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## 48,000 GUESTS CELEBRATED THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOOD NETWORK NEW YORK CITY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE HOSTED BY GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER

– Fans Enjoyed 85+ Events Across New York City –

**New York, NY (November 1, 2022)** – 48,000 passionate fans came out to EAT. DRINK. FEED NYC. and celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> annual [Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One](#) (NYCWFF) October 13-16. The Festival featured more than 85 events throughout the city including walk-around tastings, late-night soirées, family-friendly affairs and an all-star line-up of intimate dinner experiences featuring world-renowned chefs. The annual gourmet gathering returned to raise awareness for **God's Love We Deliver**, New York City's metropolitan area's leading provider of medically tailored meals and nutrition counseling for individuals living with severe illness. This year alone, the organization will cook and home deliver 3 million medically tailored meals for New Yorkers too sick to shop or cook for themselves.

"We are grateful for the support of all of the consumers, talent and partners who came out to help us celebrate 15 years of serving up world-class wine, spirits, food and unique experiences in support of God's Love We Deliver," noted Festival Founder & Director Lee Brian Schrager. "Not only do we believe that every New Yorker deserves access to fresh and nourishing meals, but we also believe NYCWFF serves as a vital platform to uplift and celebrate the diverse New York hospitality industry while connecting key chefs, culinary leaders, and all New Yorkers to this worthy charitable cause."

NYCWFF's 2022 edition featured plenty of highlights throughout the weekend, with several of the participating chefs and mixologists taking home top honors. On Thursday, October 13, guests voted on their favorite burger while an esteemed panel of celebrity judges including Peloton instructor **Ally Love**, Super Bowl champion and former New York Jet **Willie Colon**, co-host of Food Network's *The Kitchen* **Sunny Anderson**, television host **Adam Richman**, Emmy Award winner and host of WNBC's *New York Live* **Lauren Scala** and social media sensation **Danny Mondello** aka @meals\_by\_cug decided who would take home the coveted trophy at [Blue Moon Burger Bash presented by Pat LaFrieda Meats hosted by Rachael Ray](#).

- **Pat LaFrieda's 2022 NYCWFF Burger Bash® Champion:** San Matteo Pizzeria e Cucina
- **Blue Moon People's Choice Award Winner:** Source Urban Brewery

On Saturday, October 15 the **Cast of *The Kitchen*** and the **Elvis Duran Morning Show** team took over Pier 86, Home of the Intrepid Museum, to host [Caviar presents Tacos & Tequila After Dark powered by Toyota](#). Food Network's Sunny Anderson, Alex Guarnaschelli, Jeff Mauro and Geoffrey Zakarian taste-tested their way through more than 24 tacos to crown a winner during this supersized fiesta.

- **Caviar Best Bite Award:** Brooklyn's 2 Girls & a Cookshop Jamaican Tacos
- **Best Cocktail Award:** Patrón Tequila

Saturday night saw the ultimate NYC cocktail showdown during [Battle of the Boroughs: A Cocktail Showdown presented by BACARDÍ](#) hosted by **The Try Guys**. An expert panel that included cocktail-influencer **Gio "Chat Chow" Gutierrez**, **Candice Coy** of Employees Only and 2013 Speed Rack National Champion **Eryn Reece** judged the cocktails on flavor profiles, versatility and innovation.,

- **Bacardi Judge's Choice Award:** Sweetleaf Coffee & Cocktail Bar
- **Bacardi People's Choice Award:** Sally's Southern

NYC foodies also enjoyed unique, one-night-only dinners hosted by some of the world's most critically acclaimed chefs and paired with a variety of high-end wines and spirits from the Festival's exclusive provider, **Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits**. The series featured more than 30 seated dinners held at NYC's finest establishments, including God's Love We Deliver.

Participating chefs included **Alain Ducasse**, **Sohla El-Waylly**, **Kwame Onwuachi**, **Amanda Freitag**, **Marcus Samuelsson**, **Dani Garcia**, **Antonia Lofaso**, **Brooke Williamson**, **Michael White**, **Chintan Pandya**, **Carlton McCoy**, **JJ Johnson** and many others. Several other stand-out moments capped off the star-studded weekend, including:

- 90's icon, GRAMMY® award-winner and front man of legendary group RUN DMC, **Rev Run** gave a show stopping performance at [Remy Martin presents 15th Anniversary Dessert Party sponsored by Average Socialite hosted by Kalen Allen](#)
- [ABSOLUT Drag Brunch hosted by David Burtka and Neil Patrick Harris with special guests Manila Luzon and Latrice Royale](#) featured performances from NYC's most popular drag queens including **Hibiscus**, **Essence** and **Marti Cummings**.
- **Ghetto Gastro**, a Bronx culinary collective, kicked off their book tour with **JUST Egg** on Sunday at the [Grand Tasting featuring Culinary Demonstrations presented by Liebherr Appliances](#)
- **Ben Soffer**, aka @boywithnojob and founder of Spritz Society, hosted [Disco and Drinks: A Night of Classic Cocktails](#) featuring over 25 of today's top spirit brands with music by NYC-based experiential music group Disco Sauce.
- **Dorsia** presented an exclusive, private screening of Searchlight Picture's new film **The Menu** for Festival chefs followed by a Q&A hosted by **Yotam Ottolenghi** featuring Director **Mark Mylod** and screenwriters **Seth Reiss** and **Will Tracy**.

To close out the weekend, an enthusiastic crowd indulged in the ultimate Sunday Funday at [Backyard BBQ presented by Pat LaFrieda Meats hosted by Dario Cecchini and Andrew Zimmern](#) featuring carnivorous creations from NYC's most lauded pitmasters.

**Save the Date:** The Festival will return for its 16<sup>th</sup> installment on October 12-15, 2023. Stay up to date by following the conversation all year long on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using @NYCWFF/#NYCWFF and on TikTok at @nycwinefoodfestival.

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#### ***Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One***

The Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival presented by Capital One is hosted by God's Love We Deliver with 100% of the Festival's net proceeds helping to support New Yorkers facing severe illness. Over the past 15 years, the Festival has generated more than \$14 million for its charitable partners. Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits is the exclusive provider of wine and spirits at the Festival. In November 2021, *BizBash* named the Festival the #1 Food & Restaurant Industry event in New York for the ninth year in a row. More information on the Festival can be found at [nycwff.org](http://nycwff.org). Follow NYCWFF on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) at @NYCWFF and on TikTok at @NYCWineFoodFestival.

#### ***God's Love We Deliver***

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