



St. Michael's Food & Wine Festival

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EMBARK ON MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL ST. MICHAELS FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

-From April 28-May 1, 2005-

ST. MICHAELS, MD, Jan. 12, 2005 – Sailing, second homes and a stylish social scene have been de rigueur on Maryland's Eastern Shore for decades. Now, the charming town of St. Michaels, Md. is alluring sophisticated palates to the destination with the announcement of a new tradition: **The Third Annual St. Michael's Food & Wine Festival**. This pleasure-packed weekend is taking place from April 28-May 1, 2005, offering culinary enthusiasts and oenophiles the chance to experience the area's flourishing gastronomic scene while participating in various activities highlighting local toques and purveyors as well as a host of national and international chefs.

Scheduled events for the 2005 Festival include a VIP Reception honoring guest chefs and sommeliers; Tasting Pavilion featuring food & wine tastings and chef demonstrations; Food, Wine and Travel Auction; Wine Dinners at several locations pairing guest chefs with local favorites; and a Celebrity Chef Golf Challenge.

To date, the following guests have confirmed their participation:

- **Todd Gray, Executive Chef, Equinox** – Washington, DC
- **Willie Deans, Executive Chef, The Buttery** – Glasgow, Scotland
- **Doug Shook, Executive Chef, Louie's Backyard** – Key West, Fla.
- **Cindy Wolf, Executive Chef, Charleston Restaurant** – Baltimore, Md.
- **Cindy Hutson, Executive Chef, Ortanique** – Coral Gables, Fla. and Washington D.C.

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- **Richard Smith, Executive Chef/Owner, Thyme Restaurant** – Sheffield, England
- **Lynne Tolley, great-grandniece of Jack Daniels, author of *Jack Daniels: The Spirit of Tennessee Cookbook*** – Jack Daniels Distillery, Lynchburg, Tenn.

Sponsors for the 2005 Festival are Viking, the Cayman Islands, EastCoast Flight Services, Inc., Brown-Forman Spirits, Lankford-Sysco, Champagne Besserat de Bellefon, and The National Pork Board. In 2004, the St. Michaels Food & Wine Festival raised more than \$15,000 for the St. Michaels Food Bank and Pickering Creek Audubon Center. These two charities will once again be the recipients of the proceeds raised from the 2005 event.

-St. Michaels, Md: The Heart & Soul of the Chesapeake Bay-

This quaint waterfront village on Maryland's Eastern Shore is located on a picturesque peninsula and a leisurely drive from Washington DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Richmond and New York. St. Michaels features fascinating water tours, enchanting inns, charming bed & breakfasts, gourmet restaurants and distinctive specialty shops. Travelers can spend the weekend relaxing on a skipjack, indulging in freshly caught crabs and oysters or visiting the famous Chesapeake Bay Museum. For more details on the St. Michaels Food & Wine Festival or general information on the destination itself, visit the Saint Michaels Business Association Web site at www.stmichaelsmd.org or call (800) 808-7622.