



April 14, 2011

Food & Wine Calendar

United Way Miami Wine & Food Festival: American Express presents the 16th annual four-day extravaganza that features wine, spirits and beer tastings, interactive and multicourse dinners and live entertainment. Benefits United Way of Miami-Dade that focuses on improving education, income and health in the South Florida community; Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17. Call Hannah Greaux at 305-646-7111 or e-mail greauxh@unitedwaymiami.org for more information and call at 877-820-3378 for tickets. www.miamiwinefestival.org:

SCHEDULE:

- * Taste & Toast-Fine Wine Tasting: Features some of the best wines from around the world and gourmet treats from top local restaurants. Featured wines are available for purchase. Also includes Glenfiddich "Music to Drink Whiskey By" party featuring whiskey ambassador and scotch specialist Heather Greene and DJ Adam Williams; 6-9 p.m. (VIP), 7-9 p.m. (general admission) and 9 p.m. (Glenfiddich after party) Thursday, April 14; Village of Merrick Park, 358 San Lorenzo Ave., Coral Gables; \$150 VIP, \$75 general admission, \$65 United Way Young Leaders.
- * Food, Friends & Fun-Interactive Dinner: Begins with a Bacardi cocktail reception, including a silent auction during the reception, and a live auction between dinner courses. Guests team up to cook their own dinner under the tutelage of Dewey LoSasso, executive chef of The Forge in Miami Beach, and partner with Bacardi's master mixologist Gary Hayward to make their own cocktails; 6:30 p.m. (cocktail reception and silent auction) and 7:30 p.m. (dinner) Friday, April 15; InterContinental Hotel Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Downtown Miami; \$2,400 table of eight, \$300 per person.
- * Cellar*bration-Good Food and Award-winning Wines: Features award-winning wines from the festival's "Best in Glass Wine Challenge" that was held on Jan. 9 and 10, a multicourse dinner, exclusive auction lots, live entertainment and dancing. Also features jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany; 6:30 p.m. (cocktail reception and silent auction) and 7:30 p.m. (dinner) Saturday, April 16; InterContinental Hotel Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Downtown Miami; \$3,000 table of 10, \$300 per person.
- * Brew & Bites-Craft Beer Tasting: Sample some favorite brews from around the world at dozens of tasting stations. Also includes beer-friendly food from South Florida's favorite establishments and entertainment; 1-4 p.m. (VIP) and 2-4 p.m. (general admission) Sunday, April 17; Mary Brickell Village, 901 S. Miami Ave., Miami; \$75 VIP, \$55 general admission, \$40 United Way Young Leaders (price includes a commemorative tasting cup).