



## ITINERARY

### Friday, April 28

**4:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Arrival**, check-in and resort activities at leisure

**6:30 to 8 p.m. – Meet the Winemakers, Tasting Reception**

Enjoy a casual tasting, hearty appetizers by Chef Bruno Feldeisen and the opportunity to mingle with the Northwest's top winemakers and wine experts. Meet Chris Figgins of Leonetti Cellar, Chris Upchurch of DeLille Cellars, David Merfeld of Northstar, Tony Rynders of Panther Creek and Walter Gehringer of Gehringer Brothers, along with Doug Charles of Compass Wines and Andy Perdue and Eric Degerman of Great Northwest Wine.

**Location – Victoria Room**

**8:00 p.m. – Private Beach Bonfire**

Enjoy s'mores and mingling for Northwest Wine Encounter guests and winemakers. A port tasting with exquisite gourmet chocolates from jcoco enhance this already amazing signature NWE experience.

**Location – On the Beach next to Packers Oyster Bar** (weather dependent)

### Saturday, April 29

**9:30 a.m. – Opening Remarks**

We begin the second annual Northwest Wine Encounter with a look at Pacific Northwest wine country and an overview of the wines we will taste over the next two days. Doug Charles of Compass Wines and Andy Perdue of *The Seattle Times* will be speaking.

**Location – Semiahmoo Ballroom: Blakely Room**

**10 to 11 a.m. – The Siren Song of Pinot Noir**

Explore Pinot Noir with Chris Figgins, Tony Rynders and Walter Gehringer.

**Location – Semiahmoo Ballroom: Blakely Room**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Lunch Break**

Dine at your leisure at one of Semiahmoo's on-site restaurants or explore offsite options.

**1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Walla Walla**

One of the most famous wine towns in North America is Walla Walla, Washington. What makes the region so special? Explore this AVA with David Merfeld and Chris Figgins.

**Location – Semiahmoo Ballroom: Blakely Room**

**2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Wine Speed Dating**

In this fun format, each participant will get the opportunity to taste wine one-on-one with our winery panelists.

**Location – TBD**

**3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Guided Bird Watching Tour**

Limited space, please pre-register

**Location – Meet in Lobby for a tour on the Semiahmoo Spit**

**4:30 to 7 p.m. – Leisure Time**

We invite you to explore Semiahmoo Resort's stunning beachfront location. From visiting the spa or taking a swim to hiking the trails or playing croquet, there's something for everyone.

**7:00 to 10 p.m. – Winemaker Gala Dinner**

Get up close and personal with our winemakers and top experts at our Winemaker Gala Dinner.

Each table is hosted by a panelist or wine industry luminary. Our keynote speaker is Andy Perdue, wine columnist for *The Seattle Times*.

**Location – Dock Tent / Event Pavilion**

**Sunday, April 30**

**10 to 11:30 a.m. – Importance of Place**

How important is a single vineyard? A single location within that vineyard? We will explore these questions with Chris Upchurch along with historic grower Mike Sauer.

**Location – Semiahmoo Ballroom: Blakely Room**