



## TASTE OF THE TOWN

Food and wine lovers once again sipped, slurped and treated their olfactory senses to this year's exceptional Taste of Vail held April 2 - 5, 2014.

Guests marveled at wine labels, such as E16 from the Russian River Valley and sweet treats from Batter Cupcakes. Sponsors like 5280 Magazine, Avon Liquor and Slifer Smith & Framp-ton Real Estate enjoyed the benefits of participating in this highly acclaimed event. Smiles, laughter and satisfied taste buds filled the town of Vail for four straight days in a row.

Special guests included, among many, Sommelier Josh Wes-son and Michael Kelley of Anheuser-Busch Inc. There was no lack of passion for this year's wine and food tastings.

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## Food and Wine Events

This year's Taste of Vail featured a savory array of events ranging from mountain top picnics to Apres skiing and formal tastings.

**Mountain Top Picnic:** At 10,350 feet above sea level, next to Eagle Bahn Express Gondolam Lionshead, wine and food lovers enjoyed a spectacular venue, while a small army of highly acclaimed Vail Valley chefs prepare a gourmet feast.

**Lamb Cookoff:** This year the annual Taste of Vail Lamb Cook-Off was joined with the Apres Ski Tasting to create a true Apres Ski Party. Skiers (and non skiers) got to sample an array of tasty lamb dishes.

**Grand Tasting:** The Grand Tasting was truly the grand daddy of wine and food events. Vail's annual decadent and unparalleled wine and culinary spectacle featured all of Taste of Vail's wineries and restaurants.

## Educational Seminars

Once again, Vail's spectacular Tasting offered interesting seminars that coincided with fine food and wine.

Representatives from Davidoff Cigars were on hand to demonstrate pairings of their renowned products. Participants got to enjoy Cutty Sark Prohibition, Macallan 12 year and Highland Park 18 year.

Founder of Giuliana Imports, offered "Olive Oil 201", demonstrated an exploration of extra virgin olive oil.

--- Leslie Stevens. Editor

