

FOOD & WINE CLASSIC

— CHARLESTON —

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Food & Wine Classic in Charleston Announces 2026 Schedule and Programming

Three-day Weekend Combines the Star Power of Celebrated Culinary Talent with the Rich Traditions of the Lowcountry

Over 40 Cooking Demos and Beverage Seminars, Four Grand Tastings, Exciting Roster of First-time Presenters, and Nine Signature Special Events

NEW YORK, NY (August 20, 2026) — The **Food & Wine Classic in Charleston** announced their weekend schedule and additional talent today for the third annual event, taking place on **November 13 -15**. Hosted by **Food & Wine, Travel + Leisure**, and **Southern Living**, and presented by Explore Charleston, the three-day weekend will bring together celebrated chefs, premium wines and spirits, and the best of local food and culture for one unforgettable Lowcountry experience. Tickets are available at foodandwineclassicincharleston.com.

Carla Hall, Eric Ripert, Martin Yan, Nancy Silverton, Scott Wapner, Susur Lee, Nyesha Arrington, Maneet Chauhan, Tyler Florence, Katie Button, Dan Pashman, Ana Castro, Amethyst Ganaway, Mike Lata, James London, Rick Martinez, Justin Pichetrungsi, Melissa King, and Andrew Zimmern will be a part of the weekend's programming.

The complete schedule is now available online, with seminar registration opening August 26 for passholders. The weekend pass provides access to four Grand Tastings and the opportunity to attend five seminars throughout the weekend. Highlights of the 2026 programming include:

- Many first-time presenters at the Food & Wine Classic in Charleston such as **Corey Alston, Katie Button, Ana Castro, Carla Hall, Susur Lee, Canaan Marshall, Rick Martinez, Dan Pashman, Justin Pichetrungsi, Nancy Silverton, Martin Yan, and Sarah Thomas**.

- Trend-driven cooking demos including *Carla Bakes: Sweet, Savory, and From the Heart* with **Carla Hall, Martin Yan and Melissa King** team up for their first time together at the Food & Wine Classic with *Yan Can Cook, King Can Too: The Art of Chinese Cooking, High Tide: A Taste of the Coast* with Charleston chef **Mike Lata**, *The Susur Method: Build Flavors Like an Iron Chef* with **Susur Lee**, and *Mi Cocina: The Food That Made Mexico Home* with **Rick Martinez**.
- Food & Wine has created a new series of programming around their acclaimed Best New Chefs award, going into the kitchen with past winners. **BNC Kitchen** topics include *In the Best New Chef Kitchen: Celebrating 20 Years of Pizzeria Mozza* with **Nancy Silverton** and *Tacos Without Borders: a Celebration of Tradition, Culture, and Creativity* with **Ana Castro** and **Justin Pichetrungsi**.
- Live taping of the popular food podcast, **The Sporkful**, hosted by **Dan Pashman**.
- A series of thoughtful discussions: a panel on *American Smoke: Pitmasters on the Future of Barbecue* with **Hector Garate, Shuai Wang, Clay Williams**, an intimate chat with **Eric Ripert** hosted by **CNBC's Scott Wapner**, and the very-popular storytelling series **Tall Tales & Cocktails**.
- Over 20 wine, cocktail, and beverage seminars including *The \$20 vs. \$200 Bottle Battle: Can You Taste the Price?* with **Anthony Giglio, Amanda McCrossin** on *Crushable Wines for Game-Day Tailgates*, **Anne Becerra** on *Better With Beer: Local Snacks, Global Brews*, and **Blackberry Farm's Andy Chabot** on *Fried Chicken & Fine Wine*.
- In preparation for the holiday entertaining season, the weekend offers several seminars to get people ready: **Maneet Chauhan** on *A Very Tandoori Thanksgiving*, **Tiffanie Barriere** on *The Punch Bowl Revival: Holiday Cocktails for a Crowd* and **Leslie Sbrocco** on *The Thanksgiving Pour: A Guide to the Holiday Table*.
- New, the **Southern Living Makers Series**, at the People Inc. Studios, will give attendees hands-on learning experiences such as **flower arranging with Canaan Marshall, Gullah presentation and palmetto rose crafting with Corey Alston**, and a **biscuit and bubbles class with Carrie Morey & Miles White**.

The weekend also offers nine additional ticketed events available exclusively to passholders, including:

Travel + Leisure and Food & Wine Present Pearls of the Coast: A Lowcountry Oyster Roast

Friday, November 13, 2026

Chefs **Mike Lata, Trey McMillan, Shuai Wang, Terrell Burg Brown, Hector Garate, and Nyesha Arrington** will all entertain guests at this weekend favorite where guests will savor live-fire roasted oysters, an abundant raw bar, expertly crafted cocktails, and a curated selection of fine wines, all set to the backdrop of live music under the stars.

Southern Living Lowcountry Tailgate at College of Charleston's Cistern Yard

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Southern Living throws the ultimate college football tailgate, hosted by Editor in Chief Sid Evans. The third annual Lowcountry Tailgate takes over a new location at the iconic College of Charleston's Cistern Yard for an unforgettable evening of game watching and Southern BBQ. The event will feature chefs **Maneet Chauhan, George Motz, Robbie Robinson, Elliott Moss, Lewis Donald and Lexus Culinary Master Kwame Onwuachi** with music by Penelope Road.

Sea to Table: Crabbing & Cooking in the Lowcountry

November 13–15, 2026

Guests will experience a true Charleston crabbing expedition and intimate culinary experience, hosted by a Travel + Leisure editor. The adventure begins on the scenic docks of the Ashley River, with local food and beverage expert **Tia Clark of Casual Crabbing with Tia, followed by a lunch** hosted by a different Charleston chef each day – **Alec Gropman of By the Way, Chef Lamont Ferrebee of 82 Queen, and Malcolm McMillan of Costa.**

Immersive Experiences

November 13-15, 2026

A new series of events, hosted by Travel + Leisure, invites guests into unique experiences across Charleston, showcasing the city's rich history, vibrant culture, and coastal character: **Lowcountry Oyster Farm Tour, The American Revolution in Charleston, Charleston Harbor Boat Tour,** and the already-sold out **South of Broad Unlocked: Homes & Gardens Tour.**

Weekend Consumer Passes and special events tickets, along with full details on festival programming, participating talent, and travel information, are available at foodandwineclassicincharleston.com.

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