

‘Celebrity Winemaker Weekend’ at Arizona Biltmore July 22-24 Will Be Vintage Fun for Wine Lovers

PHOENIX, July 12, 2011 – The summer-long “[Hollywood & Wine](#)” festival at the Arizona Biltmore is featuring a “Celebrity Winemaker Festival Weekend” July 22 - 24 with Wine Tastings, Wine Seminars, Cheese & Chocolate Tastings from local purveyors, Jewelry Displays, Movie Screenings, Bottle Signings, after-hours musical entertainment, and much more.

An array of celebrity-owned wineries will be participating in this exclusive three-day weekend wine festival. The agenda includes:

Friday, July 22:

- 4:00 pm Arrival Tasting: Complimentary - In the lobby, featuring Newman’s Own Wines.
- 6:00 pm Opening Reception: “*Bubbles, Baubles & Bon Bons*” hosted by Terry David Mulligan, host of *The Tasting Room* radio show and co-host of the *Hollywood & Vines* TV show. Mix and mingle while enjoying sparkling wines, cheese and chocolate tastings and jewelry displays. Domaine Carneros Brut and Rose and Sophia Blanc de Blanc will be poured.
\$25 per person.
- 8:00 pm Film & Wine-Tasting Screening: “Babette’s Feast” with wines from Newman ‘s Own. **Complimentary screening and tasting.**

Saturday, July 23:

- 10 am to 2 pm Movie Screenings: Including “Blood Into Wine,” “Hollywood & Vines” TV show, selections from the New York Food Film Festival. **Complimentary screening; wines available for purchase; Arizona Stronghold winery featured.**
- 10 am to 2 pm Wine Education Classes: Learn directly from the winemakers about their varietals, recommended pairings, and how to sip and savor their celebrity wines. Three classes will be offered:·
- 10 am - Sparkling Wines featuring Domaine Carneros Brut and Rose
11:30 am – Newman’s Own
1:00 pm - Arizona Wines featuring Arizona Stronghold
- Each class is \$10 per person.**

- 12:00 pm 'Inside the Chef's Studio' Cooking Class: Featuring radio and TV personality and cookbook author Chef Jamie Gwen. **\$50 per person**
- 5 to 7:30 pm Grand Tasting including Food Pairings, Bottle Signings & Entertainment.
Featured Wines: Newman's Own; Benziger Family, Francis Coppola Winery; Fess Parker Wines; MacMurry Wine; AZ Stronghold Wine; Pillsbury Wines, Hearst Wines; B.R. Cohn; Charles Smith; St. Francis; Cakebread Cellars; Clos Pegase; Chalk Hill Estate; Sequoia Grove; Franciscan; Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer Wines. **\$30 per person.**
- 8:00 pm Film, Food & Winemaker Dinner: Hit film *Moonstruck* paired with Italian wines. The menu features: Olive, Tomato and Fig-Goat Cheese Bruschetta, Chicken Tetrazzini, Rosemary Brown Butter Bread Stuffing, Lemon Scented Asparagus, Sugar Glazed Beets, Olive Oil, Crusty Italian Bread, and Crispy Bread Sticks ·Orange Polenta Cake, Vanilla Whipped Cream Peaks, Fresh Strawberries, Lemon Olive Oil Drizzle. **\$55 per person.**
- 10:30 pm After-Hours Entertainment: Dessert wines for purchase paired with hot jazz.

Sunday, July 24

- 10am to 1:00pm 'Farm to Fork Brunch' at Frank & Albert's: **\$40 per person.**
- 12:00 pm 'Inside the Chef's Studio' Cooking Class: Featuring radio and TV personality and cookbook author Chef Jamie Gwen. **\$50 per person**

Friday through Sunday, artists will be participating in wine-barrel painting and their creations will be on display all weekend.

Festival Ticket: Enjoy the best of the Celebrity Winemaker Weekend with a Festival Ticket that includes the following six events and activities:

- Bubbles, Baubles & Bon Bons
- 2 Wine Education Classes
- Grand Tasting
- Winemaker Dinner
- Farm to Fork Brunch

The Festival Ticket is only \$135. The Festival Ticket with a guest room for two nights, double occupancy, is just \$475 (excluding tax). Tickets to each individual event are also available for purchase through the website. Book online: [Buy Festival Ticket](#)

The Arizona Biltmore's 2nd annual Hollywood & Wine is a Hollywood-themed festival, running through Labor Day weekend, offering a full calendar of concerts, activities and events, including concerts, Hollywood professionals giving presentations revealing the secrets of their trade, movie screenings, wine tastings with celebrity wineries and live theater. For a full festival schedule go to: www.arizonabiltmorehollywoodandwine.com.

The Arizona Biltmore has been an Arizona landmark since opening in 1929, when it was crowned the "Jewel of the Desert." The legendary Grand Dame remains one of the most recognized resorts in the world for its distinctive Frank Lloyd Wright architectural style, luxurious facilities, and storied history as a playground of the rich and famous. Nestled on 39 acres at the foot of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, the legendary resort offers: 740 guest accommodations; full-service Spa, Salon and Fitness Center; two 18-hole golf courses; six restaurants and lounges including Frank & Albert's serving Arizona comfort food; and eight swimming pools including the Paradise Pool for the ultimate in poolside fun. The Arizona Biltmore is a Waldorf Astoria Resort®. www.arizonabiltmore.com

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