

CHOCOLATE & WINE WEEKEND!

Saturday February 12th & Sunday February 13th, 2011

Noon to 5 PM both days

Berks County Wine Trail

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Looking for Love?

You'll certainly find it in the form of chocolate, wine and more during the Berks County Wine Trail's annual celebration of Valentine's Day: CHOCOLATE & WINE WEEKEND. On Saturday February 12th and Sunday February 13th, 2011, Noon to 5 PM both days, this is a good-luvin' opportunity you can't miss. Each stop at participating wine trail wineries along the Berks County Wine Trail will be a sweet one. Visitors will be treated to complimentary tastings of great PA produced wines of the Berks County region paired with a pampering array of chocolates and confections. This event is free and no reservations required.***

On this self-guided tour of the Berks County Wine Trail's wineries - you can custom design your tour. Feel free to plan your drive based on geographic location of various wineries, or perhaps wineries that are pairing chocolates with red wines or with white wines. Or design your tour based on who is pairing the most chocolatey sensations! A sweet excuse to just get out with your 'true love' and visit all the wineries during this event weekend. Driving through Berks County makes for a beautiful day trip; and the winter-landscapes this year are especially wonderous.

Here's a quick smooch of the pairing menus you'll lovingly discover along the wine trail during this event weekend:

KOG HILL WINERY (Morgantown) will be pairing their sweet dessert wine, RASPBERRY HARVEST, produced from local raspberries, to be paired with decadent, double-fudge brownies and assorted chocolate confections. Sssh! The brownies are made from a secret family recipe!

MANATAWNY CREEK WINERY (Douglassville) Will warm you up south of the border style: Mexican Chambourcin Hot Chocolate made with Chambourcin red wine. This hot lovin' treat will be paired with chocolate cookies.

CLOVER HILL WINERY/ROBESONIA (Robesonia) Gourmet chocolate manufacturer, Mousse Moose Chocolates, of Alburdis, PA (www.mousseymoosechocolates.com) will partner with Clover Hill to offer you a special treat for your taste. A "chai tea bonbon" will be paired with Clover Hill's Spiced Apple wine and Pinot Noir red wine. How nice to find a chocolate that pairs so beautifully with a sweet or a dry wine!

CALVARESI WINERY (Bernville) The winemaker and his family will be pairing their signature BACO NOIR red wine with gourmet chocolate-covered pink peppercorns; their CHARDONNAY will be paired with Sea Salt, dark chocolate caramels; and their BLUEBERRY WINE paired with semi-sweet chocolate-covered blueberries. These candies will be available for sale at the winery - plus (back by popular demand!) the Ulimite Malted Milk Balls!

BASHORE & STOUTD COUNTRY WINERY (Shartlesville) will be unleashing waves of melted chocolate in their chocolate fountain. Visitors will be in ecstasy with pieces of fresh fruit, cakes & cookies to dive in and soak up all that glorious melted, dripping, lush chocolate. A sweet array of country-style fruit wines will be paired with this chocolate cavalcade.

LONG TROUT WINERY (Auburn) You'll feel good, chocolate vibrations when you stop in for a taste of "Instant O" wine made with strawberries; or "Chocolate Cherriola" wine made from sweet cherries - both paired with a variety of tasty treats and confections. And if that's not enough, get "Berried in chocolate" wine made from Black & Red Raspberries poured over Pound Cake!

PINNACLE RIDGE WINERY (Kutztown) is doing "THE DIP." They will be sampling Robert Rothschild dips and sauces: Old Fashioned Fudge Sauce, Raspberry Chocolate Pretzel Dip, Cinnamon Bun Caramel Sauce, Gourmet Cherry Sauce and Raspberry Honey Mustard Pretzel Dip. Pretzels, fruit and cookies will be on hand to do the dippin' with. The winery's SWEET SEDUCTION red wine or CONCORD wine will be the featured pairings to enjoy with these yummy Dips. All dips & sauces will be available for purchase.

BLAIR VINEYARDS (Kutztown) will be pairing their sultry 2007 PINOT NOIR with samples of gourmet Bittersweet Chocolate Irish Whiskey Cake. Copies of this recipe will be available. (visit www.blairvineyards.com for info about road closures on Route 737)