

## Food & drink

# Food, philanthropy meet in fusion of flavors

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A little music and philanthropy with your wine and entree? Come June, the Hudson Valley comes alive with area food events. Here's a sampling:

### Haverstraw Food Crawl, June 3

More than 15 eateries are participating in the 5th annual "Flavors of Haverstraw," sponsored by Haverstraw River Arts and the Village of Haverstraw. The event, held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., also includes live outdoor music scattered throughout downtown's Restaurant Row.

New this year is the addition of the The New York Craft Beverage Garden, a pedestrian-only street where adult visitors can sample craft beer from Rockland County and the lower Hudson Valley. The Craft Beverage Garden will be located at West Street and Main Street/Broadway, which will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Also new: The addition of Kastel Bar & Restaurant, a Caribbean and American restaurant specializing in Creole cuisine and Big Daddy's Home Plate BBQ, known for its Southern cooking.

Go: [haverstrawriverarts.org/taste-haverstraw](http://haverstrawriverarts.org/taste-haverstraw)

### A Taste of Nyack, June 5

Food and philanthropy come together with walking/dining tour of Nyack benefiting the Rockland County YMCA youth programs. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., highlights eight restaurants, among them Velo, 8 North Broadway, Maura's Kitchen, and Hudson House.

Go: 845-358-0632

### Westchester Magazine Wine & Food Festival, June 5-10

While most folks know the "Burger & Beer Blast," and "An Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers," there are always new things to explore, among them a cooking demo and book signing from NBC Today food contributor and cookbook author Siri Daly. (June 9 from noon to 5 p.m.); a bartender shake-off competition (June 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.) where some of the area's top bartenders will mix cocktails using Pisco 1615, a traditional Peruvian brandy; and a kids cooking demo (June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon) featuring Chopped Junior Champion (and Dobbs Ferry native) Elizabeth Oakes. Since its inception, the Wine &



James Kelly of Restaurant X in Congers prepares burgers at the Burger & Beer Blast at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, part of the Westchester Magazine Wine & Food Festival. PETER CARR/THE JOURNAL NEWS



Kastel Bar & Restaurant in Haverstraw is part of this year's Haverstraw Food Crawl. JOHN MEORE/THE JOURNAL NEWS



Rene Jacques owner of Kastel Bar & Restaurant in Haverstraw. The restaurant will be part of the Haverstraw Food Crawl. JOHN MEORE/THE JOURNAL NEWS



Dobbs Ferry native Elizabeth Oakes, a Chopped Junior Champion, will be at Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival. SUBMITTED

Food Festival has raised over \$200,000 for local nonprofits. This year's benefiting charities are Feeding Westchester

and the Westchester Parks Foundation. Go: [westchestermagazine.com/wine-food](http://westchestermagazine.com/wine-food)