

PONTE VEDRA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESS RELEASE

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PONTE VEDRA BEACH CHAMBER PRESENTS THE PONTE VEDRA BEACH FOOD AND WINEFEST NOV. 6-8 AT SAWGRASS GOLF RESORT & SPA

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (Oct. 8, 2009) – The [Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce](#) presents the eighth annual [Ponte Vedra Food and WineFest](#) on Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8. Most events will take place at the Sawgrass Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort.

“Food and wine lovers will not want to miss this fantastic three-day extravaganza, which will provide exceptional opportunities to taste hundreds of wines from around the world and savor dishes prepared by some of the area’s finest chefs and restaurants,” said Ginger Lilley Peace, executive director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Food and WineFest opens at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, with Una Noche Especial, a four-course tasting menu prepared by the Sawgrass Marriott’s award-winning Chef David Scalise paired with the wines of Bodega Navarro Correas. With an operation more than two centuries old in Mendoza, Argentina, the traditional Bodega Navarro Correas is currently one of the leaders in the premium wine market. The evening will include a demonstration of the national dance of Argentina, the tango, and a live and silent auction. Prizes include a trip to Argentina with three nights in Buenos Aires and three nights in Mendoza with a special tour of the featured winery. Tickets for Una Noche Especial are \$95. The event is available by advance purchase only.

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The Grand Tasting event from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, is the centerpiece of the Ponte Vedra Food and WineFest. More than 145 extraordinary international and domestic wines will be available for tasting. Guests will also enjoy samples of signature dishes from 10 area specialty and gourmet restaurants. The highlight of this event is a silent auction with numerous items including overnight getaways, limousine rides, restaurant gift certificates and more. Tickets to the Grand Tasting are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

The Sunday Champagne Brunch will feature a four-course menu prepared by Chef Brett A. Smith in the Marriott's award-winning restaurant, the Augustine Grille. The delicious brunch will be accompanied by the fine wines of Domaine Chandon representing California's sparkling wines and Moet & Chandon and Veuve Clicquot representing the champagnes of France. Tickets to the Champagne Brunch are \$65. The event is available by advance purchase only and has sold out in past years.

For the first time, the Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce is offering a combo ticket with admission to all three Food and WineFest Events for \$175, offering a significant savings over individually purchased tickets. The combo ticket is available by advance purchase only.

For more information and to reserve tickets for the Ponte Vedra Beach Food and WineFest, call the Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce at (904) 285-2004 or email info@pontevedrachamber.org.

The Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce is an association of more than 300 business and professional leaders dedicated to creating a strong and thriving business environment in Ponte Vedra promoting member partners and attracting new ones.

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Since its incorporation in 1996, the Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce has been active in community affairs, economic growth and business development. The Chamber holds numerous monthly events including grand openings for new businesses, Chamber at Noon programs featuring a variety of business and community topics and networking events including Chamber Before Hours and Chamber After Hours. For more information, call (904) 285-2004 or visit www.pontevedrachamber.org.

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