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Festivals/Events

WASHINGTON BREWERS FESTIVAL AT ST. EDWARDS PARK

Held every Father's Day weekend at St. Edwards State Park, the annual Brewers Festival brings together more than 60 regional breweries to celebrate craft beer for three days. The park used to be a Catholic seminary, and against the backdrop of the old monastery, people wander through tasting tents and try amazing local microbrews. It's a family-friendly event, with a kids' play area set up, and there's a stage with different bands performing throughout the festival. *All-ages, tickets are between \$15 and \$25 depending on days and advance purchase, \$8 admission for designated drivers. 14445 Juanita Dr. N.E., Kenmore, washingtonbeer.com/wa-brewers-fest/*

BURNING BEAST AT SMOKE FARM

An annual outdoor summer feast to rival any standard backyard barbecue, Burning Beast is an outdoor grilling event held at a large working farm to benefit the Rubicon Foundation, a Northwest conservation group. Local, sustainable meats of all sorts, including pork, beef, duck, lamb, salmon and more exotic meats such as elk and buffalo are grilled on an open fire for a massive one-time feast. Over a dozen celebrated local chefs volunteer their time to prepare the food, and live music plays on for the crowd. *Tickets are \$75, dates announced on website, carpooling is suggested, and bringing your own picnic and reusable plates and cutlery is requested. 12731 Smokes Rd., Arlington, burningbeast.com*

POUR ON THE PLAZA AT EL GAUCHO

Celebrating regional winemakers for the last three years, Pour on the Plaza is a summer festival for oenophiles to sample hard-to-find wines and make new discoveries. More than 20 different wineries attend, and there are a range of vintages to sample. Local restaurants participate, including host El Gaucho, offering bites of food to pair with each sip. The event is a fund raiser, with a different charity chosen every year as to be the beneficiary, giving guests a chance to raise awareness as they raise a glass in the summer sun. *Tickets are \$85-\$95, outdoor event held in June or July, check website for announcements. City Center Plaza, 450 108th Ave. N.E., Bellevue, elgaucho.com, 425.455.2715*

IRON VINTNER CHALLENGE AT WILLOWS LODGE

Winemakers' culinary skills are put to the test in an outdoor version of Iron Chef in the patio garden at Willows Lodge. Over the course of several weeks, two vintners are chosen to battle it out with secret ingredients and given 60 minutes to create a meal for a panel of celebrity judges. There are three rounds to determine who is awarded the title of Iron Vintner. It concludes with a Championship Winemaker Dinner at the end of the month, with proceeds from the competition benefitting a local charity. *Challenge round tickets are \$25-\$35 per event, winemaker dinner is \$135 per person, event typically held in June, check website for official dates. 14580 N.E. 145th St., Woodinville, willowslodge.com, 425.424.3900*