

## 16 Sweet Years of Curated Culinary Creations

Wine & Food Week returns to the Woodlands June 1-7, 2020 with new events planned

**HOUSTON** (February 11, 2020) –Good news wine and food lovers. [Wine & Food Week](#) is even sweeter this year with several new gourmet experiences. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, as the “not to be missed” wine and food event in the region, Wine & Food Week returns to The Woodlands for a week-long multi-faceted extravaganza June 1 – 7, 2020 with a few new surprises. Experience national and international wines at wine tastings, wine dinners, the always sold-out Ladies of the Vine Luncheon, educational seminars, and the **H-E-B Wine Walk at Market Street**, all culminating in the elaborate **Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & Chef Showcase**. New this year tastemakers can say ole’ to the **Nach-Yo Ordinary Tequila Tasting** and cheers to **Culinary Elevations**.

Founder Constance McDerby explained that she and co-founder hubby, Clifton wanted to shake things up a bit in this new, bold decade. “We know that this city is always on the search for a taste of something fresh, so we’ve shaken up our week-long line-up up with a few new surprises,” said McDerby. Expect the festive on Wednesday night, June 3 while sipping a broad range of premium tequilas and noshing on an expansive nacho bar at the **Nach-Yo Ordinary Tequila Tasting**. On Friday June 5, foodies unite at **Culinary Elevations** where cheese and cheese dishes are paired with wine and craft beer.



Described as the most comprehensive event from New Orleans to Aspen, Wine & Food Week is a tradition that has spotlighted culinary talent the likes of former White House Chef John Moeller, wine experts like Master of Wine, Tim Hanni and wine legend and Houstonian, Guy Stout. “We were the first multi-day event launched in Houston and over the years we’ve worked with an extraordinary cadre of culinary and wine talent. We had such a blast celebrating 15 years last year and are so looking forward to our new offerings in 2020,” mentioned McDerby. For some, it’s a week of finding a new favorite taste and for others it’s the opportunity to try something they’ve never heard of. “For us, Wine & Food Week is always a beloved reunion and we can’t wait to share it with the region,” remarked McDerby.

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This year, Wine & Food Week, will again host hundreds of wines with well-versed industry representatives including Houston wine icon Guy Stout, one of only 160 Master Sommelier (MS) in the world. Stout is a Certified Wine Educator (CWE), Certified Spirits Specialist (CSS) on the Executive Board of Directors of the Society of Wine Educators and a member of the Texas Sommelier Association. Guy is a member of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association and owner, with wife Kimberly, of Stout Vineyards in the Texas Hill Country AVA, producing Syrah grapes.

### Event line-up includes:

- Wednesday June 3 **Nach-Yo Ordinary Tequila Tasting;** 6 – 9 p.m. The Woodlands Country Club
- Thursday June 4 **H-E-B Wine Walk at Market Street;** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Friday June 5 **Ladies of the Vine Tasting,** Luncheon and Panel Discussion; 11:30 am – 2:30 p.m. The Club at Carlton Woods
- Culinary Elevations;** The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom 6 – 9 p.m.
- Saturday June 6 **Wine Rendezvous & Grand Tasting,** 7 – 10 p.m. The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Food & Vine Time Productions has raised well over a million dollars through various channels for local charities over the years. 2020 Wine & Food Week benefits New Danville, The Montgomery County Food Bank, Literacy Efforts of Signature Series of The John Cooper School and Touch Base: Center for the Deafblind.

To purchase tickets, book a hotel room, sign up to volunteer and for more general information, please visit [www.wineandfoodweek.com](http://www.wineandfoodweek.com).

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## **ABOUT WINE & FOOD WEEK AND FOOD & VINE TIME PRODUCTIONS**

Wine & Food Week, produced by Food & Vine Time Productions, is the first multi-day, multi-faceted, comprehensive destination culinary and wine event in Houston Metro and the first nationally to promote locally sourced and sustainable products. Wine & Food Week has always been committed to elevating Houston's culinary scene which it has supported since 2005, showcasing the incredible diversity and culinary talent in Houston. Owners Clifton and Constance McDerby are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and health of Houstonians by educating the novice to the aficionado on wines and fine dining encouraging locally sourced and sustainable ingredients, an early pioneer in the Eat and Drink Local movement. Food & Vine Time Productions created another first with the state's first multi-day craft beer destination and educational event featuring over 300 craft beer selections. Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival has been named #3 beer event in America by USA Today and #1 in Houston by Houstonia Magazine. Food & Vine Time Productions also produces Wine Fair Cy-Fair, Zest in the West, Katy Sip N Stroll, BrewMasters Craft Beer Festival, Houston Chronicle Culinary Stars, Tomball's Freight Train Food Truck Festival and a myriad of private events for various clients. Since its inception in 2002, Food & Vine Time Productions has assisted in raising well over a million dollars for local charities through live and silent auctions and cash donations.