

EVENTSCALENDAR

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April 2014

4th – 5th

- **WINE RIOT NYC**
- Center 548, 548 W 22nd St
- secondglass.com/wineries

7th-10th

- **WSWA 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION**
- Las Vegas, NV
- wswaconvention.org

8th

- **WORLD WHISKIES CONFERENCE**
- The Lighthouse at Pier 61, 23rd St at West Side Hwy
- 8:00am – 5:30pm
- worldwhiskiesconference.com

9th

- **WHISKY LIVE NEW YORK TASTING EVENT**
- Pier 60 at Chelsea Piers, 23rd St at West Side Hwy
- 5:00pm – 10:00pm
- whiskylive.com

15th

- **WINES OF JURA RETURN TO NEW YORK**
- Studio Arte, 17th Fl, 265 W 37th St
- lafortune@tuxedoev.com

28th

- **UFCW 1D & 2D “TEE UP FOR A CURE” EVENT**
- 2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing Honoring Charles Merinoff
- Richmond Country Club, 135 Flagg Place, Staten Island
- Frankie@ufcwlocal1d.org

28th

- **WINEBOW PRESENTS SPIRITS IN THE CITY**
- Highline Ballroom, 431 W 16th St
- 12:00pm – 5:00pm

28th

- **SHARE OUR STRENGTH TASTE OF THE NATION NYC**
- 82 Mercer
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- ce.strength.org/events/taste-nation-nyc

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- **RIOJA GRAND TASTING**
- Studio 450, 450 W 31st St (between 9th & 10th Aves)
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- riojawine.com

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- **NYLSA ANNUAL CELEBRATION**
- Honoring Burt Notarius
- The Mansion on Delaware, 414 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Register at nylsa.org
- Jessyca Howard: 518-694-0483

9th – 13th

- **THE 2014 MANHATTAN COCKTAIL CLASSIC**
- Registration opens April 14th
- Manhattancocktailclassic.com

12th

- **LAUBER IMPORTS 2014 GRAND ANNUAL TASTING**
- New York Marriot Marquis, 9th Floor, 1535 Broadway
- 12:00pm – 6:00pm
- On-Site Registration

19th

- **28TH ANNUAL U.R.T.O. GOLF OUTING**
- Pelham/Split Rock Golf Club, 870 Shore Rd, Bronx, NY
- RSVP Maureen@urto.com 212-557-5200

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT MARKS 25 YEARS

This year marks the 25th anniversary of one of Napa Valley's most significant sub-AVAs: Stags Leap District.

The area's collective marketing minds are even taking to calling their slice of the valley "the birthplace of iconic American Cabernet Sauvignon." That may be a topic best discussed over goblets of wine, but there is no doubt that Stags Leap District has earned its place as a distinctive origin for wine.

Recognized as an official AVA in 1989 by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), the Stags Leap District was the first sub-AVA to be defined completely by soil, climate and natural barriers. Noted for its combination of rolling hills, cooling wind, loam and clay soils, and the west-facing range of the Vaca Mountains, the District is the smallest-producing Napa AVA by acreage, and wines from this region remain limited, highly allocated and collected. Approximately 90% of the 1,200 acres currently planted to grapevines in the district are Cabernet Sauvignon or other Bordeaux varieties.

"The Stags Leap District produces some very age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines," notes Kelli White, sommelier at Press Restaurant in St. Helena; she points to "seductive, soft tannins" as a signature character of the SLD wines.

"The beauty and lushness of the wines produced in this region were around long before Stags Leap District was named an AVA," said Doug Shafer, president of Shafer Vineyards. "It was a privilege to be here in the early days when my dad, John Shafer, helped organize our neighbors to pursue official recognition. Over the past 25 years the appellation has continued to evolve and is now widely recognized as a special site for world-class wines. Even so, it really feels like we're just getting started."

