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Cheers to Summer at Emerald Queen Casino's Taste of Tacoma® with Local Wine & Craft Beer!

Sip and sample some amazing local wines and craft beers at Emerald Queen Casino's Taste of Tacoma® presented by BECU, June 23rd through 25th at Point Defiance Park. The Rose Garden will host The Wine Bar and the Craft Beer Tasting, which will give guests a relaxed and beautiful atmosphere to sample Washington wines & craft beers. Admission to the Taste is free, however, guests must be 21 or older to enter the Wine Bar or Craft Beer Tasting area and to purchase drinks or tasting packages.

The Wine Bar, sponsored by The News Tribune, will host several local wineries, including Gruet, Canoe Ridge Vineyard, Browne Family Vineyards, Ste Chapelle and House Wine. Guests can purchase wine by the glass or flight with prices ranging between \$7- \$8, depending on the wine varietal. Each flight includes three samples and there is a variety of different flights to choose from including Sparking Wine, Imported Washington Reds & Imported Washington Whites.

The Rose Garden will also host our Craft Beer Tasting, sponsored by ALT 102.9. The Craft Beer Tasting package costs \$20 and includes five 5.5oz. pours and a commemorative tasting glass. If you're looking for a few more tastes, you can purchase additional tasting tickets for \$2! Participating breweries include Odd Otter Brewing, Narrows Brewing, Fish Brewing, Wingman Brewers and Gig Harbor Brewing.

Back by popular demand, Gig Harbor's Heritage Distilling Co. (which is the "Most Awarded Distillery in the U.S." four years in a row) will be the sole provider for spirits at the Taste of Tacoma® Beer Gardens sponsored by Hot 103.7. Beer Gardens will be serving both Classic and Signature Event drinks including the "Cucumber Refresher" made up of Batch No. 12 Vodka, DRY Cucumber and a lime wedge and the "BSB Cooler" made with Brown Sugar Bourbon, lemonade and club soda. The Beer Gardens will also feature House Wine Chardonnay & Rosé as well as brews by Budweiser, Bud Light, Shock Top, and Elysian Brewing Immortal IPA.

There are two great ways to save money at these venues including our Taste Happy Hour from 11am to 2pm each day. Happy Hour gets you \$3 off a Craft Beer Tasting package, \$1 off wine glasses or flights and \$1 off beers and mixed drinks. BECU Card members can get \$5 off a Craft Beer Tasting Package or \$1 off wine glasses/flights at The Wine Bar all day, every day of the event, with proof of membership. (Must provide debit card and/or a bank statement; only one discount can be applied at a time & deals cannot be combined.)

Enjoy the relaxing sounds of local smooth jazz artists, R&B and more at The Rose Garden Stage sponsored by 95.7 The Jet, which is located next to The Wine Bar and Craft Beer Tasting. The featured artists include electric 6-string violinist & local celebrity, Geoffrey Castle and Smooth Jazz guitarist Michael Powers and more.

That's not all, the Taste also hosts 30+ restaurants and food trucks, 4 music stages, all-new *South Sound Bites* restaurant showcase, *The Taste Cooks!* demo stage, handcraft vendors, the Funtastic Carnival Rides and more! Plus, guests can take the FREE Taste Express operated by Pierce Transit from TCC – free to park & free to ride!

For more information on The Wine Bar, Craft Beer Tasting, and everything else the Taste of Tacoma® has to offer, please visit www.tasteoftacoma.com.

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