
MANCHESTER WINE FESTIVAL

Taste, Shop, and Give Back: Manchester Wine Festival Returns with Global Pours and Local Flavors

A 100% volunteer-run “try before you buy” wine market with up to 15% off holiday cases, plus local cheeses, restaurant bites, a paper bag blind tasting, a secret speakeasy pour and a charity vote.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 2 TO 6 P.M. MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
138 CEMETERY AVE., MANCHESTER CENTER, VT. 21+

MANCHESTER CENTER, VT. – The Manchester Wine Festival returns to the Manchester Community Library on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 2 to 6 p.m., offering the ultimate “try before you buy” tasting experience just in time for the holidays.

Organized by Nature’s Market and powered entirely by community volunteers, the event lets attendees sample approximately 150 world-class wines from renowned global importers and producers. Guests can taste exceptional pours from names like Rosenthal Wine Merchant, Skurnik Wines & Spirits, Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, Vias Imports, The Rare Wine Co., Paul Hobbs Wines and The Piedmont Guy before placing their holiday orders.

To complement the global wine selection, the festival showcases the local food scene. Attendees can sample and enjoy pairings from local cheesemakers, neighborhood restaurants and regional artisanal food producers.

The festival doubles as a holiday shopping event with deep discounts on wine orders: 10% off cases of 12 bottles and 15% off 24 bottles or more. Guests place their orders at the festival, then pay for and pick up their wine at Nature’s Market.

Beyond the tasting tables, two events add to the afternoon. The **Paper Bag Blind Tasting** pours every bottle from a brown paper bag; taste, guess the grape and the country, then see the label. Seats are limited and booked in advance. And somewhere in the festival, behind a secret door, the **Secret Speakeasy Pour** hides one ultra-premium or highly unusual bottle. Solve the wine riddle or find a hidden token to get in – no booking and no extra charge, while the bottle lasts.

Every ticket purchased and bottle ordered supports the community, with the backing of more than two dozen area businesses. Ticket sales go to the Manchester Community Library, and every dollar of profit from wine sold on the day goes to a local cause chosen by the guests themselves. Using the festival’s Charity Ballot, attendees vote on site to decide which nominated local registered charity receives it. Nominations are open to anyone.

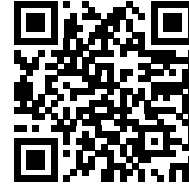
“Most festivals choose their charity in a meeting. Manchester’s leaves the choice to the people holding the glasses.”

THE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS



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Events at the festival

LIMITED SEATS

Paper Bag Blind Tasting

Every bottle poured from a brown paper bag. Taste, guess the grape and the country, then see the label.

\$15 A SEAT · 30 SEATS

RARE DISCOVERIES

The Secret Speakeasy Pour

One ultra-premium or highly unusual bottle behind a secret door. Solve the wine riddle, or find a hidden token and bring it to the curtain.

INCLUDED · NO BOOKING

GUESTS DECIDE

The Charity Ballot

Every dollar of wine profit goes to the local registered charity the guests vote for on site. Anyone may nominate a cause.

EVERY TICKET INCLUDES A BALLOT

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

The Wine Market

About 150 wines to taste, with local cheese, restaurant bites and small producers. Order at the festival; pay and pick up at Nature’s Market.

10% OFF 12 · 15% OFF 24+

Tickets

Early bird Through October 4, or until the first 100 tickets sell	\$20
Regular admission In advance, online	\$30
At the door Subject to availability	\$35
Paper Bag Blind Tasting Add to the same booking and pay once	\$15

All guests must be 21 or older, with valid ID.

Friends of the festival

Manchester Community Library Host	Earth & Sea Fish Market Fishmonger	Tap Dance Productions Film
Nature's Market Organizer	La Peche Lingerie Clothing	Mighty Food Farm Organic farm
Orvis Outfitter	Al Ducci's Italian deli	Just Kitchen and Bath Kitchen & bath design
The Crooked Ram Restaurant	Black River Produce Produce	Christos' Pizza & Pasta Restaurant
The Inn at Ormsby Hill Inn	Silver Fork Restaurant	Aspen at Manchester Hotel
Nina Jewelry Jewelry	Squirrel Art & gifts	GSK Climate Control Heating & cooling
Mystico Cucina Italiana Restaurant	Barnstead Inn Inn	Earth Sky Time Community Farm Organic farm & bakery
Northshire Bookstore Bookshop	Trout Unlimited – Southwestern Vermont Conservation	Yoder Farm Family farm
Vermont Kitchen Supply Kitchenware	The Inn at Manchester Inn	The Bank of Bennington Bank

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Tickets, charity nominations and vendor updates: ManchesterWineFestival.com