



## DECEMBER 2017 WINE, CRAFT BEER, SPIRITS AND EATS

‘Tis the season to celebrate the holidays with a visit to Virginia’s wineries. During December, many wineries host open houses complete with candles in the windows, decorations throughout, glowing fireplaces to warm you from the colds, special tastings and refreshments, and shelves stocked with wine specials and great gifts for family and friends. For additional events and activities, visit [www.virginiawine.org](http://www.virginiawine.org) and [www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org).



### December 1: Christmas Tree Lighting

#### James Charles Winery & Vineyard (Winchester)

Join in sipping mulled wine with cookies and listening to holiday music while gathering around the tree to see lights go on.

[www.jamescharleswine.com](http://www.jamescharleswine.com)



### December 2: Winter Wine Celebration

#### Virginia Beach Convention Center

The Center is transformed into a Winter Wonderland with 40 retail shops and more than a dozen wineries. Great selection of Virginia wines, wine accessories and unique gift items. Music and dancing. Tickets include souvenir glass and sampling privileges. Sponsored by Virginia Wineries Assn,

[www.winterwinecelebration.com](http://www.winterwinecelebration.com)

### December 2: Celebrate End of Prohibition

#### James River Cellars (Glen Allen)

A fun time marking end of the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment. Dress to the nines (and to the theme) for live jazz, great wine Greek and Italian food. Tickets limited.

[www.jamesrivercellars.com](http://www.jamesrivercellars.com)



### **December 2: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

#### **Veramar Vineyards (Berryville)**

Tree lighting at 6 pm with complimentary glass of mulled wine, cookies, Christmas music and special gift discounts.

[www.veramar.com](http://www.veramar.com)

### **December 2: Vintner's Table Wine Tasting**

#### **James Charles Winery & Vineyard (Winchester)**

An intimate tasting where you are guided through an elevated tasting by a sommelier, savoring each wine with selection of premium Charcuterie.

[www.jamescharleswine.com](http://www.jamescharleswine.com)



### **December 2: Weihnachtsmarkt (German Market)**

#### **Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)**

Outdoor market with local vendors and artisans. Wine and food available for purchase. Bring your Christmas gift list, bundle up, drink warm mulled wine and shop.

[www.bluestonevineyard.com](http://www.bluestonevineyard.com)



*Gadino Cellars*

### **December 2: Progressive Cabernet Tasting Gadino Cellars (Washington VA)**

Start with sparkling wine then sample the new 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon in its infancy, and then the 2008 and 2010 vintages. Wines for sale during the event only! Cheeses and music.

[www.gadinocellars.com](http://www.gadinocellars.com)

### **Saturday, December 2: Traditional Customer Appreciation Day**

#### **DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

say "Thank You" to our customers. Merchandise on sale throughout December with special gifts for everyone. No cover.

[www.ducardvineyards.com](http://www.ducardvineyards.com)



### **December 2: Wreaths and Winter Plants**

#### **Saunders Brothers (Piney River)**

Stock up before Old Man Winter comes to stay. Decorate with wreaths and special interest plans.

[www.saundersbrothersfarmmarket.com](http://www.saundersbrothersfarmmarket.com)

## **December 2: Release Party and Pig Roast**

### **Blue Mountain Barrel House (Arrington)**

Release of Concealed Darkness along with pig roast and live music, brewery tours and special beer tapings. Lawn chairs encouraged.

[www.bluemountainbarrel.com](http://www.bluemountainbarrel.com)



## **December 2-3 and Every Weekend in December: Holiday Open House**

### **Three Fox Vineyards (Purcellville)**

Special discounts on holiday merchandise and mulled wine available for purchase. Relax with a glass of wine and enjoy live music on Saturdays in the Thirsty Fox Lounge. See schedule on website.

[www.threefoxvineyards.com](http://www.threefoxvineyards.com)

## **December 3 & 4: Cork & Cheese Celebration**

### **Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)**

The world's largest cork Christmas display (over 100,000 corks)! Live music and winery tours. Includes wine and artisan cheese tastings, limited edition collectible Christmas glass.

[www.grayghostvineyards.com](http://www.grayghostvineyards.com)

## **December 2, 3, 9, 10: The Black Dog Christmas Weekends**

### **Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)**

Celebrate the season in the Winery's decked halls with complimentary tastings, hors d'oeuvres while you shop. Holiday Wine Sale 20% off bottles, 30% off cases. Gift shop has something for every wine lover.

[www.thedogs.com](http://www.thedogs.com)



## **December 2-3: Custom Glass Engraving**

### **Magnolia Vineyards and Winery (Amissville)**

Master glass engraving artist Patty Sevre will custom engrave wine glass and assorted glass items while you wait. Normal tasting fee applies.

[www.magnoliavineyards.com](http://www.magnoliavineyards.com)

## **December 2-3: Art & Wine Holiday Open House**

### **Arterra Wines & Hawkmoth Arts (Delaplane)**

Holiday cheer featuring cookie table, mulled apple wine, live music and basket raffle. Late harvest Tannat and 2015 Tannat for tasting.

[www.arterrawines.com](http://www.arterrawines.com)



### **December 2-3, 9-10: Holiday Open House**

#### **Ingleside Vineyards (Colonial Beach)**

Sample award-winning wines and enjoy holiday refreshments while shopping for the perfect gift for your favorite wine enthusiast! Holiday discounts on wine and gifts.

[www.inglesidevineyards.com](http://www.inglesidevineyards.com)

### **December 3: Paint Party**

#### **Bogati Winery (Round Hill)**

Kick back and have a blast with a glass of wine in one hand and paintbrush in the other. Supplies provided. Wine, pizzas and charcuterie boards available for purchase.

[www.bogatibodega.com](http://www.bogatibodega.com)



### **December 7: Holiday Wreath Making**

#### **Devils Backbone Brewing Company (Roseland)**

Workshop 3 to 6 pm. Greenery and natural materials from the property, as well as other materials to make unique wreaths. Advance tickets required.

[www.dbbrewingcompany.com](http://www.dbbrewingcompany.com)

### **December 8: Carols for a Cure**

#### **Trump Winery (Charlottesville)**

Favorite holiday music by the Virginia Consort in the Trump Winery Chapel, a historic architectural treasure. Reception includes light hors d'oeuvres and Trump wines. Proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

[www.trumpwinery.com](http://www.trumpwinery.com)

### **December 8-9: Winter Warmer**

#### **Virginia Distillery Company (Lovingston)**

A fun and festive day relaxing by the fire and enjoying warm drinks of the holiday season. Shop for holiday gifts.

[www.vadistillery.com](http://www.vadistillery.com)



### **December 9: Holiday Open Houses**

#### **Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail**

Enjoy wine and gift specials, plus delicious holiday refreshments at the nine wine trail members located in the Northern Neck. Contact individual wineries for hours.

[www.chesapeakebaywinetrail.com](http://www.chesapeakebaywinetrail.com)

### **December 9: Christmas Winemaker's Dinner**

#### **Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)**

Four-course dinner catered by Parkhurst Dining and beautifully paired with Bluestone wines. Enjoy conversation with the winemaker. Reservations.

[www.bluestonevineyard.com](http://www.bluestonevineyard.com)

### **December 9: Pints and Pancakes**

#### **Blue Mountain Brewery (Afton)**

Celebrate Brew Ridge Trail Week with pints and pancakes and a special appearance by Santa.

[www.bluemountainbrewery.com](http://www.bluemountainbrewery.com)



### **December 9: "The Octagon"**

#### **Barboursville Vineyards (Barboursville)**

A spectacular feast and intimate perspective on the most honored wine in Virginia. Four courses by Chef Spencer Crawford with rare flight of four distinct vintages of Octagon. Reservations required.

[www.bbvwine.com](http://www.bbvwine.com)

### **December 9: Holiday Cork Crafting**

#### **Magnolia Vineyards (Amissville)**

Put your used corks to good use by making ornaments and other holiday decorations. Instructions and all supplies provided.

[www.magnoliavineards.com](http://www.magnoliavineards.com)



### **December 9-10: International Cheese Tasting**

#### **Grayhaven Winery (Gum Spring)**

Sample over 25 artisan cheeses from around the world paired with Grayhaven and South African wines. Tasting note includes info on where to purchase locally and price.

[www.grayhavenwinery.com](http://www.grayhavenwinery.com)

### **December 10: Cheeseology**

#### **Little Washington Winery (Washington VA)**

Seminar on the basics of cheese and wine pairing. Taste 6 categories of cheeses with 6 different wines and discover what makes a pairing successful.

[www.littlewashingtonwinery.com](http://www.littlewashingtonwinery.com)



### **December 10: Visit from Santa Claus**

#### **Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)**

Amid wonderland constructed entirely of corks, children are invited to visit with Santa. Free gifts. Bring your cameras for this FREE event.

[www.grayghostvineyards.com](http://www.grayghostvineyards.com)

### **December 14: Shine Runners Pub Run**

#### **Hammer & Forge Brewing Co. (Boones Mill)**

Family friendly fun open to individuals of all levels. Run 3 miles, 5 miles or just walk with your dog and family. Under 18 must be accompanied by adult.

[www.playfranklincounty.com/pub-runs](http://www.playfranklincounty.com/pub-runs)



### **December 17: Christmas Lunch Celebration**

#### **Barboursville Vineyards (Charlottesville)** Five course feast prepared by Chef Spencer Crawford and paired with Barboursville wines. Reservations required.

[www.bbwine.com](http://www.bbwine.com)



### **December 17: Mojo Sweet Potato Pie Singalong & Pie Share**

#### **Glass House Winery (Free Union)**

Singalong music and fun holiday cheer and bring a pie to share. Food available for purchase and picnics welcome.

[www.glasshousewinery.com](http://www.glasshousewinery.com)

### **December 31: New Year's Eve at Albemarle Estate**

#### **Trump Winery (Charlottesville)**

An unforgettable celebration at Albemarle Estate. Signature cocktails followed by multi-course culinary experience. Times Square Ball Drop on the big screen.

[www.trumpwinery.com](http://www.trumpwinery.com)



### **December 31: A Sparkling Affair**

#### **Potomac Point (Stafford)**

“Midnight in Paris” themed event with selection of hors d’oeuvres desserts and wine and beer. A night of dancing, celebration, and making memories. Reservations.

[www.potomacpointwinery.com](http://www.potomacpointwinery.com)



### **December 31: New Year's Eve Wine Dinner**

#### **Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)**

Celebrate the end of 2016 in style! Five-course Chef’s Dinner and wine pairing with each course. Reservations and pre-payment required, non-refundable, \$95 per person.

[www.thedogs.com](http://www.thedogs.com)



### **December 31: New Year's Eve Masked Ball**

#### **Veritas Vineyards and Winery (Afton)**

Wine and hors d’oeuvres followed by five-course wine-paired dinner. Dancing and midnight buffet. Black Tie Invited, and don’t forget your mask. Reservations.

[www.veritaswines.com](http://www.veritaswines.com)



### **December 31: New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration**

#### **Barboursville Vineyards (Barboursville)**

Fantastic five-course feast paired prepared by Chef Spencer Crawford and paired with Barboursville wines. Black tie optional. Reservation required: 540.832.7848

[www.bbwine.com](http://www.bbwine.com)



### December 31: New Year's at Bluestone

#### Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)

An evening of music, dancing, food and remembering the year past. Light hors d'oeuvres and wine with breakfast following the new year. Reservations. [www.bluestonevineyard.com](http://www.bluestonevineyard.com)



### December 31-January 1: Winter Showcase

#### James River Cellars (Glen Allen)

Bring in the New Year the right way, relaxing with a glass of wine. Join in a festive open house weekend.

[www.jamesrivercellars.com](http://www.jamesrivercellars.com)

**About Events:** As our information comes from many sources, we recommend you verify dates and times, as well as costs and reservations that may be required. (We are not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate information.)

If you would like to submit an event, send details (what, where and when, as well as contact information) to [info@vawinelover.com](mailto:info@vawinelover.com) no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event.