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Wine season in Washington

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For every reason, there is a season, and wine is no exception.

Over the last decade, Washington has steadily become one of the most prominent wine-consumer cities in the country, and winemakers and retailers have taken notice. During the months of April and May, the metropolitan area is filled with opportunities to taste a variety of varietals.

13th Annual Heart's Delight Wine Tasting and Auction to Benefit the American Heart Association

May 2 to May 5

If you're looking to drink well while doing good, then the four-day-long Heart's Delight Wine Tasting and Auction is an ideal way to mix philanthropy and fun. It begins Wednesday with the United States of Wine celebration on the rooftop of 101 Constitution Ave, NW. The evening will showcase some of the best wines in America, many of which will be presented by owners and winemakers themselves.

Thursday features a series of intimate wine dinners in embassies, restaurants and private homes, each pairing a special chef and winemaker. Friday is the exclusive black-tie Vintners Dinner at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium featuring the First Growth Wines of Chateau Mouton Rothschild. The fundraiser culminates Saturday at the Omni Shoreham Hotel with a seated tasting where chateau representatives from Bordeaux will share wines from the 2009 vintage. The post-tasting reception features food prepared by some of the nation's top chefs and wines from around the world, as well as live and silent auctions where guests may bid on exclusive travel opportunities, dining experiences and rare and exceptional wines. Tickets range from \$200 - \$1,000 depending on the event(s) you wish to attend. For more information, visit heartdelightwineauction.org.