



2011 Columbus Food & Wine Affair Grand Tasting a “must” for food and wine lovers

For those who have been a part of the ***Columbus Food & Wine Affair*** since its inception in 2003, it may be hard to believe that the event is now in its ninth year. The ***Grand Tasting*** is set for 6:00 to 10 p.m., Friday, September 23 at Franklin Park Conservatory.

As the years have come and gone and in spite of an economy that has ebbed and flowed, the ***Grand Tasting*** has positioned itself in the community as *the* food and wine event of the region. The serious ***Grand Tasting*** guest marks his or her calendar a year in advance, knowing that in order to sample the best of area restaurants and award-winning wines, this is *the* event they can't miss.

Once again, the ***Grand Tasting*** looks to welcome at least 45 of the region's finest restaurants and pourings from more than 200 wineries and vineyards. During the evening, restaurants like Martini's Italian Bistro, Columbus Fish Market, Barcelona Restaurant and Bar and Basi Italia are woven throughout the grounds of the conservatory, intermingled with numerous wineries, upscale retailers, artists and musicians—all aimed at giving guests an experience for all the senses.