

## Pride of NY Harvest Fest to Feature Wine, Food & Beer Tastings at the State Fairgrounds

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Event to be held in Syracuse for the first time



**The 2009 Pride of New York Harvest Fest** will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. More than 100 growers and producers from across the State will offer the public the opportunity to taste and purchase the State's award-winning wines and beers, as well as a wide variety of food products including sauces and marinades, meats, cheese and ice cream, baked goods, honey and maple products, organic offerings and more.

For the past 13 years, the Pride of New York Harvest Fest was held in Albany, N.Y., and this year the event is being held in Syracuse. The change in venue to a more centralized location within the State allows more growers and producers to participate.

"The New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets is proud to bring the Pride of New York Harvest Fest to the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse," said New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker. "The event will showcase New York State's award-winning wines and beers, fresh produce, quality meats, dairy products and much more."

Advance sale tickets for Saturday or Sunday are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Admission tickets are \$25 at the door and include unlimited tastings and one seminar, based on availability.

Pride of New York cooking seminars will be given by Paul Midgley, chef and owner of Cutting Edge Catering, Syracuse; Mary Kiernan, instructor, School of Hospitality Management in the College of Human Ecology at Syracuse University; Jake Brach, regional culinary manager, Rich Products Corporation, Foodservice Division, and CIA graduate; and Anand "AJ" Jayapal, executive chef, Panza's on the Lake, Saratoga Springs, NY. In addition, educational seminars on wine and chocolate, wine and cheese, and "Ask the Winemaker" will be given by the New York Wine & Grape Foundation.

There will also be a charity preview gala held Friday, Nov. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with 100 percent of the proceeds from the gala going to the Rescue Mission, Junior League of Syracuse and American Red Cross Onondaga-Oswego Chapter. Tickets to the Charity Gala are \$75 and can be purchased through the charities or at the door.

The Pride of New York Harvest Fest is organized by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, the Pride of New York program, The Great New York State Fair, Uncork New York! (the New York Wine & Grape Foundation) and the New York State Brewers Association.

For more information about the Pride of New York Harvest Fest, visit [www.harvestfestNY.com](http://www.harvestfestNY.com) or [www.facebook.com/harvestfestny](http://www.facebook.com/harvestfestny).

**About the Pride of New York:** The Pride of New York is the State's branding program for the promotion of New York State food and agricultural products. In addition to helping consumers find New York food, the Pride of New York Program assists farmers and food processors in promoting their products by using the Pride of New York emblem, and encourages retailers and restaurants to highlight the New York State products they use and sell by displaying the emblem. To find out more about the Pride of New York Program, call 800-554-4501 or visit [www.prideofny.com](http://www.prideofny.com).