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A star in Westchester County's food scene, the **Westchester Wine & Food Festival** draws more than 7,000 visitors from the tri-state region to sample what the area's top chefs, sommeliers and specialty food purveyors have to offer. With events peppered at various locations across the county, the June 4-9 event promises to be more spectacular than ever, with more than 100 area restaurants featured. Tickets are available now.

New this year is the Friday night event, "An Evening with Westchester's Tastemakers," an exclusive, five-course dinner in a private dining room at five of Westchester's premier restaurants. Diners can choose from X20/Xaviars on the Hudson (Yonkers), the Inn at Pound Ridge (Pound Ridge), RiverMarket (Tarrytown), Crabtree's Kittle House (Chappaqua) and La Panetiere (Rye), each featuring custom wine pairings from the Harrison Wine Vault.

The main event of the festival—the Grand Tasting Village (Valhalla)—features tastings from 50 local restaurants and more than 200 wines and spirits, chef demonstrations and a variety of food trucks. Burgers, beer, music, wine, spirits and the best grilling this side of the Hudson River come together at the Burger & Beer Bash (Kensico Dam Plaza). For the family, the Junior Chef event (White Plains) gives kids hands-on experience learning from working chefs, decorating cupcakes, making pizza and having fun.

A portion of festival proceeds benefits Feeding Westchester and the Westchester Parks Foundation. Visit **winefood.westchestermagazine.com** for complete details and to buy tickets.