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## **DISCOVER THE 2013 WINE HARVEST AT THE NORTH WILLAMETTE HARVEST TRAIL & GRAND TASTING – OCTOBER 5, 2013**

*Tickets on sale now for the third annual North Willamette Harvest Trail & Grand Tasting  
featuring behind-the-scenes harvest activities in the vineyard, crush pad and winery*

Forest Grove, Oregon (August 20, 2013) — Wine enthusiasts can roll up their sleeves and experience the 2013 Harvest first hand with principles, winemakers and winery staff during the third annual **North Willamette Harvest Trail & Grand Tasting** on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wine trail guests will visit three different wineries throughout the day to learn about the winemaking process from vineyard to crush pad and winery facility. Along the route, they will also enjoy wine tastings and wine country lunch with four menu options to choose from. Guests will learn more about the North Willamette wine region as they journey among wineries with an expert (and humorous) wine industry tour guide including winemakers and proprietors. The day's harvest tour will culminate with a Grand Tasting event from 4- 6 p.m. at Tualatin Estate Vineyards, where all 20 North Willamette Vintner wineries will pour tastes of their wines paired with light appetizers among music during the delightful harvest evening. Guests will also enjoy exclusive NWV mixed case discounts at the Grand Tasting. New this year, guests will be able to customize their experience by selecting their lunch menu and identifying their preferred route. The full-day Harvest Trail & Grand Tasting ticket is \$95; Grand Tasting Only ticket is \$45. For tickets, please visit [www.nwvintners.org](http://www.nwvintners.org).

“This annual event has become a signature event for our region.” said Juanita Lint, owner of Plum Hill Vineyards and President of the North Willamette Vintners. “It is an extremely unique opportunity to actually experience harvest at this level. During Harvest Trail guests receive a hands-on wine adventure and can even help sort grapes, assist with a punch down, learn about canopy management and prepare wine barrels. The guests love it.”

[Watch a video featuring the North Willamette Harvest Trail now](#)

### **TICKETS:**

\$95 includes the full-day Harvest Trail from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Grand Tasting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., transportation, guided tour, lunch, wine tastings, light appetizers, North Willamette Vintners wine glass, canvas tote bag with wine purchases and Grand Tasting event.

\$45 includes Grand Tasting Only from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Tualatin Estate Vineyards, North Willamette Vintners logo glass, wine tastings, light appetizers and canvas tote bag with wine purchases.

Buy tickets online at [www.nwvintners.org](http://www.nwvintners.org)

### **Seasonal tours:**

This year wine lovers can book a private harvest tour, during the months of September and October, for groups of 6 or more. The tour includes a customized itinerary of four winery stops and a wine country lunch. Similar to the North Willamette Harvest Trail, guests will enjoy tastings and hands-on harvest experiences in a vineyard, on a crush pad and in a winery. The fourth stop will take guests behind the scenes at SakéOne, Oregon's only saké brewery, where they will learn about the unique process to brew sake. Tours are available seven days a week. To book a tour, please contact [shankins@nwvintners.org](mailto:shankins@nwvintners.org).

### **About North Willamette Vintners**

Located near the northern boundary of Oregon's Willamette Valley wine region, North Willamette Vintners is a cluster of independent wineries crafting fine wines from the valley's most fertile land. Passionate, creative and diverse, this young industry association is made up of 43 members representing wineries, tasting rooms and wine tourism partners throughout the northern reaches of the Willamette Valley. Most of the wineries are located just outside Portland in the nearby communities of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gaston, Helvetia, Hillsboro, North Plains and Tigard. On the road to Oregon's scenic coast and to the heart of the Willamette Valley, the North Willamette Valley wine region is easily accessible for a day trip or weekend excursion. For more information, a custom trip planner and profiles of member wineries, please visit [www.nwvintners.org](http://www.nwvintners.org). Follow North Willamette Vintners on Facebook for news and event updates.