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**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH WILLAMETTE WINE TRAIL WEEKEND-APRIL 12-13, 2014**

*Enjoy hands-on experiences with winemakers, local food purveyors and artists at this two-day wine-touring event in Oregon's North Willamette wine region.*

Washington County, Oregon (March 7, 2014) — The [North Willamette Vintners](http://NorthWillametteVintners.org) invite wine lovers of all experience levels to the two-day North Willamette Wine Trail. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual wine-touring weekend takes place Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Along this self-guided tour guests will be delighted with wine tastings from twenty-two local wineries, food pairings, hands-on experiences, local art and live entertainment.

“The North Willamette Wine Trail Weekend offers wine lovers the unique opportunity to taste wine and enjoy unique experiences, all weekend long.” said Michele Andrich, President of North Willamette Vintners and Tasting Room Manager of David Hill Vineyard and Winery. “Our guests can customize their weekend itinerary based on their interests and experience. With twenty-two participating wineries, all located within close proximity of one another, there are educational and entertaining activities for experienced and novice wine lovers alike.”

Guests will receive a Wine Trail kit that includes a reusable wine tote, a commemorative wine glass and a variety of special discounts and offers at local hotels, restaurants and wineries. Designated drivers will receive their own kit including snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

**TICKETS: (On Sale Now)**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13, 2014 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

- **\$45 per person** includes the two-day Wine Trail weekend with activities, wine tastings, food pairings, and North Willamette Vintners wine glass.
- **\$30 per person** for Sunday only ticket from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket includes Willamette Vintners glass, activities, wine tastings, and light food pairings.
- **\$10 for Designated Driver ticket** includes a wine trail kit with a bottle of water and snacks in a reusable tote bag.

For tickets, please visit the annual events or calendar of events at [NWVintners.org](http://NWVintners.org).

### **Weekend Activity and Tasting Highlights:**

- Learn how Pinot Noir is made during Pinot Noir 101, including a barrel tasting at **A Blooming Hill Vineyard**.
- Create and take home a one-of-a-kind piece of art with artist Sean Kalley at **Abbey Creek Winery**.
- Experience Italian food pairings and a Soleggio blending trial with winemaker, Alfredo Apolloni, at **Apolloni Vineyards**.
- **Ardiri Winery and Vineyard** will host Smitten Truffles to demonstrate how to pair chocolates with your favorite wine.
- Listen to live music and learn about Organic and Biodynamic agricultural practices at **Cooper Mountain Vineyards**.
- Bingo! Play wine bingo and win a prize at **David Hill Vineyard and Winery**.
- **Elk Cove Vineyards** will host Republic of Jam and **Gresser Vineyards** for a comparative tasting.
- Discover **Freja Cellars** and see pruning of the vineyard in action.
- **Helvetia Vineyards** will host **Garden Vineyards** and share salmon recipes while you label your own sparkling bottle.
- Watch the disgorging process for your favorite sparkling wine at **Kramer Vineyards**.
- Taste through three vineyard blocks and a barrel sample in **Montinore Estate's** winemaking facility and cellar.
- **Oak Knoll Winery** will host **Dion Vineyards** and show the different types of closures and why they are used.
- Enjoy a scavenger hunt through the vineyard and discover what sustainability means to **Patton Valley Vineyards**.
- Graft your own grape plant and dip your own bottle wax closure at **Plum Hill Vineyards**.
- Discover **Ponzi Vineyards'** new location and tour their new state-of-the-art, gravity-flow wine making facility.
- Customize a gift with bottles and signed growlers by Vintner, Neil Frederickson at **Provincial Vineyards**.
- Surprise your senses with unlikely food pairings and see behind the scenes of Oregon's only sake brewery, **Sakéone**.
- Enjoy Christmas in April at **Shafer Vineyard Cellars'** authentic German Christmas Shop.
- Taste sweet and spicy treats from Kelly's Jellies in **Tualatin Estate Vineyards'** barrel room.

Visit the North Willamette Vintners website for a [complete list](#) of wine activities.

### **About North Willamette Vintners - Host of the North Willamette Wine Trail**

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 42 members representing wineries, tasting rooms and wine tourism partners throughout the northern reaches of the valley. Most of the wineries are located just outside Portland, in the nearby communities of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gaston, Helvetia, Hillsboro and Tigard. On the way 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 or a list of member wineries, please call 503-941-0609 or visit [www.nwvintners.org](http://www.nwvintners.org). Follow North Willamette Vintners on Facebook at @NWVintners.

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