promote chefs from around the Island and beyond, as well as wine from around the world. The event is most notable for its local harvests from both sea and Island farms. Andy Husbands of Tremont 647, Boston, and Edgartown's Christian Thornton of Atria and One Fish, Two Fish are serving as the 2011 Presenting Chefs. This year's festival brings culinary cuisine from signature chefs including special guest Ric Orlando, 2010 Food Network *Chopped* Champion and Executive Chef/Owner of New World Home Cooking Café and New World Catering; Saugerties-Woodstock, NY.

"This event is a unique one," says event co-chair Carol McManus. This is not a "trade festival" this is a festival of heart and soul, around the food, the wine and more importantly, this community. We're celebrating the anniversary of the first five years of this festival and toasting to the next 25!"

“What people don’t know or understand is our dining scene, island-wide, is an intimate group of some of the world’s leading chefs,” said Christian Thornton, presenting chef and owner of Atria in Edgartown. More importantly, these chefs know the importance of supporting each other and our community. We care about the food we set out on the table. The MV Food and Wine Festival highlights the strong, healthy food industry here on the island.”

A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to The Martha’s Vineyard Boys & Girls Club. Every day, between 80-110 children arrive at the MV Boys & Girls Club after school Program for a busy afternoon of academic assistance, sports programs, computer technology, and arts. While these kids come from all over the island, a vast majority of these children come from low income families, participating in the free and reduced lunch programs at various Island schools.

The mission of the Martha’s Vineyard Food and Wine Festival is to promote and support Island children and families through broad-based community involvement. The MVFW Festivals’ goal is to utilize island restaurants, local businesses, as well as local producers of organic whole foods and produce, and wines from around the world, in an effort to educate families with nutritional information and access to foods that will ensure and sustain bright and healthy futures for their children.

For ticket information go to www.mvfoodandwine.com

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