

Chicago/Chicagoland

Harry Caray's, Italian Village Restaurants

- A variety of Illinois wines will be offered by the glass during the month of September at these popular family restaurants.

Harry Caray's: 312-828-0966 (Chicago), 847-699-1200 (Rosemont),

www.harrycarays.com

Italian Village Restaurant: 312-332-7005, www.italianvillage-chicago.com

Northern Region

August Hill Winery, Utica

- *Artisan Showcase*: Come and celebrate with the artists whose work is featured in August Hill Winery's tasting room. Their work will be on display and available for purchase.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

815-667-5211, www.augusthillwinery.com

KSB Town Square Center, Dixon

- *Dixon Wine Festival*: Enjoy music, wine from several Illinois wineries, import beers and delicious food from local providers. Admission is \$20 and includes a wine glass and 12 tasting tickets to be used for food, beer and wine. The first 250 entrants receive a commemorative wine glass.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (6 – 10 p.m.)

Starved Rock State Park, Utica

- *Vintage Illinois Wine Festival*: Discover more than 20 of Illinois' award-winning wineries and enjoy live music at one of the largest wine celebrations in the state at Starved Rock State Park. Visitors are encouraged to purchase a commemorative wine glass for \$10, which includes five tasting tickets.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (11 a.m.–6 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 16 (noon–5 p.m.)

815-784-4540, www.vintageillinois.com

Fox Valley Winery, Oswego

- *Fall Harvest Fest*: Fantastic wines will be available for tasting along with grape stomping and seed spitting, a vintage-era baseball game with uniforms, live music from The Only Sons, terrific food and more.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (11 a.m.–6 p.m.)

888-440-9463, www.foxvalleywinery.com

Lynfred Winery, Roselle

- *Annual Oktoberfest, Pig Roast & Grape Stomp*: A 20-year Oktoberfest tradition continues at Lynfred Winery with its celebration of German heritage and delicious

wine. A German sing-a-longs, grape stomping, cork tossing, barrel races and a roasted pig served with all the fixings are the festival highlights.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (3 p.m.–9 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 30 (noon–7 p.m.)

630-529-WINE, www.lynfredwinery.com

Central/South Central Regions

Mary Michelle Winery, Carrollton

- *Greene County Days Celebration:* Nationally award-winning Mary Michelle Winery in Carrollton will open its doors to the public for tastings and wine purchases. Barn tours and other agricultural activities are part of the fun. A \$5 tasting fee includes a complimentary logo wineglass.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (1–6 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 9 (1–5 p.m.)

217-942-6250, www.illinois-wine.com/store

Indian Creek Vineyard, Toulon

- *Stark County Fall Festival:* One of the stops included in the Stark County Fall Festival, Indian Creek Vineyard welcomes fairgoers to wine tastings at its vineyard.
Saturday, Sept. 15 (1–5 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 16 (1–5 p.m.)

309-286-5302, www.indiancreekvineyard.com

Clat Adams Park, Quincy

- *Great River Grape Escape:* After a successful inaugural year in 2006, this multi-winery event along Quincy's scenic riverfront highlights the varietals of 12 wineries and the many agricultural products grown along the Mississippi River and throughout Illinois. Festival-goers can purchase tasting tickets for \$10 and receive a commemorative wine glass.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (noon–9 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 23 (noon–5 p.m.)

1-800-978-4748, www.seequincy.com

White Owl Winery, Birds

- *Old World Autumn Wine Festival:* Release your creative side with White Owl Winery's (W.O.W) variety of contests including most original use of a W.O.W wine bottle and wine glass, best recipe using W.O.W. wines and best artwork incorporating W.O.W. Live entertainment from local performers will keep the festivities going throughout the weekend.

Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday, Sept. 23 (noon–6 p.m.)

618-928-2898, www.whiteowlwinery.com

Lasata Winery, Lawrenceville

- *2nd Annual Autumn Fest*: Wine specials and sangria will go on all day, and an outdoor buffet will be provided by Kaye Holscher Catering. Live music will help keep the party going.
Saturday, Sept. 29
618-884-1200, www.lasatawines.com

Southern Region

DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin

- *DuQuoin State Fair*: Fairgoers will enjoy tastings at the Wine Garden in the Exposition Building. Ten area wineries will be pouring throughout the event.

Friday, Aug. 24 – Monday, Sept. 3 (1–8 p.m.)

618-542-1515, www.agr.state.il.us/dq

Alto Vineyards, Alto Pass

- *Shawnee Hills Wine Festival*: Join all nine wineries from the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail for a weekend-long celebration in the heart of Illinois Wine Country. The event will feature great wines, Cajun and Southern-style BBQ, and the sounds of the blues. The \$15 entrance fee includes souvenir glass and \$5 towards purchase of a bottle of wine at the festival.

Saturday, Sept. 1 and Sunday, Sept. 2 (12–6 p.m.)

618-893-4898, www.shawneewinetrail.com

Lau-Nae Winery, Red Bud

- *Art and Wine Festival*: 20-30 artists will have their art and wares for sale. The one-day event will also feature live music and local food.

Saturday, Sept. 2 [noon – 8 p.m.]

618-282-WINE, www.lau-naewinery.com

Black Diamond Vineyards, Nashville

- *Black Diamond Vineyards Grape Stomp*: Black Diamond Vineyards is sponsoring the third annual Grape Stomp to help raise funds for the Illinois Brain Injury Association. The sounds of bluegrass

will play as stompers compete for the most juice produced, best “stomping style,” “I Love Lucy” look-a-like contest and the “Grand Stomp-Off.” Tours of the winery are included in the admission.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (Registration for stompers, 11 a.m.; Stomping competition, 1 p.m.)

618-336-5700, www.blackdiamondvineyards.com

Carlyle Lake Visitors Center, Carlyle

- *Art & Wine Festival at Carlyle Lake:* Festival-goers will enjoy a wide variety of activities this weekend. Over 50 local artisans, a world-renowned sand sculpture, varietals from up to 13 wineries, live music and gourmet food will be featured. Stay for the weekend and explore the Carlyle Lake area, where great hiking, boating, swimming, fishing and more are easily accessible.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (11 a.m.–7 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 16 (noon–6 p.m.)

618-594-2484, www.carlyleartandwine.org

Ravissant Winery, Belleville

- *Harvest Festival:* Celebrate the grape-harvesting season at Ravissant Winery’s largest annual event. Enjoy live entertainment, a grape-stomp competition and delectable food. Admission to the festival is free.

Saturday, September 15 (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

618-233-WINE, www.ravissantwinery.com

Alto Vineyards, Alto Pass

- *Crab & BBQ Festival:* A perennial favorite, this event is for wine and food enthusiasts alike. Alto’s award-winning varietals are paired with delectable tastes of two-time World Barbeque Champion 17th Street Bar and Grill. Live Cajun music performed by Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp will keep the crowd dancing. A \$3 admission fee includes wine samplings. Wine is sold by the glass for \$5, with refills for \$3.

Saturday, September 22 (2–7 p.m.)

618-893-4898, www.altovineyards.net

Southern Illinois Artisans Shop and Visitors Center at Rend Lake, Whittington

- *Illinois Wine & Art Festival:* With presentations by more than 50 of Illinois' best-known artists, live musical entertainment, local food vendors and varietals from more than a dozen Illinois wineries, an authentic Illinois Wine Country experience awaits all visitors. Admission to the festival is free and visitors can purchase open-tasting tickets for \$10, which includes a complimentary festival glass.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (11 a.m.–7 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 30 (noon–6 p.m.)

618-629-2220, www.wineandartfestival.com