

Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife Announces Final Schedule and Best Taste Award Winners

Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife - November 4 - 6, 2022 in Vilano Beach, St. Augustine, FL

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The final schedule for [Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife](#), presented by Publix + GreenWise Market has been announced along with the BEST TASTE award-winning restaurant dishes, which will be showcased at Whiskey, Wine &

Wildlife's – [W3 Main Event](#) Block Party, on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 2 – 5 pm, located on Vivian Browning Avenue in Vilano Beach.



Some of the southeast's most beautiful sunsets from the Vilano Beach Pier

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Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife is a culinary weekend like no other in beautiful Vilano Beach, just minutes from historic St. Augustine. Event tickets are all-inclusive with unlimited food and drinks.”

Festival Organizers

The award competition participating restaurants were recently judged and awarded the following medals for their dishes: BEST OVERALL Gold: Silkie's Chicken & Champagne Bar, Jacksonville, FL; BEST SAVORY Gold: Amici's Italian Restaurant, St. Augustine, FL; BEST SAVORY Silver: Lotus Noodle Bar, St. Augustine, FL; BEST SAVORY Bronze: Beaches at Vilano; BEST SWEET Gold: Vilano Main Street Diner, St. Augustine, FL; BEST SWEET Silver: Blacksheep Restaurant Group; BEST SEAFOOD - Gold (Tie): Catch 27, St. Augustine, FL and Costa Brava, St. Augustine, FL; BEST SEAFOOD Silver (Tie): Pesca by Michael's, St. Augustine, FL

and Cap's on the Water, St. Augustine, FL; BEST SEAFOOD Bronze: The Reef Restaurant, St. Augustine, FL; BEST PRESENTATION: Odd Birds Kitchen & Cocktail Lounge, St. Augustine, FL.

In addition, attendees will vote for their favorite bites and sips during the event on Saturday, November 5 the PEOPLE'S CHOICE Awards, presented by Publix + GreenWise Market. One People's Choice Medal Award Winner in seven categories, including beverage tastings will be announced on the Music Stage at 4:45 pm. The following is a final schedule of events for Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife, with limited [tickets](#) left available for some events. Visit the festival

website at
www.whiskeywineandwildlife.com for
additional information and tickets.

Friday, November 4

W3 Master Classes, presented by
Publix + GreenWise Market

These interactive and intimate learning
experiences showcase local and
celebrity guest chefs and beverage
experts. Each class includes tasting
bites with a paired wine or a signature
cocktail. \$60 per person, *Limited
tickets available

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: “Luxe Brunch at
Home: Easy Braised Pork Belly & Garlic
Confit Potatoes” with Chef Ellie
Schultze, Main Street Diner and a
brunch cocktail with Kelley
Fitzsimonds, Little Blue Cooler
Productions, featuring Mijenta Tequila,
Official Festival Tequila

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: “Pasta Alla
Norma”

Enjoy learning how to prepare a light Italian dish – perfect for holiday entertaining with Chef Iain McWilliam, Corporate Chef, Sysco, Official Festival Food Service. Zac Cole, with The Swig Spirit Tastings, will be pairing a signature cocktail with Strega, Italian Liqueur.

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm: “Best of Bardstown Bourbon” with Brandon Smith, Brand Ambassador
A select tasting of premium bourbons with some perfectly paired tasting bites

Guided Tours through the GTM Research Reserve/Wine & Cheese Paired Reception
Guana Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) Research Reserve

505 Guana River Rd #6527, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, \$45 for person, *Limited tickets
available

- Friday, November 4, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm; Saturday, November 5, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm; Sunday, November 6, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Friday, November 4

Whiskey Inspired “Pig Pickin” on the Pier, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Vilano Beach Pier, presented by the
Florida Times-Union/jacksonville.com and the St. Augustine Record/staugustine.com
260 Vilano Road, St. Augustine, FL 32084, \$79 per person



Tickets include culinary and unlimited wine, spirits
and beer tastings with a souvenir glass



Best Taste Award winning restaurants, included Chef
Kenny Gilbert's Best Taste Overall from Silkie's
Chicken & Champagne Bar

The happiest of happy hours shared with the Bluebird of Happiness, on Vilano Beach's famous Pier. Guests will enjoy a variety of unlimited whiskies, wines and beers, along with tasting whiskey inspired classic cocktails and more with a souvenir glass. Culinary bites and a showcase "Pig Pickin' on the Pier" with whole hog barbecue, sides from Peculiar Pig Farm & Heart & SoulFood Truck and live music from Yael & Gabriel – all taking place on the Vilano Beach Pier overlooking the Matanzas Inlet.

Saturday, November 5

W3 Main Event – Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, presented by Sysco, Vivian Browning Avenue Block Party, Vilano Beach, St. Augustine, FL 32084, \$119 per person
Tickets are ALL-INCLUSIVE with food and drink tastings included, from some of northeast Florida's best restaurants and world-renowned spirits, wines and beers.

Publix + GreenWise Market Cooking Demo Stage at W3 Main Event with some great recipes for the holidays and free tasting bites for the first 50 people seated in each session.

- 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm: Iain McWilliam, Sysco, Jacksonville, FL
"Braised Short Rib & Pork Belly" Learn some professional hacks from Chef Iain on making Braised Short Ribs and Pork Belly
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Kenny Gilbert, Silkies Chicken and Champagne Bar, Jacksonville, FL, "One of Oprah's Favorite Holiday Dishes" Field Peas with Smoked Turkey Potlicker, Root Vegetables, Savory Herbs, Spices & Cornbread Crumble
- 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm: Rebecca Reed, Blacksheep Restaurant Group, Jacksonville, FL "Faux-rerero Rochers" with Executive Pastry Chef, Rebecca Reed
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Michael Lugo, Michael's St. Augustine & Pesca by Michael's, Vilano Beach
"Crispy Yellowtail Snapper with Tostones and Pineapple Nuoc Cham" Guests will get a preview of what's to come from Chef Michael Lugo early next year from Pesca by Michael's in Vilano Beach

Sunday, November 6

"W3 Sunday Jazz Brunch" Casa Monica Resort & Spa – 95 Cordova Street, St. Augustine, FL
The grand finale brunch at the Casa Monica Resort & Spa will be a great way to end the weekend – an all-inclusive culinary and drink ticket for a fantastic Brunch Buffet with gourmet stations for breakfast and lunch lovers alike. Beverage tasting stations will include sparkling wine, Mimosas, Bloody Mary's, spirits, wine and beer, \$119 per person.

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