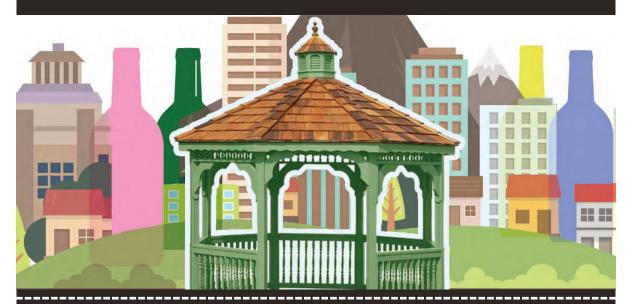
2017 ASHEVILLE WINE FOOD F E S T I V A L

Friday & Saturday August 18 &19, 2017 Downtown Asheville, NC





THIS YEAR, SAVOR THE MOUNTAINS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

With nationwide recognition for being one of the top culinary and wine destinations, this vibrant and eclectic mountain city once again brings you the Asheville Wine and Food Festival. Thank you for joining us for this exciting two-day event in the heart of downtown to celebrate the chefs, restaurants, vineyards, distilleries, breweries, and farmers who have elevated Asheville's status to a "Foodtopian Society".

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Musicians Redleg Husky

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Cindy Kunst CLicKs Photography In its 9th year, the Asheville Wine and Food Festival returns to offer a culinary weekend of food, drink, and fun. This festival has been named as a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society. Inspired by our loyal attendees and vendors alike, we bring you the finest regional, national, and international wines, exceptional craft beers, spirits, and handcrafted artisanal foods for palate-pleasing indulgence. Enjoy two full days of the GRAND TASTING this year with renown chefs, authors, independent, farm-to-table restaurants and colorful street performers on every corner, finishing with SWEET & SAVORY on Saturday evening. Savor the mountains like never before...at this vear's Asheville Wine & Food Festival! **Bob Bowles** Founder, Asheville Wine & Food Festival

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Friday Highlights

Chef George Delidimos Golden Fleece

Chef Don Paleno
The Colorful Palate

Chef TJ Centanni

Calypso St. Lucian Caribbean Cuisine & Rum Bar

Chef Anthony Cerrato Strada Italiano

Saturday Highlights

Chef Kyle Allen Mountain Madre Mexican Kitchen & Agave Bar

Chef Scott Ostrander Red Stag Grill

Chef Duane Fernandes Isa's Bistro & Hemingway's Cuba

Chef Matthew Miner
Jargon Restaurant

PRIME BBQ Kickoff Event

1:00 pm on Friday with Pitmaster Christopher Prieto

HEF HIGHLIGHT SERIES

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Slow Food®Asheville

Good, Clean and Fair Food

The motto of Slow Food Asheville is Good, Clean and Fair Food. The local nonprofit chapter, Slow Food Asheville has been in existence since 2003. Slow Food is an idea, a way of living and a way of eating. It is, as one could imagine the exact opposite of what fast food is all about. Slow Food is a global grassroots movement with thousands of members around the world that links the pleasure of food with a commitment to community and the environment - food that is good for those who eat it, for the planet and for the people that grow it.

Slow Food Asheville, the local chapter or convivium is blessed with an abundance of tailgate markets, organic growers, food artisans and incredible restaurants. The slow food mission is to promote and preserve the food culture of the Western North Carolina region through the relationships between farmers, the table, families and the community with whom we share our food.

In order to fulfill the mission, the Slow Food Asheville chapter works alongside other local chapters in the area. There has been copious amounts of collaboration between the Foothills chapter of Slow Food with their central location being Polk County. The two chapters have specifically worked together to promote the Heritage Food Project which first began in 2015. The goals of the project are to grow a heritage food from the region (the rarer the better), eat this food and save the seeds all while promoting the history of the heritage food that's so special to this area.

A monthly newsletter is published and posted on the Slow Food Asheville website as well as blog posts. Go to slowfoodsasheville.org to sign up and read the latest newsletter, check out the blog or find out how to become involved with the group.

If you are interested in finding out more about this year's Heritage Variety Project featuring the Cherokee Purple Tomato and Slow Food Asheville, you can visit the website at www. slowfoodasheville.org.



Wine





Wine Competition

In conjunction with the Asheville Wine & Food Festival, the French Broad Vignerons' annual competition is especially significant for the wineries of North Carolina because Gold and Double Gold Medalists will be considered to participate in the FBV Benchmark Program. This program compares Western NC and North Carolina wines with international and highly regarded American wines. Non-commercial winemakers from across North Carolina are also invited annually to submit wines for the Asheville Non-Commercial Wine Competition. Western North Carolina is defined as the two geographic areas shown in the Mountain and Western Piedmont maps in the North Carolina Wine Guide. Wines in the Asheville International Wine Competition are judged using the unique judging



format of the Asheville International Wine Competition, which more specifically means each wine is judged by two different judging teams to assure quality evaluations. A modified version of the Davis Card is used for judging. Western North Carolina wines that earn a Gold or Silver medal are entitled to call themselves a BOTA wine - Best Of The Appalachians.

Best of the Appalachians

Best of the Appalachians (BOTA) is a designation earned by Western North Carolina wines that earn a Gold or Silver medal. To be a BOTA wine, the grapes used in the wine must be from Western North Carolina and the wine must be produced in WNC as well. The French Broad Vignerons promote these special wines annually at the Festival.

The French Broad Vignerons

The French Broad Vignerons is a non-profit organization dedicated to the service and support for Western North Carolina vineyards, orchards, wine and cider makers and their products. The organization provides wine evaluation and promotion of the wide variety of quality wines in the region. There are currently 17 commercial members of the French Broad Vignerons, including the most visited winery in America and some very small boutique wineries. The French Broad Vignerons promote the wines of the region, wine tourism, the growth of wineries, and this unique territory of the mountains. The French Broad Vignerons conduct Benchmark activities to assess regional wines in comparison to other areas local and international. The organization also conducts an annual wine competition in conjunction with the Asheville Wine and Food Festival.



Award Winning Wineries

double gold

Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Cabernet Franc Reserve - 2015 Goodwater Vineyard - TN - Corot Noir - 2014 Parker-Binns Vineyard - NC - Chardonnay - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Whalehead White - 2015 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - OBX Ice - 2016 The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Riesling - NV The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Southern Belle - NV Watauga Lake Winery - TN - Duncan Hollow - 2015

Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve - 2015

gold

Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Meritage Reserve - 2015 Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Reserve Chardonay - 2014 Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Gruner Veltliner - 2016 Burntshirt Vineyards - NC - Vidal Blanc -2016 Cades Cove Cellars - TN - Firefly - NV Elkin Creek Vineyard - NC - Vin Doux - 2011 Elkin Creek Vineyard - NC - Viognier - 2016 Fontaine Vineyard - NC - Riesling - 2015 Goodwater Vineyard - TN - Everything's Peachy - NV Goodwater Vineyard - TN - Goodwater Raz - NV JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - Crimson Creek - 2016 JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - Jolotage - 2015 JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - Pilot Fog - 2016 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Tempranillo - 2015 Parker-Binns Vineyard - NC - Pea Ridge Red - 2014 Piccione Vineyards - NC - Nero - 2014 Raffaldini Vineyards - NC - Vermentino Superiore - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Aglianico - 2015 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Coastal Collage - 2015 Silver Fork Vineyarda and Winery - NC - Cabernet Franc - 2015

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The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Farmhouse White - NV
The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Heritage Red - NV
The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Vineyard White - NV
The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Royal Blue - NV
The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Muscadine - NV

Watauga Lake Winery - TN - Bearly Peach - 2016

bronze

Cades Cove Cellars - TN - Sweet White Muscadine - NV JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - JOLO Pink - 2016 JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - Happy Endings - 2015 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Handcrafted Viognier - 2016 Sprout Springs Estates - TN - Riesling - 2016

silver

Adagio Vineyards - NC - Vivace - 2016 Adagio Vineyards - NC - Minuet - 2014 Adagio Vineyards - NC - Coda - 2014 Addison Farms Vinevard - NC - Gratitude - NV Addison Farms Vineyard - NC - Five Twenty Nine - 2015 Addison Farms Vineyard - NC - Red Dress - 2015 Cades Cove Cellars - TN - Chardonnay - 2015 Cades Cove Cellars - Tn - Fall Bounty - 2014 Cades Cove Cellars - TN - Riesling - NV Cades Cove Cellars - TN - Blackberry - NV Elkin Creek Vineyard - NC - Rossa - 2015 Fontaine Vineyard - NC - Rose - 2014 Fontaine Vineyard - NC - Cabernet Sauvignon - 2015 Goodwater Vineyard - TN - Seyval Blanc - NY Goodwater Vineyard - TN - Goodwater Black - NV JOLO Winery and Vineyard - NC - Golden Hallows - 2016 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Steel Chardonnay - 2015 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Barrel Chardonnay - 2015 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Petit Manseng - 2015 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Cabernet Franc - 2014 Jones von Drehle Vineyards - NC - Petit Verdot - 2014 Mountain Brook Vineyards - NC - Chardonnay - 2014 Mountain Brook Vineyards - NC - Pinot Grigio - 2015 Mountain Brook Vineyards - NC - Cabernet Sauvignon -Mountain Brook Vineyards - NC - Petit Verdot - 2013 Mountain Brook Vineyards - NC - Magis Red Blend - NV Parker-Binns - NC - Petit Manseng - 2016 Parker-Binns - NC - Rose - 2016 Piccione Vineyards - NC - Vermentino - 2015 Piccione Vineyards - NC - Unoaked Chardonnay - 2015 Piccione Vineyards - NC - Sangiovese - 2014 Raffaldini Vineyards and Winery - NC - Bella Misto - 2015 Raffaldini Vineyards and Winery - NC - Pinot Grigio - 2016 Raffaldini Vineyards and Winery - NC - La Dolce Vita - 2016 Raffaldini Vineyards and Winery - NC - Sangiovese Classico - 2014 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Wild Pony White - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - The Triangle - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Pearl - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Chardonnay - 2016 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Handcrafted Cab Franc - 2015 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Double Barrel - 2015 Sanctuary Vineyards - NC - Shipwreck - 2015 Silver Fork Vineyard and Winery - NC - Chambourcin - 2015 Silver Fork Vineyard and Winery - - NC - Four Dog Red - NV Sprout Springs Estates - TN - Smoky Mountain Rose - 2015 Sprout Springs Estates - TN - Blackberry - 2016 Sprout Springs Estates - TN -Cabernet Franc - 2015 Sprout Springs Estates - TN - Chardonnay - NY The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - James's Peach NV The Winery at Seven Springs Farm - TN - Red Muscadine - NV Watauga Lake Winery - TN - Tart N' Blue - 2015

Wine Tasting Notes

A New Grade of Barbecue

Christopher Prieto is a champion pitmaster, author, instructor, bbq judge and owner of PRIME Barbecue in Knightdale, NC. His journey into cooking and the world of barbecue began when he was a child. Fond memories of Texas and his desire to find the "soul" of barbecue sent him on a personal quest to perfect the art and science of slow-smoked meats. Today, after years of cooking on the professional barbecue circuit, Christopher believes he has finally achieved what he considers "barbecue excellence" with his own signature style that fuses together elements of Texas, Kansas City and North Carolina flavors. Christopher

was featured on Season 5 of the TV program "BBQ Pitmasters" and published his first book with Southern Living entitled "Ultimate Book of BBQ: The

Complete Year-Round
Guide to Grilling and
Smoking". After
this year's 2017
Asheville Wine
& Food Festival
kickoff BBQ
event, you can
continue to follow
Christopher and
PRIME Barbecue at
prime-bbg.com.





Barbecue

Barbecue is an outdoor cooking method that smokes the meat over wood or charcoal. This slow cooking method over indirect low heat develops a distinguishable flavor as it smokes the food. Grilling is a quicker process over a higher direct heat, thereby producing less smoke. Barbecue has evolved all over the world, and offers a wide variety of delicious regional variations.

Prime BBQ

What style of barbecue do we serve? Our own. Prime Barbecue brings together the best of all great BBQ techniques to create something uniquely its own. The process begins with the best meats, seasoned with perfect spice blends and then smoked with 100% hardwood for many, many hours until the perfect harmony of smoke, flavor and tenderness emerges. Christopher originally developed Prime Barbecue to inspire, educate and demonstrate the processes, techniques and traditions behind the art of smoking. Learn from the master...more information and class enrollment online at www.prime-bbg.com.



COCKTAIL





WHAT IS

ASHEVILLE COCKTAIL





Asheville Cocktail Week is a celebration of the art of mixology and craft spirits, combining the best talent and trends the industry has to offer. This week long event provides something for everyone from industry to the occasional cocktail drinker. For information and tickets: CarolinaCocktailWeek.com



The Art of Mixology

Mixology describes the ability to mix cocktail drinks as an art form. Although the definition of mixology is the study or skill of preparing such mixed drinks, a mixologist mixes and invents cocktail drinks with a level of unique ability.



The Details of the Draw

Developed in May of 2016, Asheville Cocktail Week became the first full week-long cocktail event in the Southeast. After four successful years grown around a single mixology event, ELIXIR, the decision was made to expand on its own. The calendar includes competitions, guest bartenders, tastings, cocktail crawls, educational seminars, spirit pairing dinners, dance parties and so much more. In its very first year mixologists traveled across the country, drawn by events sponsored by Beam Suntory. With the attraction of guests toward a great number of regional distilleries, this one week gains ground on being one of the largest cocktail and distilling events available for attendance by the public. Follow Asheville Cocktail Week throughout the year for announcements on upcoming events at every price point as we continue to build on this foundation and include even more distilleries, bars, mixologists, and sponsors in 2018!

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AN AW&FF SIGNATURE EVENT

This year, the Asheville Wine & Food Festival brings you SWEET & SAVORY, a lively expansion of the palate. Formerly known as SWEET, an evening of luscious desserts with which you've grown familiar, we are always trying to broaden our basis of exploration and enjoyment. This signature event will be held after the Grand Tasting event on Saturday, August 19th, at the Renaissance Atrium and Ballrooms in Downtown Asheville. Come listen to music, sample new flavors, and leave fully satisfied as your taste buds dance the evening away!





TIPS FOR THE GRAND TASTING, A DELECTABLE TWO-DAY EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE



SHOPPING STRATEGY:

A festival tote will be provided for purchases when selecting souvenirs, and coordination may be requested as needed from our volunteers... compliments of your Asheville Citizen-Times.

STAY POISED:

Juggling wine, plate, and more can prove challenging. Rather than turn your plate into a toppling mess, focus on one food and drink sample at a time.

PACE YOURSELF:

Plan your sampling around the events you want to see. Nosh between events and allow yourself to digest while you take in the Prime BBQ kickoff, Chef Highlight Series cooking demos, and cookbook author appearances.

HYDRATE:

Drink plenty of water. Look for hydration stations throughout the festival. Water also serves as a refreshing palate cleanser.





Chef Don Paleno



With over 20 years of experience in the food and beverage industry, Chef Don Paleno continues to educate and push himself to be the best chef that he can be. As a prominent member of the industry, he also serves as the president of the Western North Carolina Culinary Association. ACF is the premier professional association for culinarians in the region. With over 20 years of experience spanning from Naples FL to the Asheville area, he demonstrates a flair for the eclectic appreciation of flavor.

Chef Duane Fernandes



Educated at Johnson & Wales University and then the Culinary Institute of Charleston SC, Fernandes spent much of his early career polishing his abilities in the celebrated kitchens of Charleston's four-diamond 'Peninsula Grill' and the five-diamond Jefferson Hotel in Richmond VA, then to the kitchen of Thomas Keller's iconic three-star 'Per Se' in New York. Leading the culinary team at 'Isa's Bistro' after 'Horizons' restaurant at the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Chef Fernandes all-new 'Hemingway's Cuba' will feature small and large plate Cuban inspired dishes. He will introduce a delectable alternative to everyday cuisine at this year's festival.







Chef Matthew Miner



Chef for one of the city's newest restaurants, Jargon, Chef Matthew Miner is no stranger to competition cooking. This year, as part of the Chef Highlight Series, he will provide a sample of all he's capable of. Chef Matthew offers more than 20 years' experience in the culinary arts. He remains current with new trends, farm to table, local sustainability, and is versed in many cuisines. By way of California, his creative tastes are sure to delight in every dish prepared.

Chef Kyle Allen



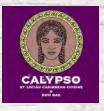
Chef Kyle Allen introduces a fresh all-new menu to Mountain Madre restaurant located in downtown Asheville. Chef Kyle is a graduate of the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago, and originally from Illinois, cooking since he started crafting pizzas as a teenager. He will bring his talent for presentation of new ideas on the plate at this year's festival. If you missed him as our first highlighted chef in the May Downtown After Five, be sure to follow all summer and find out why locals know a good thing when they taste it!







Chef TJ Centanni



Chef TJ Centanni promises to spice up the festival with his Caribbean flair (and fare, pun intended!). An Executive Chef at Calypso, the new restaurant downtown, Centanni has mastered the art of cooking culturally authentic St. Lucian cuisine. Indulge yourself in Centanni's hearty English, French and African-inspired blend of Caribbean soul food, and we promise that you'll find yourself lost in food ripe for the soul.

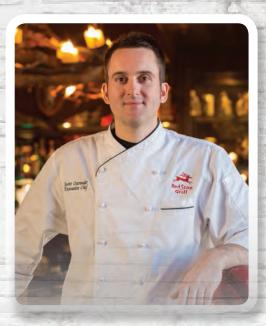
Chef Anthony Cerrato

Strada

Drawing influences from his Italian family recipes and researched recipes, Chef Anthony Cerrato combines the best of Italian food with Western North Carolina cuisine and locally fresh ingredients, to create an exquisite fare that will definitely satisfy your taste buds. Indulge yourself in a hearty cuisine that is sure to satisfy this festival season, made lovingly by Strada Italiano's very own Executive Chef, Anthony Cerrato.







Chef Scott Ostrander

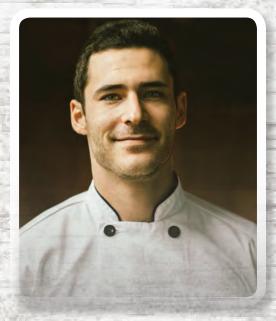


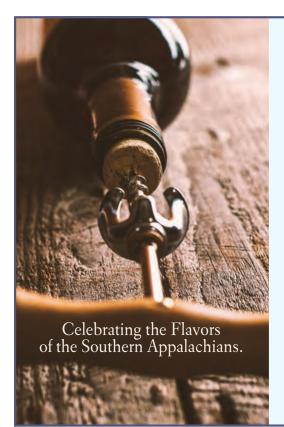
After graduating at the top of his class from the Culinary Institute of America in New York, Scott Ostrander traveled across the country to work in the kitchens of Roy Yamaguchi on the Islands of Hawaii and Oahu, the Morrison House Hotel in Alexandria, VA, in Washington, D.C. at the landmark New Heights, the Bistro in Savannah in Savannah, GA, the Mama's Boy Southern Table in the CT suburbs of NYC and now at the Red Stag Grill at the Bohemian in Asheville.

Chef George Delidimos



George Delidimos is the Executive Chef of the recently opened, Golden Fleece Slow Earth Kitchen located in North Asheville. Tucked away in Grovewood Village, Chef George has found a way to expose Ashevillians to some of the Mediterranean's traditional cooking, inspired by his grandmother and heritage. He specializes in old world flavors, utilizes Asheville's and North Carolina's local ingredients all being prepared by forgotten -lost in the years- techniques.







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MAKING NEW FRIENDS...







Since the festival's launch in 2009, the number of attendees and vendors have steadily increased such that it has drawn serious attention from surrounding culinary cities such as New Orleans, Charleston, and Atlanta. A number of new events were added to the menu (including SWEET, an elegant, dessert-orientated evening and ELIXIR, a mixologist competition). To promote such expansion, it's been imperative to continue to please existing attendees and vendors while attracting new ones as the festival further evolves. ELIXIR grew to include two more festival days—AMUSE and ESSENCE—before becoming its own Cocktail Week, which takes place the first week of May every year. SWEET has expanded to become SWEET & SAVORY, an elevated evening after the two-day Grand Tasting event that promotes scrumptious delectables and unique handmade items from nearby communities.

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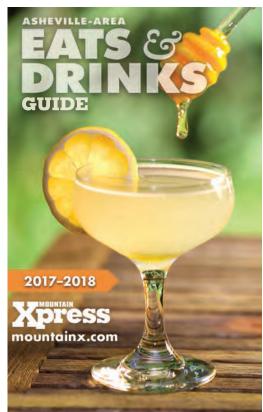
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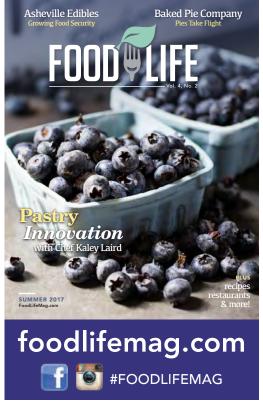












MUSICIAN HIGHLIGHT







Redleg Husky is a country, bluegrass, and blues duo from Asheville, North Carolina. Since its inception in 2012, the band has been performing its unique blend of American music in barrooms, theaters, and festivals throughout the Southeast and beyond. The group has released three recordings of original music in that time, a self-titled EP in 2013, its full-length debut, Carolina, in 2014, and a second LP, My Old Heart, in 2016. Redleg Husky is excited to continue their musical evolution, developing new takes on classic songs, bringing an impassioned live show to audiences throughout the region, and pushing musical boundaries within the many sub-genres of Americana. Visit Tim McWilliams and Son the Bassman at this year's Sweet & Savory event!

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MAP FOR GRAND TASTING

