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## **Cincinnati International Wine Festival GRAND TASTINGS TO RESUME IN MARCH 2022**

### **Winery Dinner Series, Charity Auction and Luncheon RESCHEDULED for September**

**CINCINNATI – July 13, 2021** – After hosting a virtual wine tasting this past March, the Cincinnati International Wine Festival had hoped to also host an in-person wine festival in early October. But in light of the pandemic's ongoing and lingering challenges that many businesses and industries are facing worldwide, organizers have determined it will not be feasible to host a large, in-person festival this October. The next Cincinnati International Wine Festival Grand Tastings will now be held March 4-5, 2022 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

However, the festival is thrilled to announce that several of its smaller-scale 2021 events will be held in-person this year, including new virtual options. Please note the following **NEW** event dates for the remainder of 2021 in support of the Cincinnati International Wine Festival's 30+ local charities, and its 30<sup>th</sup> year of *giving back one glass at a time*:

- **Russ Wiles Memorial Golf Tournament** | TPC River's Bend  
**AUGUST 23 – SOLD OUT**
- **Winery Dinner Series** | upscale restaurants across the city  
**SEPTEMBER 9 – NEW DATE** (previously September 30)
- **Charity Auction and Luncheon** | Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza  
**SEPTEMBER 11 – NEW DATE** (previously October 2)
- **Online Wine Lot Auction** | winefestival.com  
**OCTOBER 1-4 – (details coming soon)**

In addition to supporting the 2021 charitable wine festival events that are still being held this year, please **SAVE THE DATES** for the **2022 Cincinnati International Wine Festival, set to resume normal operations, March 3-5, 2022.**

More details are forthcoming, and tickets for the 2022 festival will go on sale October 1, 2021.



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In lieu of in-person grand tasting events on October 1-2, the wine festival will instead be offering patrons the opportunity to bid online for exclusive wine lots only available through the wine festival's selection of local, national and international winery partners.

"While this postponement may be disappointing to some, we did not take this decision lightly, and remain fully committed to providing only the best top-notch, first-class experiences for our guests," said Cincinnati International Wine Festival Executive Director Kelly Weissmann. "The global effects of the pandemic have hit every corner of the world and left no industry untouched. In order to continue to host the high-quality festival our patrons and supporters expect, we will wait until March 2022 to resume with our Grand Tasting events. But we invite you to please join us for our winery dinner series on Thursday, September 9 held at some of the best restaurants across the city. You can also snag some great wine deals the first weekend of October."

Earlier this year, the festival got creative during the pandemic and continued its March events tradition by celebrating wine with wine lovers virtually with its first-ever "at home" wine experience - Cincy Wine Fest @ Home held on March 18. This innovative concept offered guests a complete, personalized wine tasting experience from the comfort of their homes.

Proceeds from all festival events benefit the Cincinnati International Wine Festival's 30+ local charity partners focused on the arts, education, and health and human services. The festival has donated more than \$6 million to local charities since its inception in 1991.

The entire community (age 21+) is invited to purchase tickets to any of the wine festival events as they become available throughout the year.

More details, the full schedule and ticketing information are available now at **[winefestival.com](http://winefestival.com)**.

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### **About the Cincinnati International Wine Festival**

The Cincinnati International Wine Festival is a Cincinnati-based 501(c)(3) organization established to raise funds for local charities through the celebration of the wine industry. It features 700 wines from 200 wineries across the globe, all for a great cause. The festival benefits 30+ Greater Cincinnati arts, education, and health and human services charities, and has been giving back to the community since 1991. Learn more at [winefestival.com](http://winefestival.com).