

Virginia Wine & Dine Month to Celebrate Love by the Glass

-March celebrates local wines at restaurants statewide-

RICHMOND, Va., (Feb. 21, 2013) - Virginia is taking dining to a new level this March with LOVE by The Glass: Virginia Wine & Dine Month. For epicurean travelers, March is an ideal time to visit Virginia, as restaurants and wine shops statewide put local Virginia wines front and center on menus. With more than 230 wineries throughout the state, Virginia ranks fifth in the nation for wine production, earning recognition from visitors, locals and critics alike as the East Coast wine destination.



Nearly 300 restaurants and wine shops are participating in the 2013 [LOVE By The Glass: Virginia Wine & Dine Month](#). Additionally, select hotels, resorts and inns have created special, wine-focused travel packages for visitors. Beyond the following sampling, additional Love by the Glass restaurants and travel packages can be found on www.virginia.org/wine and www.virginiawine.org.

"Each year we see more restaurants and wine shops across Virginia choosing to promote Virginia wines. We hope this year's March Virginia Wine & Dine Month will spur additional interest from new trade partners," said Todd Haymore, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, "We continue to get positive feedback about the growing interest in Virginia wines and its vibrant culinary community. This is a perfect match of the two."

"LOVE by the Glass makes March an ideal time to visit if you love great local wine and food," said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of the Virginia Tourism Corporation. "Dining out is one of the top activities for vacationers. Virginia Wine & Dine month combines the best of both worlds - award-winning local wines and world-class chefs at restaurants across Virginia."

In celebration of LOVE by the Glass, the state will feature a new [For the LOVE of Travel webisode](#) featuring the dining scene in Richmond and restaurants that give special attention to Virginia wines.

Restaurants

All of the below restaurants will highlight and promote Virginia wines by the glass throughout the month of March. A full list of participating restaurants can be found at www.virginiawine.org.

Bistro 1888 - South Boston

Visitors enjoy local Virginia wines by the glass at this award-winning casual, upscale restaurant and bar offering New American cuisine in a cosmopolitan atmosphere. With accolades such as [Wine Spectator's](#) Award of Excellence, [Wine Enthusiast's](#) Award of Distinction and Best Restaurant in Virginia voted upon by VA Main Street Diners, visitors experience a true taste of local Virginia wine and cuisine.

Boar's Head Inn - Charlottesville

The Four Diamond historic restaurant at the [Boar's Head Inn](#), the [Old Mill Room](#), offers visitors the opportunity to experience farm-to-table Virginia cuisine from Executive Chef Bill Justus and sip regional Virginia wines by the glass during Wine & Dine month this March

Depot Grill - Lynchburg

Located on [Lynchburg's](#) Historic Riverfront and featuring railroad antiques and a Model Train, this restaurant transports visitors back in time, allowing them to sample local Virginia wine while taking in the historical décor and listening to the regular passing of trains outside the doors.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia Artisan Center - Abingdon

Enjoy LOVE by the glass this March at [Heartwood](#), the gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, food, and local culture. Visitors sample products from many of the regional wineries at Heartwood's restaurant and wine bar.

Kilmarnock Inn - Kilmarnock

The locally owned and operated [Kilmarnock Inn](#) honors Virginia's rich presidential history with each of its eight guest cottages named for a Virginia born president. Guests can sip local wines by the glass from their own private deck or balcony or at the Inn's restaurant.

La Bella Italia - Virginia Beach

Those looking for a taste of Italy during Virginia Wine & Dine Month will enjoy drinking local wines while sampling delicious Italian cuisine. A Virginia favorite on the wine list is the Pinot Grigio from [Barboursville Vineyard](#), regularly served only by the bottle.

Mimslyn Inn - Luray

This charming, [historical inn](#) invites visitors to experience Virginia wine by the glass at the property's upscale Southern restaurant, [Circa '31](#). Specials include Weekend Wine Dinners every Friday and Saturday night, featuring an elegant five-course menu complemented with a variety of Virginia wines.

The Roosevelt - Richmond

Featuring an exclusive all-Virginia wine list and a variety of regional beers, [The Roosevelt](#) is an ideal restaurant to enjoy delicious local beer and wines by the glass. Alongside Southern cuisine with an untraditional twist under James Beard Nominee and Chef, Lee Gregory, diners will taste local favorites such as Barboursville Vermentino, King Family Meritage and Blue Mountain Beer.

Tides Inn - Irvington

The East Room and the Chesapeake Club, the [Tides Inn's](#) top restaurants, offer authentic, regional American cuisine in an intimate setting. Diners enjoy scenic views of the Tides Marina and Carters Creek while savoring delicious regional wines off the restaurants' wine lists, both of which have been awarded Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence.

Trummer's on Main - Clifton

[Trummer's on Main](#) is an upscale neighborhood restaurant serving creative American cuisine with Executive Chef Clayton Miller at the helm. Voted number one American restaurant by

Washingtonian Magazine, diners will indulge in inventive culinary dishes paired with glasses of Virginia wine, available on the restaurant's extensive list.

Tuscarora Mill - Leesburg

[Tuscarora Mill](#) is an independent, locally owned restaurant, café, bar, and bakery boasting the products of several dozen local growers, cheese makers, wineries, farmers and livestock producers. During Wine & Dine Month, visitors take advantage of regional wines by the glass, most of which are typically offered only by the bottle.

Virginia Originals & Chesapeake Grill- Eastern Shore (Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel)

Virginia Originals & Chesapeake Grill, a casual full-service restaurant, features a menu focused on local seafood entrees and other American dishes, incorporating locally grown and harvested ingredients whenever possible. Both the indoor and outdoor dining areas offer views of the Chesapeake Bay and are the perfect place to relax while dining on delicious Virginia-inspired cuisine and sipping on regional wines by the glass.

Wine Travel Packages

Winter Wine and Romance Package

Mountain Rose Inn - Woolwine - Valid through March 31, 2013

Escape to the Blue Ridge Mountains for a wine weekend getaway. Couples who book this package receive two nights' accommodations, daily breakfast, bouquet of roses in room upon arrival, wine tour and tasting, an epicurean meal at local award-winning winery Chateau Morrisette and a bottle of sparkling wine as well as gourmet chocolates to enjoy in room. Rates start at \$449 per couple. For reservations, visit www.mountainrose-inn.com.

Wine, Dine, and Get Pampered with the Girls Package

Stonewall Jackson Bed & Breakfast - Harrisonburg

Nothing says "girlfriends getaway" quite like wine combined with pampering. Those looking for a quick trip with the girls will enjoy this package which includes two nights' accommodations, daily breakfast, one Swedish massage per guest, a specially crafted dessert at a participating local restaurant, surprise gift and a complimentary wine tasting at local wine shops and vineyards. Rates start at \$199 per person. For reservations, visit www.stonewalljacksoninn.com.

Shared Wines & Treasured Times

Lansdowne Resort's - Leesburg - Valid through Dec. 31, 2013

Epicurean travelers enjoy this wine and culinary adventure in the heart of DC's Wine Country. Package includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, valet parking, \$150 dining credit and a private car for a six-hour winery tour to wineries including [Breux Vineyards](#), Corcoran Vineyards, [Doukenie Winery](#) and [Sunset Hills Vineyard](#). Rates start at \$535, based on double occupancy. For reservations, visit www.lansdowneresort.com.

Virginia is for Lovers Package

Oceanfront Inn - Virginia Beach - Valid through Dec. 31, 2013

Celebrate Wine & Dine Month in Virginia with this exclusive oceanfront package honoring the Virginia is for Lovers award-winning slogan. Package includes two nights' accommodations and a gourmet basket filled with local Chardonnay, Oceanfront Inn wine glasses and wine bottle

opener and local chocolates by Schokolad Factory. For reservations, visit www.oceanfrontinn.com.

Montpelier Wine Weekend Package

Holladay House Bed and Breakfast - Orange - Valid through Dec. 31, 2013

Wine enthusiasts experience the best of Virginia wines with this package featuring a special tour of seven wineries within a short drive of [James Madison's Montpelier](#). This oenophile package features two nights accommodations, welcome tray of fruit, cheese, crackers and wine, two locally-made breakfasts, two days of touring at the newly restored Montpelier, seven winery passes, a gift bag to take home, and two dining gift certificates to the award-winning Palladio Restaurant at [Barboursville Vineyards](#) and choice of acclaimed restaurants Inn at Meander Plantations or Vintage Restaurant. Rates start at \$825 per couple. For reservations, visit www.holladayhousebandb.com.

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