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Festival Brings Local Wineries to the Carmel Arts & Design District
Clarian North Art of Wine fuses wineries, art and live music in a wine-inspired event

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CARMEL, Ind. — On Saturday, June 19, the Carmel Arts & Design District will host its second-annual summer wine-tasting event that will entice wine connoisseurs, music lovers and art aficionados alike.

From 5 to 10 p.m., the District will kick off Clarian North Art of Wine, a festival that will bring seven Indiana wineries to Old Town Carmel in a celebration of vintages and art inspired by wine. Live entertainment will be provided by local jazz and R&B artist Blair Clark, who will take the stage for an outdoor performance from 6 to 9 p.m.

At the event, guests 21 and over can sample vintage wines for only \$15. The first 2,500 wine-tasting participants will receive a souvenir wine glass. A photo ID is required to participate in the wine tasting.

Participating wineries include:

- Best Vineyards Winery (Elizabeth)
- Buck Creek Winery (Indianapolis)
- Carousel Winery (Bedford)
- Grape Inspirations Winery (Carmel)
- Mallow Run Winery (Bargersville)
- Turtle Run Winery (Corydon)
- Winzerwald Winery (Bristow)

Many of the District's merchants will host special sales and display large, custom-designed Nebuchadnezzar wine bottles decorated by local artists.

In addition to sampling wine and perusing the District's boutiques, guests are invited to visit the art galleries and other art exhibits on display during Clarian North Art of Wine. Donald Mee will exhibit his metal art work, while Shane Photography will display photography from a recent trip to Italy. Ramu Ramdev will be in attendance from Jaipur, India to showcase his miniature paintings.

"Clarian North Art of Wine is an opportunity to not only discover new wines, but the Carmel Arts & Design District itself. This event showcases everything the District has to offer: a sophisticated setting, art galleries and local artwork, unique boutiques and one-of-a-kind restaurants," said Ron Carter, president of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission.

Clarian North Art of Wine will also invite guests to explore local dining options throughout the District during the festival. A new, convenient pager system will now allow guests to stroll through the numerous galleries and shops while waiting for a table at Muldoon's, La Mie Emilie, Bazbeaux Pizza and Woodys Library Restaurant. La Mie Emilie will pair wines with her numerous desserts, while Joe's Butcher Shop will partner with an award-winning barbecue team to offer specialty meats and ribs at his streetside grill. In addition, Vine & Table will serve a selection of its specialty and international wines.

The \$15 fee for wine tasting is cash only. Bottles of wine can be purchased and credit cards are accepted at most participating booth locations.

Parking is available at the Carmel Lions Club parking lot, the Indiana Design Center underground parking garage and other public parking areas, as well as on-street parking surrounding the festival area.

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For a complete listing of activities or more information on Arts & Design District events, visit www.carmelartsanddesign.com or call 317.571.ARTS.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's newest, premier setting for the arts and design industry. Already it has attracted well over 100 businesses, including art galleries, antique dealers, furniture and interior design showrooms, even a race track design company! There are restaurants, boutiques, creative service providers and an eclectic variety of specialty retail stores. And the list of merchants continues to grow.