

2021 Grand Tasting Details

DATE: Thursday, November 11th

TIME: 7:00pm-10:00pm

LOCATION: Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park,
Pine Street & 5th Street, Highlands, NC 28741

SUMMARY & SCHEDULE

Kick your elevated weekend off at the 2021 Grand Tasting. Listen to the vibrant tunes of Rufus Lee and The Handful while enjoying exquisite small plates from world-class chefs situated right here in the Plateau and sampling wines from around the world.

7:00pm: Doors Open at Pine & 5th Street

8:00pm – 10:00pm: Rufus Lee and The Handful

10:00pm: Event Ends

PRESENTING SPONSORS

Presented by Allen Tate | Pat Allen Realty, Visit Highlands, Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Tryon Distributing, Empire Distributors, Johnson Brothers/ Mutual Distributing, Bulleit Bourbon, Peter Millar and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

MUSIC TALENT

Rufus Lee and The Handful

ATTIRE

Mountain Chic, Resort Casual

HIGHLANDS FOOD & WINE

RULES/RESTRICTIONS

All guests must have proof of vaccination (photo or printed copy), or proof of negative COVID test conducted within 72 hrs. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted to enter. No outside food or drink will be permitted into event. No pets will be permitted, service animals allowed.

WEATHER

This event will take place in a heated, enclosed tent in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. This event is rain or shine. Please be prepared to wait for a short amount of time outside the tent as we scan tickets and check vaccine status or negative COVID tests.

PARKING

There is NO GUEST PARKING in the park. Please consider walking from hotels/lodging or carpooling to the park and parking in the numerous parking spots surrounding the area on 4th and 5th street.

RE-ENTRY

Your wristband allows you to come and go as you please to the event. You must have the wristband specific to Grand Tasting or Weekender to enter/re-enter. Beverages may not leave the tent.

TICKETING/WRISTBAND FAQ

Where can I pick up my tickets/wristbands?

Unless you are a Weekender VIP ticket holder, all tickets will be scanned at the door and wristbands will be placed on your wrist. You must have your barcoded Universe tickets on your phone or a printed copy. No wristbands will be given without a ticket.

HIGHLANDS FOOD & WINE

Weekender VIP's do have the option to pick up their wristbands early at the HFW Box Office located at 424 Pine Street, from 9am-5pm on Thursday.

What do I need to get into the event or in the event?

- Barcoded Universe Ticket
- Covid-Clear Wristband, proof of vaccination or negative COVID test
- Government issued ID
- Credit card for merch or wine orders

Once given a wristband specific to the Grand Tasting or the Weekender, they must be worn at all times.

What not to bring

Pets, Outside food or drink, Chairs, Illegal drugs, Children under the age of 21, Cigarettes – this is a non-smoking event

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

All guests must have a full COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test result. Proof of either of these is required to enter the event space. You will receive a wristband, on site when you check-in or beforehand at the **HFW HEALTH AND SAFETY STATION Drive Thru** (address below) site. We recommend the location listed below to help speed up the process at the gates. This wristband is valid for the whole weekend and required to be worn at all times. If you need a COVID-19 test, we are partnering with Mountain Lakes Physicians Group and they will be providing free rapid testing throughout the entire event.

Free Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Checks

Location and Times:

478 Dillard Road, Highlands, NC

Wednesday, Nov.10: 10am-3pm

Thursday, Nov.11: 9am-12pm

Friday, Nov.12: 9am-12pm

Saturday, Nov.13th: 9am-12pm

Sunday, Nov.14th: 9am-12pm