

## SEPTEMBER WINE EVENTS

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Labor Day is annually held on the first Monday of September, this year on **September 5**. Originally organized to celebrate labor contributions to the US economy, it is now largely a day of rest. Many of Virginia's wineries mark the Labor Day Weekend with special activities, and although too numerous to list here, we encourage you to spend "your day of rest" at your favorite winery.

### SEPTEMBER 2-3

#### **Picnic in the Vineyard - Veramar Vineyard (Berryville)**

A unique Epicurean experience of local sourced food paired specially with a glass of wine. Picnic of salad, sandwich or wrap, and dessert served on the patio.  
[www.Veramar.com](http://www.Veramar.com)

### SEPTEMBER 3

#### **Labor Day Wine & Music Fest - Rebec Vineyards (Amherst)**

On the shady vineyard grounds, a celebration of food, wine, music and variety of vendors. Several guest wineries and cidery will join Rebec for tastings.  
[www.rebecwinery.com](http://www.rebecwinery.com)

#### **Harvest Wine Festival - James River Cellars (Glen Allen)**

Join the wineries of the Colonial Wine Trail for wine tastings, delicious food, beautiful weather and a celebration of the fall harvest.  
[www.jamesrivercellars.com](http://www.jamesrivercellars.com)

#### **Orange Street Festival - East and West Main Street (Orange)**

41st Annual with over 150 vendors including specialty foods. Beverage garden with hard cider and craft beers. Kids fun zone.  
[www.orangevachamber.com](http://www.orangevachamber.com)



#### **Wonder City Wine Cigar Festival - Festival Park (Hopewell)**

In conjunction with City's 100 anniversary. Wineries and cigar companies from Virginia and surrounding states. Live music, local food truck and variety of vendors.  
[www.lightbulbnpa.org/#!/wine-and-cigar-festival/g3n3k](http://www.lightbulbnpa.org/#!/wine-and-cigar-festival/g3n3k)

#### **Step into Mystery - Virginia Mountain Vineyards (Fincastle)**

Interactive game of clue in which you become participant or suspect. Tickets include 2 glasses of wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres.



**Sangria Saturday - Lazy Days Winery (Amherst)**

Bring your sangria growlers for refills (or purchase a growler). Picnic on the grounds, play corn hole or just relax and listen to the music. Also September 17.

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

**Raise the Roof Craft Beer Fest - Historic Christ Church (Weems)**

Mark the end on summer with a rockin' good time in the Northern Neck. Beer and cider, food and music featuring internationally known blues and roots musician, Charles Wheel.

[www.christchurch1735.org](http://www.christchurch1735.org)

**Pick 'em and Stomp 'em - Wisteria Farm and Vineyard (Stanley)**

Help harvest the first grapes of the season followed by the stomping, turning the grapes into wine. Picking starts at 8 am. (Check date as event depends on the grapes.)

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

**SEPTEMBER 3-4**

**Appaloosa Music Festival - Skyline Ranch & Resort (Front Royal)**

Great outdoors experience with 40+ bands on five stages, wine, beer, great food, vendors in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley Wine Trail. Plenty of nearby opportunities to explore.

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

**SEPTEMBER 4**



**Hoptoberfest - Depot District (Culpeper)**

An inaugural event in downtown with live music, local food, variety of great craft beers and Virginia wines. Tickets in advance and at the gate.

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

**Ciderfest – Castle Hill Cider (Keswick)**

A great afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Castle Hill. Seven Virginia cideries, live music, balloon rides and food trucks.

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

**French Crepe Day - DelFosse Vineyards & Winery (Faber)**

Gourmet savory and sweet crepes available for purchase along with wine by the glass or bottle. Let them know you're coming 434-263-6100.

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

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### **Music on the Patio - Ducard Vineyards (Etlan)**

Paulo Frencro return with his unique blend of folk, country and rock. Relax with the scenery and a glass of wine. Pets and picnics welcome. No cover.

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

## **SEPTEMBER 5**



### **Herndon Labor Day Festival - Herndon Town Green (Herndon)**

On the town green with live music, unlimited wine tastings, craft brews, craft show, culinary demos, food vendors. Admission fee. [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov)

## **SEPTEMBER 10**

### **Fundraising Concert - DeVault Family Vineyards (Concord)**

Benefit for Svet Kanev, owner of Rebec Vineyards, to help with costs of kidney transplant surgery. For information, call 343-907-2618 or email devaultvineyard@hotmail.com

### **Starry Nights - Veritas Vineyards & Winery (Afton)**

Bring family, friends, blankets, lawn chairs and dancing shoes for music by Chomile and Whiskey, wine and an unforgettable night under the stars. Advance reservations suggested.

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



### **Rockbridge Beer & Wine Festival - Lime Kiln Theater (Lexington)**

Find the cure for what “ales” you at this fun festival. Enjoy live musical entertainment while tasting the wine and beer.

<http://business.lexrockchamber.com/events/details/2016-rockbridge-beer-wine-festival-09-10-2016-2>

### **Greek Heritage Day – Doukenie Winery (Purcellville)**

Drink some really good wine and celebrate with the Bazaco Family and Doukenie staff. Enjoy Greek foods including lamb roast by Mediterranean Breeze, Greek music and Greek dancers.

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



### **Beer and Brats Sunday Jazz Series - Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)**

Hearty handcrafted beers and delicious bratwurst. Fantstic wines are a ready option for shaking up the bratwurst tradition. Music by the Dancing Chicken Bank.

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

### **Be Bold Trail 5K - Bold Rock Cidery (Nellysford)**

A great course that is absurdly scenic and flat off-road along the Rockfish River in the shadow of the Blue Ridge. Post-race party with cider, music and local food truck.

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



### **Annual Shrimp & Wine Fest - Sans Soucy Vineyards (Brookneal)**

Shrimp, shrimp and more shrimp and local food, Virginia Farm wineries and music by “Deannie Blues” and “Fire Cracker Jam”. Craft beer from Staunton River Brewing at Sans Soucy.

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

### **Eco Wine and Art Experience - Arterra Wines (Delaplane)**

Hands on art experience where you create an original clay tile using slab technique process and led by Hawkmoth Arts artist, Sandy Gray-Murray. Wine tasting follow.

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



### **Lake Anna Grapes & Grains Festival - Christopher Run Campground Event Park**

**(Mineral)** Offerings from Virginia craft breweries and wineries, local foods, area vendors and two great bands. Giant Jenga, fire pits and plenty of room for games.

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

### **Feast of San Genaro - Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)**

An annual celebration in honor of the Patron Saint of Naples, a huge tradition in NY’s Little Italy. With Sausage & Peppers Hoagies, live music, as well as art, crafts and jewelry.

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



### **Shakespeare under the Stars - DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

“Much Ado About Nothing” by Bard Unbound performed on the winery grounds. One night only and space is limited. Advance reservations.

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

### **Hanover Autumnfest & 5K - Hanover Tavern (Hanover)**

Day long event with 5K race and Kids Fun Run followed by live much, Virginia wine, local craft beer, food trucks and family fun.

[www.hanovertavern.org](http://www.hanovertavern.org)



**Annual Winemaker's CrabFest - Philip Carter Winery of Virginia (Hume)**

An all you can eat Crab and Wine extravaganza to celebrate the harvest. Featuring steamed Chesapeake Blue Crabs corn on the cob, redskin potatoes and two glasses of wine. Reservations.  
[www.pcwinery.com](http://www.pcwinery.com)

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**Sip&Paint - Winery 32 (Leesburg)**

Instructor will guide you through process to create a lovely work of art. No experience necessary. Lunch available from Bistro menu.  
[www.winery32.com](http://www.winery32.com)

**Classically Cool Whites**

**Lost Creek Winery (Leesburg)**

Sommelier Neil Ware will lead this educational event, featuring single varietal white wines. Learn about wine styles, winemaking techniques, grape varietals and food pairings. Reservations.  
[www.lostcreekwinery.com](http://www.lostcreekwinery.com)

**SEPTEMBER 16**

**Sunsets at the Vineyard - Barren Ridge Vineyards (Fishersville)**

An evening of music by The Windbags, food by Farm Fresh Fixin's and, of course, wine by Barren Ridge. Starts at 7 to 10 pm.  
[www.barrenridgevineyards.com](http://www.barrenridgevineyards.com)

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**Annual Lucy Stomp - Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)**

The original NOVA wine country "stomp like Lucy" event. Contests for Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel costumes. Music by the Exaggerations and Smokes BBQ.  
[www.threefoxvineyards.com](http://www.threefoxvineyards.com)



**Lynchburg Beer and Wine Festival - City Stadium (Lynchburg)**

Over 16 area wineries, craft breweries, artisans and crafters. Food to tempt every pallet. Local acts and featured bands from out of the area.  
[www.lynchburgbeerandwinefestival.com](http://www.lynchburgbeerandwinefestival.com)



**Wine by the River Wine Festival - Smith River Sports Complex (Axton)**

Located near the Smith River access. Virginia wineries pouring tastings, food and artisan vendors and variety of live music.

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

**Tastemaker Series - The Vineyards & Winery at Lost Creek (Leesburg)**

Food and wine pairings featuring Passion Fin of Ashburn, Virginia, known for awesome sushi. Reservations for 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 7pm.

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

**Take a Break from Labor Day - Veramar Vineyard (Berryville)**

Try wood fired pizza made just for you by 3Fires Oven and live music from Katy & Tyler.

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



**Artisan Dinner - Arterra Wines (Delaplane)**

Selection of locally produced foods to pair with two glasses of wine. Live music and original art created on site to be raffled at end of evening. Limited to 40.

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

**Annual Harvest Party - Miracle Valley Vineyard (Delaplane)**

Grape stomping, scarecrow making, fall market with abundance of vendors where you can sip and shop. Wine by the glass plus hot mulled wine.

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

<b><i>September 17-18</i></b>
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**Neptune's Fall Wine Festival**

**Neptune's Park (Virginia Beach)**

An oasis of Virginia's premier vineyards showcasing their finest. Delicious food, live entertainment and opportunity to purchase the wines you like.

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



**Wine & Oyster Festival - Stratford Hall (Stratford)**

Drink in some history as you drink some Virginia wine. Wine tastings, Chesapeake Bay oysters, and a variety of seafood options. Specialty foods, House tours, arts and crafts, children's arcade.

[www.stratfordhall.org](http://www.stratfordhall.org)

### **South African Food & Wine Festival - Grayhaven Winery (Gum Spring)**

A celebration of the wine, food, music and culture of South Africa. Over 20 South African wines and traditional dishes. Chance to win two round-trip airline tickets to South Africa

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



### **Virginia Wine Festival - Great Meadow Event Park (The Plains)**

Taste over 200+ Virginia wines at the oldest wine festival on the East Coast. Featuring live music by top bands, Virginia oysters, food trucks and local food vendors, and Virginia products.

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

## ***September 18***

### **Grape Stomping Festival - Beliveau Estate Winery (Blacksburg)**

Join in the fun with stomping tubs for children and adults. Music, wine and so much fun in a perfectly beautiful setting. Stomping fees.

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

## ***SEPTEMBER 22***

### **Vine and Dine Harvest Dinner - Trump Winery (Charlottesville)**

Spectacular harvest celebration at Albemarle Estate with cocktail reception on the lawn, 5-course "field to fork" dinner and wine pairing. Includes overnight and breakfast. Reservations.

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

## ***September 23***

### **Beer & Wine Classic - Maymont (Richmond)**

Guests try unlimited samples of Virginia's finest wines and brews as they enjoy live music by Jackass Flats.

[www.maymont.org](http://www.maymont.org)

### **Friday Night Flight - Cooper Vineyards (Louisa)**

Wine down with family and friends for an evening of karaoke, Waffle Squared food truck and wine flights. Music by Lance Wolak.

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

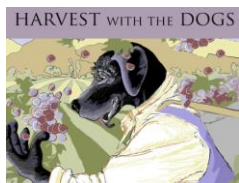
## ***SEPTEMBER 24***

### **Chef Series - Foggy Ridge Cider (Dugspur)**

Learn how cider and food dance together. Chef Jay from Hardware Bar & Grill in Hillsville prepares three tapas dishes to pair with the cider. Reservations.

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





### **Harvest with The Dogs - Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)**

A 45-minute grape harvest experience with vineyard manager Steve VanSutphin. Learn to process grapes to begin the winemaking. Gourmet box lunch with wine in the vineyard.

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



**Petersburg**  
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PROUDLY PRESENTS

### **Festival of Grapes & Hops - 9 Old Street-Downtown (Petersburg)**

Taste new and classic vintages of Virginia wines and brews. A day of sipping, swirling and fun with delicious foods and live entertainment.

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



### **Shine and Wine Festival - Mecklenburg Electric Coop (Chase City)**

Multiple wineries, two distilleries, food, fun, crafts and live entertainment by JB & the Get Down Browns. All under large pavilions.

[www.chasecityevents.org](http://www.chasecityevents.org)

### **Fall Oyster Festival - DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

Premium steamed and raw oysters and crab cakes from Rappahannock Oyster Co. Music by Kat and the Travelers. Reservations suggested.

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



### **Step into Mystery - Narmada Winery (Amissville)**

You're attending a meeting of the Peacock Wine Club and one of the group has been murdered. You must solve the mystery while you enjoy wine and light appetizers. Call for details.

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

<b>SEPTEMBER 24-25</b>
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### **Smith Mountain Lake Wine Festival - Crazy Horse Marina (Moneta)**

A two-day festival at the Lake, with 27 Virginia wineries, quality craft and food vendors and fantastic music. Rain or shine event.



**SEPTEMBER 30**

**Peak Foliage at the Peaks - Peaks of Otter Winery (Bedford)**

With autumn approaching, the winery offers breathtaking views of the mountains. It's a day to sample apples, fresh cider and fruit wines.

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

**SEND US YOUR INFORMATION.**

*Send event details (what, where and when, as well as specific 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.*

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