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All Aboard Foodies For The Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival

Taste New York Saturday and Sunday, September 7th – 8th

Wine tastings, craft beers, artisanal cheeses and more goodies await at the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds September 7 & 8.

Stretch your summer with a train trip to the country. Take Metro-North's Hudson Line to Poughkeepsie Station to connect with a free shuttle bus for the Wine and Food Fest!

The festival, now in its 12th year, features tastings of hundreds of wines from New York State and around the world. Get the unique experience of talking directly to vintners and brewers, Certified Wine specialists and sommeliers. Enjoy food samplings from regional restaurants and caterers, and shop over 100 home goods, art, craft, and gourmet specialty food vendors. And for the first time at the festival, enjoy New York and regional craft beer.

Enjoy cooking and wine-tasting seminars by Chef Vincent Tropepe, Chef Peter Kelly, and Certified Wine Specialist Debbie Gioquindo as well as live music and other entertainment.

A dozen specialty food trucks will be featured and dozens of local restaurants and specialty food vendors also will be represented.

"We are thrilled about the partnership we have developed with Metro-North," said Michael Babcock, President of WineRacks.com, producer of the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Fest. "The railroad is providing our guests with effortless, safe transportation to and from our event, and ultimately, is working with us to promote tourism for our beautiful Hudson Valley region.

"Metro-North is delighted to partner with the festival," said Metro-North President Howard Permut. "Our Getaways make it easy for New Yorkers and tourists alike to get out of the city and have some fun – without a car."

Order tickets on line at hudsonvalleywinefest.com Tickets must be purchased online to receive the \$10 Metro-North discount off the gate admission price. Just enter the discount code MNR2013.

Tasting tickets, which include one souvenir wine glass and unlimited wine, are \$30 per day with the Metro-North discount. Regular admission tickets, which do not include wine tastings, cost \$12 with the Metro-North discount.

Purchasers will receive an e-mail confirmation to print out or load a barcode on a smartphone to be scanned at the gate. There are no phone orders. The code is good through the weekend of the Festival.

Tickets and information on the Hudson Valley Wine and Food Fest are available online at hudsonvalleywinefest.com or by calling 845-658-7181.

The shuttle will connect with two outbound and two inbound trains each day. For details on train fares and schedules and for specifics about the shuttle bus connection, visit mta.info