



## **A World of Wine Awaits at Winefest Calgary**

***The annual all-inclusive sampling event celebrates the global wine industry with a focus on Rioja in 2019***

February 22 & 23, 2019

**Thursday, January 31, 2019 (Calgary, Alberta)** – Winefest returns to Calgary in less than one month on February 22 & 23, 2019. Sponsored by Sobeys and Safeway Liquor, the annual event offers guests an impressive and all-inclusive sampling experience at the Stampede Park BMO Centre.

This year, Winefest is proud to present Rioja as 2019's feature wine region. Winefest is excited to bring a selection of award-winning Rioja wineries and winery principles to Alberta. This premier wine region in Spain is known for its Tempranillo, but with a total vineyard area of 64,000 hectares, Rioja truly offers a style of wine for every wine lover. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore and discover Rioja's remarkable wine, along with many others at this year's event.

Winefest is also teaming up with Rioja Canada to provide a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to Rioja, Spain, valued at \$15,000. All ticket purchasers are automatically entered to win and additional entries can be made by filling out the contest form at [celebratewinefest.com](http://celebratewinefest.com) or by visiting the Rioja booths during the event.

From new-to-market products, to local loves and unique finds, there's something for every palate at Winefest. Guests can sample and savour among more than 370 wines from over 70 wineries across the globe. One ticket includes all-inclusive sampling of wines, hors d'oeuvres and a take-home Riedel wine glass. Winefest attendees can enjoy a variety of red, white, port, sparkling, and dessert wines from the world's most celebrated wine regions, complemented by a selection of sweet and savoury decadent bites from the likes of OH! Naturals Snacks, Master Chocolat, Springbank Cheese, Dwarf Stars Vegan Chocolates, Cian's Mustard Inc, Buttery Bites Caramels and Mojo Jojo Pickles, and an incredible array of mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres catered by Calgary Stampede.

Winefest will once again be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Calgary Food Bank and will make every donation go further by contributing \$1 for every pound of food donated. Last year Winefest raised \$2,219.85 and collected 330 pounds of food to help those in need.

Those wishing to attend are encouraged to secure their tickets early at [celebratewinefest.com](http://celebratewinefest.com) to avoid missing out on this all-inclusive wine extravaganza.

**Event Details:**

**Dates and Times:** February 22 & 23, 2019

Friday Evening, 7 - 10 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 - 5 p.m.

Saturday Evening, 7 - 10 p.m.

**Location:** Stampede Park BMO Centre, Hall E

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