

WESTCHESTER MAGAZINE'S

# WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

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**Stew Leonard's Wines & Spirits of Yonkers, One of the Region's Largest Purveyors of Wines and Spirits, To Be Official Wine & Spirits Retailer of Westchester Magazine's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Food Festival in June**



*Pictured Left to Right: Blake Leonard, Certified Sommelier and Spokesperson; Sam Wender, Publisher, Westchester Magazine; Kevin Zraly, Wine Expert, Noted Author and Founder of Windows on the World Wine School.*

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. (January 2019) –Stew Leonard's Wines & Spirits of Yonkers**, one of the region's largest purveyors of wine and spirits, will be the official wine and spirits retailer of **Westchester Magazine's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Food Festival**. Offering more than 2,600 wines from around the world, including more than 200 bottles of hard-to-find, highly rated wines in the fine wine cellar, Stew Leonard's Wines & Spirits of Yonkers has been serving Westchester County and beyond since 1999.

As the official wine partner, Westchester Magazine will feature a special "Bottle of the Month" from certified sommelier Blake Leonard, daughter of Stew Leonard's CEO Stew Leonard Jr., in the magazine leading up to the event. The feature will include a selection of Blake's favorite wines that will be available to try at Westchester Magazine's 10th Annual Wine & Food Festival.

“Stew Leonards’ Wines & Spirits of Yonkers has been a proud member of the Westchester community for almost 20 years and we are delighted to partner with Westchester Magazine on the premier food and wine tasting event in the county,” said **Beth Leonard Hollis**, owner of Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers. “My family and I can’t wait to see our longtime shoppers at the events and we’re looking forward to seeing new faces as well.”

“It’s such an honor to work with Kevin Zraly. He’s such a well-known author and educator within the wine industry. In fact, I learned about wine through his first book!” said **Blake Leonard**. “There are so many wonderful events happening throughout the festival week and I know the customers at Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers will love the opportunity to learn from Kevin himself.”

**Sam Wender**, Publisher of Westchester Magazine stated: “The addition of Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers is the perfect pairing for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We created this festival back in 2011 to celebrate the best of food and wine in Westchester and Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers embodies that as a Westchester institution since 1999.”

**Blake Leonard** added: “Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers knows that Westchesterites love to shop and drink local! Based on sales and customer interactions, Westchester favorites include Ravines Dry Riesling from the Finger Lakes, Wölffer Estate’s “Summer in a Bottle” rosé from Long Island, as well as spirits from Taconic Distillery and Hudson Baby in upstate New York. Residents also splurge on high end Napa Cabernets for the special occasions but love to pair Montepulciano with pizza. For parties, they serve Mimosas and Aperol Spritzes made with Prosecco.”

Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers has been named Best Wine Store in Westchester Magazine’s 2017 and 2019 Best of Westchester Awards and continues to be recognized for the personal service it provides to customers. Stew Leonard’s Wines & Spirits of Yonkers is conveniently located off the New York State Thruway in Yonkers. 10,000 people visit the location weekly.

*Westchester Magazine’s* 10th Annual Wine & Food Festival is a celebration of gourmet food, exceptional wines, beer, spirits, mouth-watering burgers, and award-winning chefs. Guests will sip and savor, enjoy the county’s finest plates and pours and mingle with Westchester’s top chefs, sommeliers, and specialty food purveyors as they attend exclusive dinners, tastings, and demos. The festival is a not-to-be missed experience recognizing the culinary spirit of Westchester County with 100+ top local restaurants and a selection of world-class wines. The event draws more than 7,000 people from across the New York Metro area including New York City, Westchester County, Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut. For additional information or to purchase tickets visit <http://winefood.westchestermagazine.com/>



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