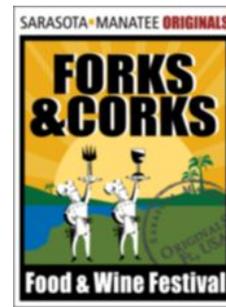


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2019 Forks & Corks Serving Up Spectacular Winemaker Events January 24-26

SARASOTA, Fla. (January 07, 2019) ☐ The highly anticipated **2019 Forks & Corks Food & Wine Festival** (Jan. 24-27), presented by the Sarasota-Manatee Originals, kicks off its 12th year of culinary adventures with a series of delectable winemaker dinners, January 24-26. Taking place at participating Originals restaurants across Sarasota, Manatee and Venice, the 2019 winemaker dinners will feature extravagant multicourse dinners with top wineries such as Chateau Lagrange from Bordeaux, France, Iron Horse Vineyards from Sonoma, California, Paul Cluver Wines (Best of Show white wine) from Elgin, South Africa and others. Dinners are being added daily and can be found at eatlikealocal.com/forksandcorks/2019-events. For reservations, guests are encouraged to contact participating restaurants directly.

☐Our winemaker dinners present a rare opportunity to meet face-to-face with world-renowned winemakers,☐said Sarah Firstenberger, executive director of the Sarasota-Manatee Originals. ☐Guests will be able to rub elbows with wine celebrities and become intimately educated by the winemakers themselves.☐

In addition to the winemaker dinners, the multi-day Forks & Corks epicurean event will offer retail tastings on Saturday, Jan. 26. The community will be peppered with several ☐pop-up☐ retail tasting tents hosted by some of the area's leading local wine merchants. These events range from large gatherings to more intimate get-togethers.

To view a list of upcoming winemaker events and for more information on Forks & Corks, visit EatLikeALocal.com. Follow Forks & Corks on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and the following hashtags #ForksandCorks941 and #EatLikeaLocal941.

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About Sarasota-Manatee Originals

The Sarasota-Manatee Originals are a diverse collection of 60 award-winning, independent restaurants with a shared passion for outstanding dining experiences and commitment to the community. Each ☐Original☐ restaurant is known for its inventive use of the best ingredients to prepare dishes that embody the flavor, color and culture of Florida's west coast. Forks & Corks is the organization's major annual fundraiser.