



**APRIL 2017 WINE EVENTS...  
BEER & SPIRITS, TOO!**



**April 1: Nebbiolo Vertical Tasting  
Breux Vineyards (Purcellville)**

Three-course lunch paired with various vintages of Nebbiolo. Educational, interactive and fun event. Reservations.

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



**April 1: Black Wine Glass Tasting  
Fox Meadow Winery (Linden)**

Test your palate and learn the art of tasting a wine blind and deciphering what it is. Tastings on the hour. \$20.

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

**April 1: Vertical Cabernet Sauvignon and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting  
Gray Ghost Vineyards (Amissville)**

Candlelit, black-tie optional evening featuring and comparing past vintages. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and discussion. SOLD OUT.

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



**April 1: Hops, Wines & Swines Festival  
Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex (Chatham)**

Taste and purchase from seven wineries and 80 craft beer varieties. Local BBQ and food vendors, live music and craftsmen.

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

**April 1: Step into Mystery!****Narmada Winery (Amissville)**

An interactive game of Clue. Find out who did the crime, why and how for chance to win the Super Sleuth Award. Reservations.

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

**April 1: Stuart Wine & Food Festival****Stuart Rotary Club Magazine (Stuart)**

Virginia wineries offering \$10 tastings along with variety of foods. Rain or shine.

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

**April 1: Spring Season Opening****Lovingston Winery (Lovingston)**

Spice Sea food truck with famous surf & turf dishes that pair beautifully with Lovingston wines. Meet the owners over a glass and a crab cakes. Admission free.

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

**April 1: JB Winemaker Series****Veramar Vineyard (Berryville)**

Winemaker Justin Bogaty talks about the new line of premium wines and will pour 2016 JB Petit Manseng in the tasting room, 2 to 4 pm.

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

**April 1: "Sour Grapes" Murder Mystery****Potomac Point Winery & Vineyard (Stafford)**

Join in the "Annual Vineyard Owner's Ball" for a funny and unforgettable adventure from Murder Mysteries Will Travel. Reservations.

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

**April 1-2: Barrel Tastings****Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton)**

Sample 6 to 8 wines from the 2016 vintage in the Barrel Room. Light fare. Tastings start every 20 minutes. \$25 first come, first serve.

[www.paradisep Springswinery.com](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com)

**April 1-2: April Fool's Festival****James River Cellars (Glen Allen)**

Tastings from Heart of Virginia Wine Trail wineries, live music, food trucks and local vendors. Tickets available on website:

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

**April 2: Riedel Seminary****Bluestone Vineyard (Bridgewater)**

Compare different flavors and aromas of Riedel and average wine glasses. Includes four glasses of wine and set of 4 Riedel wine stems. Light fare. \$65; reservations.

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



**April 2: April Uncork'd**

**Potomac Point Winery (Stafford)**

Fun day of sipping wine and painting party with Uncork'd Art who will guide you step-by-step as you create your own masterpiece.

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

**April 2: Cider Loves Chocolate Returns!**

**Blue Bee Cider (Richmond)**

Guided tastings of five pairings of local cider and Gearharts handcrafted chocolates. \$25; reservations.

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

**April 2: Barrel Tasting**

**Virginia Mountain Vineyards (Fincastle)**

Pack a picnic and join in the barrel tasting in the tasting room with a sneak taste of the wines to come. Music by Rag Top.

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



**April 2: French Crepe Day**

**DelFosse Vineyards and Winery (Faber)**

Freshly made, chef prepared selection of delicious savory and sweet crepes paired salad and glass of wine. Also homemade soup and fresh bread. Let them know you're coming

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

**April 2: Calligraphy Workshop**

**Early Mountain Vineyards (Madison)**

Hands-on tutorial by Jen Maton of If So Inclined. Popular event; space limited. Reservations.

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

**April 7: Plant Nite (Clone)**

**James River Cellars (Glen Allen)**

Floral design instructor guides you through assembling arrangement. Supplies provided along with music and wine for purchase. \$45; reservations.

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



**April 8: Clarksville Lake Country Wine Festival**

**105 Second Street (Downtown Clarksville)**

Come, relax, enjoy the music, the wine, craft beer, great food offerings and artisans, all on the bridge. You can almost touch the Sea Planes soaring overhead. A 21 and older event, rain or shine. Tickets on sale at website.

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

**April 8: Spring Vertical Tasting**

**Barboursville Vineyards (Barboursville)**

Rare opportunity focusing on older vintages, along with traditional sampling of new Octagon from barrel. Artisanal cheeses and fresh breads refresh the palate. \$40.

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

**April 8: Smithfield Wine & Brew Fest**

**Windsor Castle Park (Smithfield)**

Wines, local brews, culinary delights and upscale vendors, live entertainment. An adult event for 21 and older.

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



**April 8: Be Bold 4-Miler**

**Bold Rock Cidery (Nellysford)**

Be bold and sign up for this absurdly scenic and flat course. Post-race party with cider samplings, live music and food truck.

[www.corkscrew racing.com/#!be-bold-4-miler/gmnar](http://www.corkscrew racing.com/#!be-bold-4-miler/gmnar)

**April 8: Comedy Night**

**Bogati Winery (Round Hill)**

Get out of the house, sample great wine and pizza, and laugh the night away with the profoundly funny comedian, Bengt Washburn. \$20.

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

**April 8: Evening Wine Dinner**

**Fox Meadow Winery (Linden)**

Five-course dinner prepared by local chef Therese Brown and showcasing the best of Fox Meadow. \$95; reservations.

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

**April 8: Cherry Blossom Celebration**

**Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville)**

One of the most picturesque times of the year at the vineyard. Live music, craft vendors, delicious food, and of course wine.

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

**April 8-9: Rites of Spring Wine Fest**  
**2150 Gordon Shelton Blvd (Fredericksburg)**

Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy fun-fill day with Virginia wines, foods, entertainment, artisans and crafters.

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



**April 8: Spring Barrel Tasting**  
**Ingleside Vineyards (Oak Grove)**

Be the first to experience the future of Ingleside straight from the barrel. Tour, tasting, wine glass and live music. Food available or bring a picnic.

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

**April 8-9: Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival**  
**Meadow Event Park (Doswell)**

A unique event to introduce as many people as possible to fly fishing. Event combines wine tasting, microbrews, live music.

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

**April 9: Yoga and Wine**  
**Virginia Mountain Vineyards (Fincastle)**

Debbie Stevens takes you on stroll through the vineyard followed by hour of instruction. Box lunch and wine tasting follows. \$35; reservations.

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

**April 9: Paint Day**  
**Early Mountain Vineyards (Madison)**

Charlottesville Wine and Design provides instruction and supplies. Wine for purchase and food available afterward in the tasting room. \$35; reservations.

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

**April 13-15: Taste of Monticello Wine Trail Wine Festival**  
**Downtown Mall (Charlottesville)**

More than 25 wineries pouring samples of two wines. VIP ticket available include catered food and additional samples. Wine for purchase by glass and bottle.

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

**April 13: Wine and Dine: Jefferson's Birthday**  
**Trump Winery (Charlottesville)**

Welcome by winemaker Jonathan Wheeler and toast to Mr. Jefferson. Reception with sparkling wine in the Rose Garden followed by multi-course wine dinner. Reservations.

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



**April 15: Farmville Wine Festival**  
**Riverside Park (Farmville)**

A fabulous day in historic downtown with tastings by Virginia wineries, fabulous food, arts and entertainment.

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

**April 15: Northern Neck Wine Tasting Festival**  
**Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern (Heathsville)**

Begin with Heathville's Farmers Market at 9 am. Beginning at 11 am, tastings by local wineries, food for purchase, quilt show and active artisan groups.

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

**April 15: Ester Egg Roll**  
**Three Fox Vineyards (Delaplane)**

In honor of Dolly Madison who started the White House Roll. Two rounds of 24 rollers at 2 and 4 pm. Easter Bunny will be on site along with Rolling Brick & Dough pizza.

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



**April 15: Easter Egg Hunt & More.**  
**DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

Starts at 1 pm, no cover. Eggs hidden inside and in the vineyard. Live music by 2 Wishes.

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

**April 15: Release Celebration**  
**Afton Mountain Vineyards (Afton)**

Join in the celebration from 11 to 5:30 of the seasonal release of Albarino.

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

**April 15: Chocolate Festival**  
**Downtown Blacksburg**

Wine & Beer Garden, chocolate tastings and wine pairings, live music, lots of kids' activities. Friday night gala at P. Buckley Moss Gallery with Pat Moss in attendance. \$50. Benefits Rotary Club of Blacksburg.

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

**April 16: Easter Brunch**  
**Veritas Winery (Afton)**

Family friendly event includes wine paired lunch followed by Easter Egg hunt on the lawn. Reservations.

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



**April 16: Easter Egg Hunt**

**Narmada Winery (Amissville)**

Fun filled Easter celebration with eggs filled with all sorts of wonderful prizes. Kids 10 and under start hunt at 2 pm; older kids at 2:30.

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

**April 16: Party & Mimosa Bar**

**Paradise Springs Winery (Clifton)**

Join with the family on Easter Sunday for Mimosa and Pastry Bar starting at 11. Pastry assortment; mimosas by the glass for sale.

[www.paradisep Springswinery.com](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com)

**April 16: Central Virginia Blues Society JAM**

**Glass House Winery (Free Union)**

Acoustic jam 2-5 pm on Easter. Food truck on site and picnic fare available for purchase. No cover; regular tasting fees.

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

**April 16: Great Easter Egg Hunt**

**Founders Inn (Virginia Beach)**

Fabulous brunch from award-winning culinary team at Swan Terrace Grill. Largest Easter egg hunt in Virginia Beach and live music.

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

**April 16: Easter Brunch**

**Potomac Point Winery (Stafford)**

Family styled event begins at 10:30 for families with children. Easter Bunny will have Easter craft for each child. Reservations.

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



**April 22: Suffolk Wine Festival**

**7000 College Drive (Suffolk)**

Tastings from 10 Virginia wineries and craft breweries. In addition, there will be wines from Suffolk's Sister City in Italy.

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

**April 22: Walking Vineyard Tour**

**Keswick Vineyards (Keswick)**

Join winemaker Stephen Barnard for a walking tasting through the vines. Learn about the trials and tribulations of grape growing in Virginia. Begins at 10:30 am; \$25.

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



**April 22: The Tides Taste of Spring Brews, Buds, Bites**

**Tides Inn (Irvington)**

Celebration of craft beer, cider and Virginia wines. Unlimited beer tastings, commemorative glass and musical entertainment by Good Shot Judy and the Something Different Duo. Select food vendors with authentic local cuisine and specialty crafts.

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

**April 22: Spring Oyster Festival**

**DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

Rappahannock steamed and raw oysters and crab cakes along with a bottle of wine and music and you have a day made in heaven.

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

**April 22: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Breaux Vineyards (Purcellville)**

Fun celebration for all ages. Wine tastings, live music, craft vendors, raffle, give-a-ways, chef demos, cake cutting. A great day!

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



**April 22: Vino Inferno Wine Festival**

**Historic Malvern Farm (Powhatan)**

First annual festival with wines from eight Virginia wineries and music by Ryan Hearn. Craft vendors and food available for purchase. Benefits Chesterfield Fire Fighters Fdn.

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



**April 22-23: Spring Oyster Crawl**

**Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail**

Each participating winery offers a unique pairing of oysters and wine. Learn about oysters of the region and share your experience with friends.

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

**April 28: Bloomin' Wine Fest**

**Historic Downtown Winchester**

Kick-off of the Annual Apple Blossom Festival with 20 wineries, two stages with live music. Stroll among the artisans and vendors as you enjoy the wine. Food vendors.

[www.thebloom.com/bloomin-wine-fest/](http://www.thebloom.com/bloomin-wine-fest/)



**April 29: Fork and Cork****Corporate Research Center (Blacksburg)**

New River Valley premier food, wine and art festival with 20 wineries, wine pairing and cooking demos, culinary delights and live music.

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

**April 29-30: Cakeapalooza 2****Fox Meadow Winery (Linden)**

Six wines paired perfectly with four miniature cupcakes (also fudge and cupcakes).

Door prizes and live music.

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

**April 29: Spring Orchard Walk****Foggy Ridge Cider (Dugspur)**

Learn about heirloom apples and the cycle of bloom on a walk through the Old Orchard with owner Diane Flynt. Walk, talk, glass of First Fruit cider. \$10.

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

**April 29-30: National Harbor Wine & Food Festival****On the Waterfront at 137 National Plaza (MD)**

Rich flavors. Simple pleasures. Stylish tastes. Perfect setting. World class culinary event with wonderful wines, world renowned chefs, artisanal craftsmen and culinary pioneers.

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

**April 30: Cheesemaking Classes****DuCard Vineyards (Etlan)**

Make your own cheese directed by Hobby Hill Farm owner Sharon Munyak. Cream cheese and sour cream from scratch. Space limited; \$35 reservations.

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

# Beer & Spirits



## **April 1: Dinner Theatre Series Stable Craft Brewing (Waynesboro)**

Interactive dinner experience. "Who Killed Cpt. Kirk?" Murder Mystery. Themed menu paired with Stable Craft beers. Adult event.

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

## **April 1: Pop-Up Virginia Brewers Collaboration Devils Backbone Brewing Company (Roseland)**

Pack release; try samples of the new all-Virginia brews. Brewers available to meet and answer questions.

<https://dbbbrewingcompany.com>

## **April 1: April Fool's Day Party Brew Republic Bierwerks Tap Room (Woodbridge)**

An epic party in the tap room with all fools invited for crazy things that may or may not actually be happening, like driving golf balls all the brewery roof. Don't miss!

[www.brewrepublic.beer/](http://www.brewrepublic.beer/)

## **April 4: Trivia Night Brew Republic Bierwerks Tap Room (Woodbridge)**

Put your knowledge to the test. Drink some beer. Have some fun and if the odds are in your favor, walk out with major awards.

[www.brewrepublic.beer](http://www.brewrepublic.beer)

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## **April 9: Four Kings 4K Run Starr Hill Brewery (Crozet)**

In honor of release of the Four Kings IPA Pack. Partnering with Crozet Running on the connector trail to scenic Crozet Trails. \$14 to enter.

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

## **April 8: Spring Fling Virginia Distillery (Lovingston)**

Grab a seat on the patio and sip seasonally inspired cocktails, like the featured Dogwood, while enjoying music from 2-5 pm. Food truck on site all day. Free admission.

<http://www.vadistillery.com/event/spring-fling/>

**April 8: Beard & Mustache Contest****Right Turn, Clyde Brewing Company (Narrows)**

Facial hairlarity charity is day of great music, food and fund. Creole That food truck on site. \$10 registration.

[www.facebook.com/RightTurnClydeBrewingCompany/](http://www.facebook.com/RightTurnClydeBrewingCompany/)

**April 8: Detox to Retox Beer & Yoga****Brew Republic Bierwerks (Woodbridge)**

Experts from WheelHouse conduct hour long class followed by relaxing glass of beer at the bar. \$20; reservations.

[www.brewrepublic.beer/](http://www.brewrepublic.beer/)

**April 15: Thomas Jefferson Beer Tasting****Poplar Forest (Forest)**

Discover new brews from 12+ craft breweries and cideries. Enjoy local food, works by artisans and music on the lawn.

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

**April 16: Easter Sunday Celebration****Devils Backbone Brewing Company (Roseland)**

Easter brunch in The Summit and egg hunt at noon for kids in The Meadows. First 20 adults will hunt to fill an empty 6-pack at 3 pm.

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

**April 20: Brews and Brains**

**Bad Wolf Brewery (Manassas)** First part in series of three lectures examining the role of beer throughout American history.

[www.pwcgov.org/history](http://www.pwcgov.org/history)

**April 29-30: Mountain Cross & Blue Ridge Metric****Devils Backbone Brewing Company (Roseland)**

Day 1, ride the remote and scenic Blue Ridge, 63 or 35 mile ride. Day 2, paved route and epic scent of Crabtree Falls Hwy. Start and finish at Devils Backbone.

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

**April 29: Gnarly Hops & Barley Fest****Culpeper Downtown**

Fifth annual features live music, great food, and over 70 craft brews available in one

place to sample. Limited number of advance tickets.

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

**April 29: Grapes & Grains Gala**

**Virginia Museum of Natural History (Martinsville)**

Delicious foods with samples of variety of wines, specialty beers and spirits.

Exciting silent auction. Proceeds benefit Museum.

[www.vmnh.net](http://www.vmnh.net)



**April 29: Shore Craft Beer Fest**

**Chincoteague Fairgrounds (Chincoteague Island)**

Family and pet friendly with unlimited tastings of craft beer from Eastern Shore breweries. \$25 in advance.

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

**April 30: Williamsburg Craft Beer Festival**

**Public Library (Williamsburg)**

Always sold-out event with 20+ craft beers from 10 different breweries. In addition, live music and food for purchases. \$35 advance tickets.

[www.williamsburgbeerfest.com](http://www.williamsburgbeerfest.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.)*

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