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Edesia: A Culinary, Wine & Spirits Adventure

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New Kids Wine Dinner

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This is your last call to sample wines and mingle with new Grand Valley winemakers at **Edesia: A Palisade Culinary, Wine & Spirits Adventure Wine Dinner** on Saturday, July 16 at 6 pm at Wine Country Inn in Palisade.

That's where Executive Chef Chad Griffith has designed a menu to pair exclusively with wines from leading innovators in the local wine scene.

"We're excited about this rare opportunity to sample wines from these particular winemakers, so we decided to open up a couple more tables for our food and wine lovers," explains WCI General Manager Ian Kelley. "We expect the limited number of places to sell out pretty quickly."

Edesia is sponsored by FCI Constructors, Inc. with Alpine Bank to benefit MarillacHealth, which provides medical care for uninsured and underinsured patients in Mesa County

The **New Kids on the Wine Block** theme reflects many changes in the local wine industry and our neighborhood, Kelley says. "Edesia is the perfect venue."

Featured wines at the dinner will include Centennial Cellars Opulence, Ordinary Fellow Riesling, Vines 79 Cowboy Cab, Grande River Vineyards Merlot, and Savage Spectrum's Sparklet Candy Red.

To illustrate growth, Kelley points to Ordinary Fellow, Savage Spectrum and Vines79 as recent wineries in Palisade in the past few years. This spring a couple more wineries opened their doors as well. There also have been changes in ownership at Maison la Belle Vie, Whitewater Hill, Mesa Park and Grande River Vineyards, to name a few.

Meanwhile, established wineries like Plum Creek, Debecq Canyon, Colterris, Talon, Red Fox, Restoration and Talbots have continued to introduce inventive new wines to their lines. "This is an exciting time to be in the Grand Valley.

Our wines just get better and better, and so does the food," he emphasizes. "The same terroir that produces great wines enriches our local crops and creates an unparalleled field to fork cuisine here. This is going to be a fun time."

Tickets are available through a secure link at [www.EdesiaPalisade.com](http://www.EdesiaPalisade.com) at \$140 per person. Donors can also make contributions to MarillacHealth through that link.

**Important facts to know about featured wineries:**

\***Centennial Cellars** is the Talbot Wines label.

\***Vines79 owner Juliann Adams** is one of a handful of women winemakers in the state and was recently featured in Colorado Biz magazine.

\***Ordinary Fellow owner and wine maker Ben Parsons** has returned to Palisade after selling his Denver urban winery Infinite Money Theorem where he introduced the first wines in cans.

\***Grande River's Rainer Thoma** is European trained and certified and has 30 years experience in traditional winemaking and growing grapes in Europe, the U.S. and more recently in the Grand Valley AVA. Thoma also makes wines and ciders for Talbot's labels.

\***Kaibab Sauvage and winemaker Patric Matysiewski** are leading the trend to introduce new grapes and sparkling wines at the 60 acre vineyard and winery **Sauvage Spectrum**, which was named Winery of the Year by the Colorado Assn of Viticulture and Enology.

The wine dinner follows Edesia's April expo that featured wine, spirits and gourmet food. An August concert at Grande River Vineyards will wrap up the 2022 series of Edesia fund raisers. Edesia is the Roman goddess of fine wine and food.

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