

2017

WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR



**WSET LEVEL 1
AWARD IN WINE**

*** FEB 26 & 27**

fresh & new!

Tastings, Festivals,
Classes & More!

FEATURING:

WHISKY BASICS

JANUARY 28 & 29

+

WINTER BREWS

FEBRUARY 22

+

ALL THINGS IRISH

MARCH 15

+

COOKIES & WINE

MARCH 30

JANUARY 25

ROBBIE BURNS DAY

FEBRUARY 11

WINE & CHOCOLATE

+ HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

EVENT TICKETS, GIFT BASKETS, WSET LEVEL 1,
WINE & SPIRIT APPRECIATION CLASSES AND MORE!



WILLOW PARK

WINES & SPIRITS

2017 WINTER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Robbie Burns Day | 7-9pm \$35

Celebrate Robbie Burns Night with us in true Scottish style with our very own Trusted Experts! The evening will be filled with fun and traditional stories, poems, music, haggis and of course great whisky will be shared and enjoyed. Raise a glass to Scotland's most famous son!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Whisky Basics | 12-5pm \$125

Learn your "Whisky Basics" with renowned Trusted Expert, David Michiels. David will present the basic level of scotch tasting and move into more advanced levels throughout the month. Learn the history and varieties of scotch on the market; taste a collection of scotches each day and work your way through the world of scotch!

David Michiels was inducted into the Keepers of the Quaich at Blair Castle in 2012, in Scotland, for his outstanding contribution to Scotch whisky. His selection of Scotch whisky at Willow Park Wines & Spirits Alberta is considered one of the strongest of any store in North America.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Wine & Cheese | 7-9pm \$30

Do you ever wonder what cheese goes with your favourite wine or vice-a-versa? Well get ready to have your questions answered as we bring you a fun night all about the basics of pairing wine and cheese together. You'll leave with a better understanding of classic pairings, why they work along with new hints and tips for matching any cheese you want to try.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Rum 101 | 7-9pm \$25

If you wandered down the rum aisle lately you might be surprised to see how many different styles are available to choose from and it might leave your head spinning a bit with trying to decide which ones to choose. So we're here to help. We've created this special class that will give you the opportunity to explore, learn and taste an outstanding assortment of rums from many different islands throughout the Caribbean along with a few classic rum cocktails as well.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Wine & Chocolate | 7-9pm \$30

What could be better than spending Valentine's Day evening learning all about wine and chocolate pairings? With a spectacular chocolate lineup to pair with, our team will showcase wines from around the globe including ports to bubbles, as they team up to bring you a truly unforgettable evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Wonderful Winter Whites

7-9pm \$25

White wine fans we have a special evening planned just for you! Our Trusted Experts have carefully picked out some of their favourite elegant, aromatic and food-friendly white wine styles from all around the globe. This evening is sure to introduce you to some new favourite styles along with leaving you excited about the wines you love and the winemaking talent behind them. If you have friends that think that white wines are just for the summer then you might just want to bring them along so we can help convert them for you.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Winter Brews | 7-9pm \$15

Our very own Trusted Experts are excited to share some of their favourite winter brews for you to enjoy during the frigid winter months. Winter brews come in a vast collection of different flavours and styles and our team will lead you through an exciting line up of what they feel are "must-know" styles for the season.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

California Wine Festival | 7-9pm \$30

The wines of California have always been favourites here on the prairies and so we've created an entire festival evening with a room filled with wines from the sunshine state.

You'll love learning about and sampling the wide selection of styles and varieties from this beloved state. If you are a California wine fan you won't want to miss out on this event.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Understanding Cabernet

Sauvignon | 7-9pm \$35

Join Fine Wine Director, Peter Smolarz, as he guides you through an evening focused on understanding the grape and the wines made from Cabernet Sauvignon. Peter will be highlighting famous regions where Cabernet is king such as Bordeaux, Napa Valley and the Barossa Valley in Australia. If you're a Cabernet fan you won't want to miss this special night.

EVENT TICKETS ARE EASY TO BUY!

Get them in-store or online by visiting:

www.willowparkwines.com

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 10am-5pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:30-9pm

WSET Level 1

Award in Wines | \$349

The level 1 in WSET will introduce students at an entry level qualification a straight forward introduction to wine. This will enable students to meet workplace wine service standards and deal with basic customer inquiries. This highly interactive program introduces the student to many different aspects of the wine world including wine types & styles, wine tasting, major grape varieties and food & wine matching.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- The main styles of wine
- The WSET Level 1 Systematic Approach to Tasting Wine
- The characteristics of the common grape varieties used to produce wine
- Service of wine
- Health, safety and legal issues
- The pairing of food and wine



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Blindfolded Tasting | 7-9pm \$25

How hard is it to tell if a wine is red or white if you can't see it? You'll find out at our real blindfolded tasting as you do the entire tasting without the use of your sight. Our Trusted Expert team will guide you through this exciting and fun evening that has you wearing a mask to demonstrate how your mind and nose can trick you when you're tasting wine. This is a great class for wine enthusiasts of all levels.



*Peter Smolarz
Fine Wine Director*

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Popcorn Pairing | 7-9pm \$25

Don't miss out on an evening of sweet and savory popcorn styles and fun pairings as we take this favourite snack food to a whole new level. You'll not only be amazed at how many different drink styles can be paired with popcorn, but also at some of the secret toppings that our team has to share with you. We guarantee that you'll never look at popcorn the same way.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Guess The Expensive Red Wine | 7-9pm \$25

Join us as we lead you through an exciting lineup of red wine from around the world and ask you to choose which wine is the most expensive in the fight. This evening is always exciting as you become the judge and find out if you can taste the difference of price in the glass. Be prepared to have your eyes and palate opened to new experiences as we try wines between \$15 and over \$100.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

All Things Irish | 7-9pm \$25

Happy St Patrick's Day! Spend the evening celebrating the luck and spirit of the Irish at our special event highlighting an incredible collection of beers, whiskies and even a spirit or two.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Take Out Pairings | 7-9pm \$30

If you're like us, you occasionally grab dinner on the go and so we've asked our team to put together their favourite collection of pairings for take-out. You'll love the ideas that our team will share with you as they take to-go classics such as pizza, Chinese food, sushi and more and pair them up expertly showing you how easy it is for you to do at home.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

**Sparkling Wine Cocktails
7-9pm \$25**

Pop! Just reading the word is fun! There are endless possibilities for creative cocktails with bubbles as your base – get ready to step up your bubble game. Our very own Trusted Experts will lead you through a hands-on mixology class that will teach how classics such as a French 75 and Mimosa's are made as well as some new cocktails with a Willow Park Wines & Spirits twist.

Thursday, March 30

Cookies & Wine | 7-9pm \$30

Back by popular demand! We've polled our team and come up with six of their favourite cookies to pair with tasty and innovative wines, beers and cocktails. You can look forward to learning all about perfect pairings for classics such as chocolate chip, coconut macaroons and oatmeal raisin along with a few cookie surprises. Cookie fans you won't want to miss this enlightening evening that is sure to make cookies and milk seem so passé.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**Wines for Spring Festival
7-9pm \$30**

We're getting the jump on spring with our Wines of Spring Festival. If the winter months have you longing for warmer weather this evening is sure to inspire you with wines for the patio and warmer days. From crisp whites, brilliant roses and BBQ savvy reds this festival has something for everyone so you're sure to find a new favourite or two.



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