

# 2025 Vines in the Pines

# **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

**DATE:** Friday, November 14th **TIME:** 4:00-5:30pm

**LOCATION:** Highlands Botanical Gardens – Directly behind the

# **SUMMARY & SCHEDULE**

Hiking but make it Highlands Food & Wine. Partake in a self-guided stroll on the flat, manicured trails through the Botanical Gardens of the Highlands Biological Station with natural and sustainable wines tastings along the way. Take your time, savor each sip, and admire the scenery. The tour will culminate at the lakeside Sto Teaching Pavilion for a sunset toast, small bites by Little Secret and live music by Doug Jones and Donnie Blackwell.

#### **FEATURED WINES**

Seven stops along the way with natural wines featured by Lula Drake Wine Parlor, Flambeaux Wine, Cristom Vineyards, Browne Family Wines and more.

# **MUSIC TALENT**

Doug Jones (Cravin' Melon) and Donnie Blackwell (Rufus Lee and The Handful)

## **WEATHER**

This event is outdoors and weather dependent. Should inclement weather be forecasted, all ticket holders will be emailed about cancellation. Please dress for forecasted weather!

#### **ATTIRE**

Please wear comfortable, closed toe walking shoes. This event is held along the trails through the Highlands Botanical Gardens. Some of the pathway is dirt and some is boardwalk.

#### **CHECK-IN & GLASSWARE**

Upon arrival, each guest will receive a wine glass and a trail map at check-in. The check-in area is located at the Garden entrance behind the Nature Center and amphitheater. Look for our event guides, purple ribbons, or the check-in table at the start of the trail. **Please do not park at the Pavilion**, as it marks the end of the event route. Guests who park there will need to walk the trail in reverse to reach check-in and collect their glass and map.

#### **PARKING**

Parking at the Highlands Biological Station is limited. If you're staying in town, we recommend enjoying the short walk from Main Street to the Nature Center, located at 930 Horse Cove Road. From there, follow the path behind the Nature Center to reach the check-in area at the entrance to the Garden. Limited event parking is available just before the Nature Center entrance on the left (watch for event parking signs), as well as behind the Nature Center and across the street in the parking area for Sunset Rock. If you prefer to be dropped off, you may use the semi-circle drive in front of the Nature Center for drop-off only—no parking is allowed in this area.

Reminder, do not park at the Pavilion as this is where the event will end!

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

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

## WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO THE EVENT?

You need your QR code from Flicket or a wristband. After receiving your event wristband, you must wear your wristband for the duration of the event.

# **TICKETING/WRISTBAND FAQ**

Help us cut down on the lines! All fans will have the opportunity to pick up wristbands in advance of the events starting Wednesday, November 12th. All ticket purchasers can pick up wristbands at the Festival Box Office (time and location listed below). If you cannot pick up wristbands early or you have already forwarded your QR code to other ticket holders in your party, you can still have tickets scanned and receive wristbands at the event gates.

## **Highlands Food & Wine Box Office**

424 Pine Street (former Bank of America building)

#### **Operation Times:**

Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm-6pm Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm Friday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 5pm Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm