



The International Wine & Food Society

IWFS Americas Inc.

Presents

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

May 4-9, 2025

Hotel: Andaz, Napa

IWFS Americas invites you to join us in Napa Valley for an extraordinary five-day festival. You will stay at Andaz Napa, a boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Napa. Napa Valley is deservedly one of the world's great wine regions, with stunning landscapes, world-class dining and exceptional wines, all of which we will enjoy throughout our stay.

Highlights of the Festival Include:

Year after year, **The French Laundry** is recognized as one of the greatest restaurants in the world. Chef Thomas Keller has earned 7 Michelin Stars for his artistry and attention to detail. The precision, creativity, personalization, and brilliant presentation of every dish are not only clever but oh, so delicious. We have booked the entire restaurant for lunch and will start with a Champagne and Canapé reception, followed by a fabulous Chef's Tasting Menu with wine accompaniment. This promises to be a truly memorable experience!



A private cooking class at the **CIA at Copia**. In this hands-on class you will discover tips and techniques for making delicious dishes using local produce. You will be shown how to craft unique meals at home year-round by turning a seasonal farmers market basket into healthy, fresh meals.

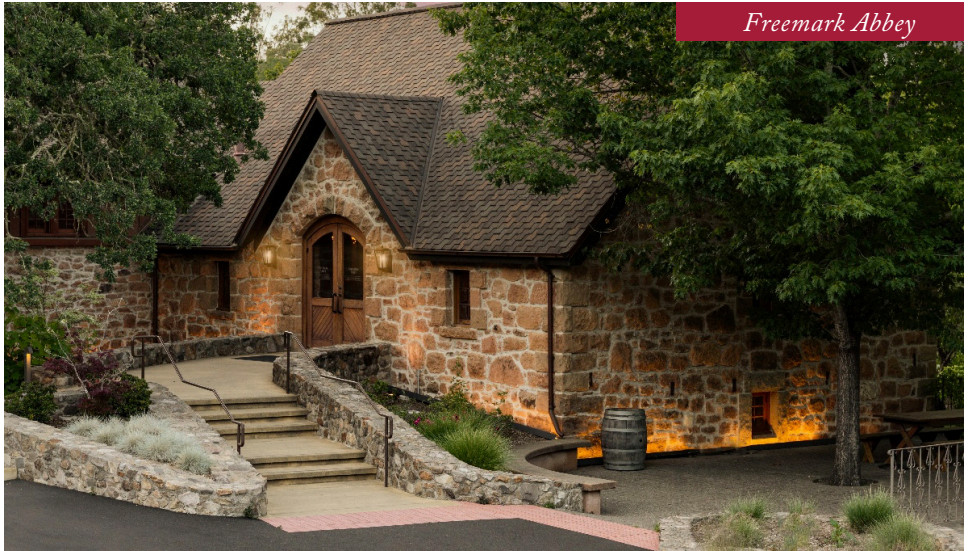


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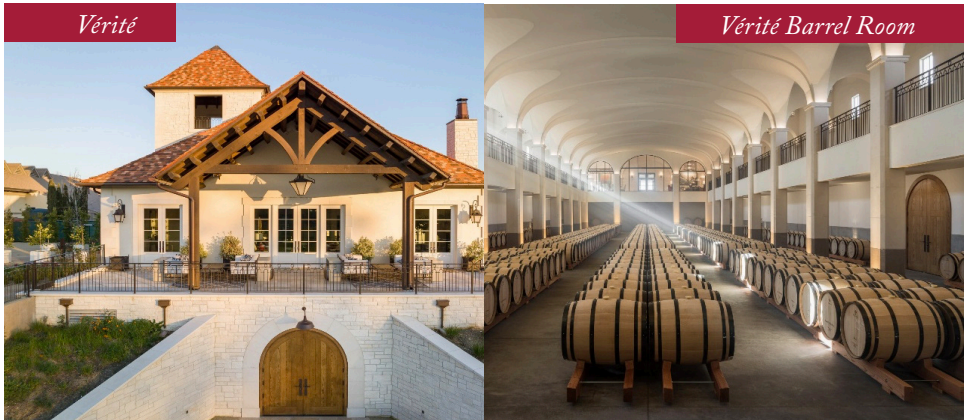
Tour **Tonnellerie Ô**, one of Northern California's premier barrel cooperages. Here expert craftsmen build outstanding wine barrels made from French and American Oak. Winemaker Yannick Rousseau will lead a guided barrel wine tasting. The visit concludes with lunch accompanied with carefully selected wines.



Freemark Abbey – Enjoy rare access to Freemark Abbey’s award-winning estate cellar. Winemaker Kristy Melton hosts The Decades Tasting, which spans 30 years of Freemark Abbey winemaking. This will allow us to appreciate the nuances of cellar-aged wines. Consisting of six hand-selected Cabernet Sauvignon bottlings from the 1993, 2003, and 2013 vintages, this promises to be a tasting experience unparalleled in the Napa Valley. After the tasting enjoy a five-course dinner in the Abbey curated by Jackson family Corporate Executive Chef Tracey Shepos Cenami.



Vérité Wine – A relative newcomer to Napa Valley, Vérité has made its presence known by having nine bottlings over several vintages given perfect 100-point scores. We will enjoy a tasting in their impressive Barrel Room, followed by lunch on the estate’s grounds. To showcase the longevity of Vérité, this tasting features three current releases alongside three vintages from the winery’s library.



Chappellet – CEO Cyril Chappellet, eldest son of founders Donn and Molly Chappellet, will lead a tasting that includes wines both familiar and not. Included in the tasting is Molly’s favorite and something of a “cult” wine: A 2023 Chenin Blanc. We will also taste current (2022) and library (2014) releases of their Signature Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as a 2022 Cabernet Franc. Climaxing our tasting will be the 2021 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, a wine which has received scores of 100 points three times in the last ten years. Cyril will be joined by winemaker Phillip Titus who has made wine here for over 30 years. Moderating the discussion will be winery President David Franke. Following our tasting, a special lunch with paired wines will be served in The Meadows (pictured below). The setting overlooking Lake Hennessy and the northern third of Napa Valley is, to say the least, unmatched.

Chappellet



Black-Tie Winemakers Gala at Greystone – For our final dinner, we will host winemakers featured in our festival at Greystone. This magnificent complex began as Greystone Cellars in 1889 and it was once the largest stone winery in the world. Purchased by the Christian Brothers in 1950, it was used to increase production of wines, brandies, and ports under the direction of Brother Timothy Diener. It is now a gravity-flow cooperative winery serving upper Napa Valley grape growers. The Culinary Institute of America acquired Greystone in 1993 as its western campus. It opened its doors in 1995, offering classes to aspiring food and wine professionals from around the world.

Greystone



Daily Itinerary – Times To Be Determined

Sunday, May 4

- ▶ Check in to the Andaz Hotel – Breakfast is included each morning of your stay
 - ▶ Meet & Greet Dinner at the hotel
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Monday, May 5

- ▶ Morning activity (choice of) – Cooking Class at the CIA at Copia
or Cooperage Visit and Wine Tasting led by Napa Winemaker, Yannick Rousseau
 - ▶ Afternoon (all participate)– Three-decade wine tasting at Freemark Abbey
 - ▶ Dinner at the Abbey – Five courses paired with new and library wines
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Tuesday, May 6

- ▶ Lunch at The French Laundry – Champagne, Hors d'Oeuvres and a Chef's Tasting Menu with wine accompaniment
 - ▶ Evening – A free evening to visit local attractions or restaurants on your own. Plan ahead for dinner—though The French Laundry is a tough act to follow—and reserve a table at the restaurant of your choice in The Valley. Or just take an easy walk near the hotel and explore unique artisans' shops, chic boutiques, tasty treats and much, much more. There's a range of gallery experiences, from world-class art collections to shows featuring local artists. The restaurant scene offers everything from casual fare to haute cuisine. The nearby Oxbow Public Market will greet you with a wide array of local restaurants, shops selling local cheeses and handmade confectionaries and, of course, some of the best wines and spirits in The Valley.
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Wednesday, May 7

- ▶ Vérité Wine Tasting and Lunch – Enjoy a barrel sampling and library tasting, followed by lunch at the Estate
 - ▶ Dinner at The Waterfront Seafood Grill
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Thursday, May 8

- ▶ Morning - Chappellet Wine Tasting and Lunch
 - ▶ Black-Tie Gala Dinner at Greystone
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Friday, May 9

- ▶ Departures
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The cost of this festival is \$4,995 per person

Given the limited number of attendees, we expect this festival to sell out quickly.

A 50% deposit is due at registration, and the balance is due March 15, 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your hotel room at the Andaz at our special group rate. Additional nights before and after the festival dates are available when booking.