

Wine Country

WINE EVENT » SARAH DOYLE

Sample 103 gold-medal wines at food festival

Want to taste 103 award-winning wines in a single afternoon? How about food from some of Sonoma County's top chefs? Mark your calendar for Saturday, when the North Coast Wine & Food Festival returns to the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa.

Sponsored by The Press Democrat, the annual festival will benefit Sonoma Family Meal, a nonprofit that provides prepared meals to those in need. (Disclosure: Heather Irwin, founder of Sonoma Family Meal, is the dining editor of Sonoma Media Investments, which owns The Press Democrat.)

This year's event features gold and double gold-winning wines from the 2023 North Coast Wine Challenge in April, an annual competition that celebrates wines from the North Coast American Viticulture Area (AVA). That means you can expect wines from Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Marin and Lake counties

NORTH COAST WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17

Where: Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa; 707-546-3600

Price: \$95 general admission, \$50 designa driver. VIP tickets sold out. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit northcoastwineandfood.com. Must be 21 or older to attend.

and parts of Solano County. This year's competition, the 11th, drew a record 1,190 wine entries, from 240 wineries. To accompany the stellar wine list, carefully prepared bites will be on hand from 19 local chefs, including Marc Henri Jean Baptise (Maison Porche

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POSTCARD FROM THE VINEYARD

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Artist Matt Willey draws a honeybee hive on concrete egg fermenters for chardonnay at Jordan Vineyard & Winery as part of his global art project, The Good of the Hive. Willey is aiming to paint 50,000 honeybees on murals around the world for his project. Visitors to the Healdsburg winery can see the temporary mural this summer during daily tours and tastings.