

15 Wines You Must Try at the North Coast Wine & Food Festival

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We love a great party, and on Saturday, June 10, we'll celebrate the North Coast's food and wine bounty at The Press Democrat's **North Coast Wine & Food Festival** at SOMO Village in Rohnert Park. **Over 60 award-winning wineries, pouring 90 Gold Medal wines, and 20 acclaimed chefs, serving up delicious bites, will be the stars of the show.**

It's a must-attend event for any wine lover seeking to discover the best wines from Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Marin, Solano and Mendocino counties. **It can also be overwhelming – with so many wines to try in one afternoon, where do you start? To help guide your palate, here are 15 award-winning wines you must try at the North Coast Wine & Food Festival.** (As always, if you're planning on drinking alcohol, make sure you have a designated driver or call a taxi).

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DeLoach Vineyards 2014 Marin County Pinot Noir

Marin County has grapes? Yes, they do! DeLoach won Best of **Marin** County with their single vineyard designate Pinot Noir. This “sexy” wine (as one would expect from a wine by Jean-Charles Boisset!) has the qualities of a great pinot: dark plum, cherries, and soft baking spices.