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Austin Food + Wine Festival Returns November 5-7, 2021

Tenth Annual Festival Announces Schedule & Programming

Austin, TX (October 2021) – The tenth annual **Austin Food + Wine** returns **November 5-7, 2021**; www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com/tickets. Presented by **FOOD & WINE Magazine** and **C3 Presents**, Austin Food + Wine Festival is proud to be the benefactor of the **Austin Food & Wine Alliance**, a non-profit dedicated to fostering awareness and innovation in the Central Texas food and wine community through grants, educational programming and events. To date, Austin Food + Wine Festival has contributed over \$1.1 million to the Alliance.

The tenth annual Festival will feature chefs, restaurants and wine & spirits experts over three days at Auditorium Shores and the newly refurbished Republic Square Park. Festival highlights include the return of Friday night's **Grillin' and Chillin'** hands-on, interactive dinner party hosted by chef **Tim Love**; fan favorite **Rock Your Taco** competition on Saturday night featuring several first-time competitors and James Beard Foundation Award nominees and winners; engaging **cooking demonstrations + conversations**; pitmasters and chefs cooking over interactive **Fire Pits**; samples of signature dishes from local **chefs and restaurants**; dynamic **wine, beer & cocktail tastings**; **live music**; **book signings**; **Festival dinners** and much more.

"The Austin Food + Wine Festival has always been such an incredibly fun and delicious experience," says Uchi chef/owner **Tyson Cole**. "We are thrilled to be back and ready to Rock your Taco again!"

Grillin' and Chillin', Tim Love's ultimate hands-on grilling dinner party hosted at Auditorium Shores, kicks off the Festival on Friday, November 5. This interactive party offers All-In ticket holders the opportunity to sharpen their skills as they join chef Love for a fun and informative evening of hands-on grilling, drinks and dinner, all underneath the Austin skyline. Grillin' and Chillin' attendees will share a charcoal grill with a partner and prepare their own dinner as chef Love guides them through the menu while offering tips for how to become a grilling expert. Grillin' and Chillin' is exclusively included with the All-In ticket and will be the only time that the hands-on grilling demo will be offered throughout the weekend.

On Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7, the Festival grounds will come alive with cooking demonstrations, book signings and an interactive area where chefs and pitmasters will cook over live **Fire Pits** and offer tastes to attendees throughout the weekend. The Fire Pits will showcase live fire cooking expertise from **John Bates** (InterStellar BBQ); **Sonya Coté** (Hillside Farmacy, Store House Market + Eatery); **Lance Kirkpatrick** (Stiles Switch BBQ); **Tom Micklethwait & Ren Garcia** (Micklethwait Craft Meats); **Marco Oglesby** (The Switch); and **Ryan Pera** (Eight Row Flint, Houston).



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Showcasing a dynamic roster of chefs and restaurants throughout the weekend, attendees can sample signature dishes from some of Austin's most beloved spots, including: **Christopher Andrews** (TLC); **William Ankeney** (Tiny Pies); **Jeff Balfour** (Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery); **Daniel Brooks** (Licha's Cantina); **Jeff Brown** (Old Thousand); **Jo Chan** (Eberly); **Krystal Craig & Ian Thurwachter** (Intero); **Nick Ervan** (Wax Myrtle); **Jacob Euler** (Le Vacher); **Reed Faitak** (Austin Daily Press); **James Flowers** (1417); **John Gocong** (Osome); **Joseph Gomez** (Con Todo Comida Frontera y Taqueria); **Wade Guice** (Juliet Italian Kitchen); **CJ Jacobson** (Aba); **Jae Kim** (Chi'Lantro BBQ); **Geronimo Lopez** (BOTIKA); **Tracy Malechek-Ezekiel** (Birdie's); **Jason McVeary** (Poke-Poke); **Margarita & Nestor Mendez** (Pueblo Viejo); **Andre Molina** (Aviary Wine and Kitchen); **Josh Neises** (Lonesome Dove Austin); **Phoebe Raileanu** (Casper Fermentables); **Chris Rios** (The Vegan Nom); **Manuel Rocha** (Honey Moon Spirit Lounge); **Ryan Samson** (Vespaio & Enoteca); **Jam Sanitchat** (Thai Fresh); **Leanne Valenti** (Bento Picnic); **Carmen Valera** (Tamale House East); **Mike Warnock** (Uncle Nicky's); **Casey Wilcox** (Little Trouble); **Jessica Galindo Winters** (Cruzteca Mexican Kitchen); **Ling Wu** (Lin Asian Bar + Dim Sum) and more chefs and restaurants to be announced.

Festival attendees keen on learning from the pros can listen in as a host of chefs and authors, including **Dawn Burrell** (Late August, Houston); **Bryan Ford** (author, *New World Sourdough*); **Helene Henderson** (Malibu Farm); **Fermín Núñez** (Suerte); **Yoshi Okai** (Otoko); **Jam Sanitchat** and **Rodney Scott** (Rodney Scott's BBQ) share their tricks, tips and favorite recipes during **Cooking Demos** and **conversations**. A roster of sommeliers, wine, beer & spirits experts to be announced will help round out the Austin Food + Wine Festival line-up.

Rock Your Taco, Saturday evening's signature tasting event, returns to a newly renovated Republic Square Park. Chefs will square off against one another to create the ultimate taco, as deemed by a People's Choice award. Rock Your Taco competitors include: **Shion Aikawa** (Ramen Tatsu-Ya); **Nicola Blaque** (Mi Roti, The Jerk Shack, San Antonio); **Dawn Burrell**; **Tyson Cole** (Uchi); **Jason Dady** (Jardin); **Diego Galicia & Rico Torres** (Mixtli, San Antonio); **Natalie Gazau** (Comedor); **Sarah Heard & Nathan Lemley** (Foreign & Domestic); **Helene Henderson**; **LeAnn Mueller** (la Barbecue); **Jam Sanitchat**; and **Charles Schlienger** (Sway).

And for the first time, **Austin Food + Wine Festival** will present a series of **dinners** at a few of Austin's best restaurants for a curated dining experience. Guests can take their pick from dinner at **Lutie's** on Thursday, November 4; a collaborative dinner with **FOOD & WINE Best New Chefs Kevin Fink, Tavel Bristol Joseph** and **Paola Velez** (Bakers Against Racism) at **Canje** on Friday, November 5; or an intimate wine, charcuterie & cheese tasting at **Salt & Time** on Friday, November 5, and experience Austin Food + Wine beyond the festival. For reservations and more info, please click [here](#).

Austin Food + Wine Festival's health policy can be found at <https://www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com/information>. Please visit www.vaccinefinder.org for questions about the COVID-19 vaccines or resources to find a vaccination location.

All attendees must be 21 years of age or older. For more information, please visit www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com, or follow us on Instagram [@austinfoodwine](https://www.instagram.com/austinfoodwine), Twitter [@austinfoodwine](https://twitter.com/austinfoodwine) and [Facebook.com/austinfoodwine](https://www.facebook.com/austinfoodwine).

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