

Special Events at Wineries near Benzie County

Wineries of Old Mission Peninsula

Jutting north between the azure arms of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay lies Old Mission Peninsula. Situated at the globe's 45th parallel – the ideal climate for growing varietal wine grapes – the seven distinct wineries that comprise this stunning appellation have been well recognized by international wine enthusiasts.

Winter Warm Up

January 15, 2011 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Wineries of Old Mission Peninsula (WOMP) have teamed up with peninsula area businesses for the 2010 Winter Warm Up. Guests may visit any of the seven Old Mission wineries between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to purchase a souvenir mug for \$10. This mug is your “ticket” into each participating winery and business on Old Mission, allowing you to enjoy warm comfort food and drinks.

Romancing the Riesling

February 19-20, 2011 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Wineries of Old Mission Peninsula (WOMP) will celebrate the Riesling varietal with Romancing the Riesling. The seven participating wineries will showcase a Riesling perfectly paired with a food offering and souvenir wine glass. Some Peninsula area restaurants are offering special promotions when you present your glass.

Leelanau Vintners Association

With over 18 wineries, 100 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, parks including the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and a wealth of unique villages boasting a wide range of shops, stores, galleries, restaurants and lodging establishments, northern Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula is Michigan's Wine Coast.

Taste the Passion – Wine, Chocolate, and Love

February 5 & 6, 2011. Love is in the air as guests share in the love of the Leelanau Peninsula at “Taste the Passion” event. The fun begins with special pours and tasty chocolate treats, and savory dishes offered at wineries between the hours of 11am and 5pm on Saturday, and Noon and 5pm on Sunday.

Spring Sip & Savor

April 30 & May 1, 2011 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Leelanau Peninsula Vintners Association's annual Spring Sip & Savor wine trail event. As our vineyards wake to the sun & warmth of May, we kick off the season with a brunch-themed wine and food pairing at each of the 18 wineries on the wine trail. For added fun, event participants are encouraged to keep their pajamas on when they set out in the morning and try to win one of the prizes that many of the wineries will be offering. In addition to the pajama contest, this year we will be welcoming 'fancy hats' as part of the judging.