



DECEMBER 2016 EVENTS



‘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 cold and shelves stocked with wine special and great gifts for family and friends. You’ll enjoy wine tastings, special refreshments and discounts on wine and gifts. For Open Houses in addition to the ones listed here, visit www.virginiawine.org and www.virginia.org.



December 2: Christmas Tree Lighting

James Charles Winery & Vineyard (Winchester)

Join in sipping mulled wine and hot chocolate and listening to live music while gathering around the tree and watching the lights go up.

www.jamescharleswine.com



December 2: Gloucester Village Wine Walk

Gloucester Main Street

Downtown merchants open their shops as “tasting rooms” where you can sip and savor great wines. Restaurants offer dinner specials. Tickets are \$25 and limited.

www.glocestervillagewinewalk.eventbrite.com



December 3: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Veramar Vineyards (Berryville)

Tree lighting at 6 pm. Enjoy beautiful Christmas music along with complimentary glass of mulled wine and a cookie. Gift discount.

www.veramar.com



December 3: Weihnachtsmarkt (German Market)

Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)

Festive 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



December 3: Winter Wine Celebration

Virginia Beach Convention Center

Sponsored by Virginia Wineries Assn, the Center is magically transformed into a Winter Wonderland for shopping with a great selection of Virginia wines, wine accessories and unique gift items. VIP tickets Include souvenir glass and sampling privileges.

www.winterwinecelebration.com



December 3-4; 10-11: 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



December 3: Holiday Paint Party @ The Pointe

The Winery at Kindred Pointe (Mount Jackson)

Save the date to paint custom-created winter scene featuring their very own resident horse.

Includes all supplies sugar cookies, snacks and glass of wine.

www.kindredpointe.com



December 3: Kringle & Jingle Holiday Open House

Saude Creek Vineyards (Lanexa)

Come and see Santa and enjoy the release of the 2014 Estate Reserve Petit Verdot. Music by RV*Ava and BBQ by the Scottish Pig. Compete for the Ugly Sweater.

www.saudecreek.com



Saturday, December 3: Traditional Customer Appreciation Day and Sale

DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)

To say “Thank You” to our customers. Music by Jason Burke inspired by American and British rock, folk, and California country. Merchandise on sale throughout December with special gifts for everyone. No cover.

www.ducardvineyards.com



December 3 & 4: Cork & Cheese Celebration

Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)

The world’s largest cork Christmas display (over 100,000 corks)! Artisan cheeses and wine.

Live music and winery tours. \$20 per person includes wine tasting, limited edition collectible Christmas glass, glass of wine of your choice and plate of artisan cheeses.

www.grayghostvineyards.com



December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18: Holiday Open House & Gift Sale

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



UP TO 30% OFF ALL WINES

December 3, 4, 10, 11: 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 with up to 30% off all wines and discounts throughout the gift shop. Something for every wine lover on your list!

www.thedogs.com



Narmada
WINERY

December 3, 10, 17: Corks to Crafts

Narmada Winery and Vineyard (Amissville)

Learn how to create distinctive and memorable seasonal decorations made of corks. Hands-on-instruction and materials provided or bring your own corks. Free workshop.

www.narmadawinery.com



December 3, 10, 17: Holiday Open House

Hickory Hill Vineyards & Winery (Moneta)

Wine tastings, seasonal snacks and a gift shop full of gifts for the wine lovers on your gift list.

www.SMLwine.com



December 4: Barrel Room Wine and Food Program

DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)

Elegant gourmet wine and food program for couples and small groups in the winery or private events room overlooking mountains. Maximum 10-20; \$39 per person.

www.ducardvineyards.com



December 4, 11 & 18: Vineyard Wonderland Carriage Rides

Trump Winery (Charlottesville)

A horse-drawn carriage will take you on a scenic journey through Trump's picturesque 1300 acres, making stops for scenic photo opportunities. Price includes a wine tasting.

www.trumpwinery.com



December 5: 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



December 5: Holiday Party

Gadino Cellars (Washington VA)

A small vertical experience with tastings of 2010, 2011, and 2012 vintages of Cabernet Franc. Tasty bites to pair with the wine and chance to win a bottle of the epic 2007 Vintage. Also tastings of Di Giovanna Sicilian olive oil.

www.gadinocellars.com



December 5: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Veramar Vineyard (Berryville)

Tree lighting ceremony at 6 pm, Christmas music by Wildflower, free glass of mulled wine and a cookie. Special Christmas gift discounts.

www.veramar.com



Friday, December 9: Carols for a Cure

Trump Winery (Charlottesville)

The Virginia Consort performs at the Trump Winery Chapel presented by the Eric Trump Foundation to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Featuring your favorite holiday music performed by one of the most beloved performance groups in Charlottesville. Includes reception with light hors d'oeuvres and wines.

www.trumpwinery.com



December 9: Christmas Caroling Party

Veritas Vineyards & Winery (Afton)

Join us for Christmas caroling with members of UVA's a cappella group The Virginia Silhooettes. Enjoy special cheese, charcuterie and dessert plates as well as Veritas wine, mulled wine and local beer and cider. No entry fee and no reservations required!

www.veritaswine.com



December 10: Bordeaux Discovery

Little Washington Winery (Washington VA)

The Bordeaux region of France is the most famous wine region in the world. It has a left bank and right bank. Learn one from the other and discover the difference in your favorite Bordeauxs.

www.littlwashingtonwinery.com



December 10-11: Barrel Tasting

Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville)

Multi-course gourmet meal paired with wine straight from the barrel. A fun, interactive, educational event led by winemaker Josh Gerard and Jennifer Breaux. Reservations.

www.breauxvineyards.com



December 10: Holiday Murder Mystery

Beliveau Estate Winery (Blacksburg)

Earn the “Super Sleuth Award” by solving the holiday themed murder. Cost is \$45 and includes one glass of wine and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Reservations.

www.beliveauestate.com



December 10: Christmas Winemaker’s Dinner

Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)

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

www.bluestonevineyard.com



December 11: Visit from Santa Claus

Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)

Children invited to bring wish lists to share with Santa and will receive free gift. Cameras encouraged. FREE event.

www.grayghostvineyards.com



December 11: Paintnite in the Thirsty Fox Lounge

Three Fox Vineyards (Purcellville)

Paint a pair of wine glasses with instructor Carol Erickson of PaintNight. Information on website.

www.threefoxvineyards.com



December 11: Green Dogs Unleashed Santa Paws & Holiday Bazaar

Keswick Vineyards (Keswick)

Bring your furry friends for Pictures with Santa Paws and shop the Holiday Bazaar!

Percentage of sales donated to [Green Dogs Unleashed](#), non-profit focused on rescue animals. Santa photos are \$10 with online access. Variety of items available for purchase, including handmade crafts, soaps and books. Bring collars and toys for shelter animals.

www.keswickvineyards.com



December 11: Rules of Perfect Food and Wine Pairings

Little Washington Winery (Washington VA)

A fun, educational and delectable Food and Wine pairing class. Learn to appreciate your palate and pair wines. Six savory and sweet food selections.

www.littlewashingtonwinery.com



December 11: French Crepe Day

DelFosse Vineyards and Winery (Faber)

Select from menu of savory and sweet crepes. Wine by the glass or bottle available.

Reservations suggested.

www.delfossewine.com



December 12: “The Octagon”

Barboursville Vineyards (Barboursville)

A spectacular feast and annual 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.bbwine.com



December 13-14: 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



December 15: Women's Wine Dinner

868 Estate Vineyards (Purcellville)

A bit of bling, something sparkling and more paired with special winter meal from Chef Author. Bone up on holiday trivia, with door prizes for winners.

www.868estatevineyards.com



December 17: Chocolate Truffle Wine Pairing

868 Estate Vineyards (Purcellville)

Four seasonal chocolates paired with six wines ... delicious. Gift boxes of truffles are available for take home.

www.868estatevineyards.com



December 17-23; 26-30: Christmas & New Year Specials

Three Fox Vineyards (Purcellville)

Buy six bottles of wine and receive 10% discount or buy a case and receive 15% discount!
Discounts on Thibaut-Janisson Sparkling Chardonnay.

www.threefoxbvineyards.com



Saturday, December 18: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Three Fox Vineyards (Purcellville)

Break out your tackiest holiday sweater and join us for some fun and holiday cheer! Mulled wine, holiday cookies, and special discounts for those wearing ugly sweaters.

www.threefoxvineyards.com



December 18: Wine Paired Lunch

DelFosse Vineyards and Winery (Faber)

Holiday lunch paired with samplings of DelFosse wines. Reservations required:
434.263.6100

www.delfossewine.com



December 18: Aromas of Wine-The Sommelier Challenge

Little Washington Winery (Washington VA)

What is the difference between a wine's aroma and its bouquet? Make greater use of your nose and discover a whole different world, especially as it pertains to wine.

www.littlewashingtonwinery.com



December 18: Mojo Sweet Potato Pie Singalong & Pie Share

Glass House Winery (Free Union)

Singalong music and fun holiday cheer. Food available for purchase from Farm Fresh Fixing and bring a pie to share. Picnics welcome.

www.glasshousewinery.com



December 18: Christmas Lunch Celebration

Barboursville Vineyards (Barboursville)

Enjoy a five-course feast paired with Barboursville wines, prepared by Chef Spencer Crawford. Reservations required: 540.832.7848

www.bbwine.com



December 31: New Year's Eve at Albemarle Estate

Trump Winery (Charlottesville)

An exclusive and unforgettable celebration at Albemarle Estate. Begins with signature cocktails served in the historic oak library followed by a multi-course culinary experience. Toast to the New Year with the Times Square Ball Drop on the big screen.

www.trumpwinery.com



December 31: A Sparkling Affair

Potomac Point (Stafford)

Get dressed up in your swanky cocktail attire and join us for a night of dancing, celebration, and making memories. Open wine and beer bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and sparkling wine at midnight. Reservations.

www.potomacpointwinery.com



December 31: New Year's Eve Wine Dinner

Chateau Morrisette (Floyd)

Celebrate the last evening of 2016! Intimate gathering with limited tables includes light reception in the lobby, five-course Chef's Dinner presented by the Culinary Team, wine pairing with each course selected by Winemaker, and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations and pre-payment required, non-refundable, \$95 per person.

www.thedog.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



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.bbvwine.com



December 31: Annual New Year's Gala

Cross Keys Vineyards (Mt. Crawford)

Moonlight themed evening with six-course plated dinner, entertainment and your favorite bottle of CrossKeys wine. Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Reservations.

www.crosskeysvineyards.com



December 31: New Year's at Bluestone

Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)

An evening of music, dancing, food and remembering the year past. Heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, wine, sparkling Moscato and delicious breakfast. Reservations.

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

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 no later than the 10th of the month prior to the event.