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4th Waretown Spring Wine Festival Highlights Special Wines This Year

WARETOWN, N. J. – More than half a dozen participating wineries will be featured at this year's 4th Annual Waretown Wine Festival, many of which are returning after past successful years.

This year all of the wineries will be serving up some special, and in some cases limited edition, varieties that only festival-goers will have the opportunity to try.

Cream Ridge Winery, based in Monmouth County, will be featuring their **Poco Loco Sangria**.

Plagido's Winery, of Hammonton, will serve an array of dry whites and reds, a semi sweet white and red, and a dessert and port. Plagido's will be highlighting their new rare **Rosé** this year.

Valenzano, based in Shamong in Burlington County, will bring along their special blackberry syrah, peach pinot grigio, Jersey Devil port, a Labrusca and a Sangiovene, among many others, and will highlight their favorite **White Sangria**.

Villari Vineyards, a fourth generation family farm in South Jersey, will offer a dry chardonnay, a dry red and cabernet sauvignon, a semi-sweet moscato, and will be highlighting their special blueberry port called **21 Blue**.

While Wagonhouse Winery, representing Gloucester County, will bring their Three Boys' Brand wines, such as Fallen Quaker, Daisy-Grace, Ornerly Apple, and various reds and whites. They will be highlighting their **Three Boys Brand's Saints & Sinners Sangria** for the festival.

Monroeville will offer up their dry white Bella, their Cranberry Cherry, and sangria. The featured wine is **Richwood, an estate grown 2015, a blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Chambourcin**. It is medium bodied, lightly oaked, hints of Cherries, Plums, tobacco and smooth with light tannins.

And lastly, DiMatteo Vineyards of Hammonton, will carry their Cranberry and Cran Cherry fruit wines, and various white and red wines, including their Pasquale red and feature their **Chocolate Raz**.

The Fourth Annual Waretown Wine Festival, set to take place on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, will run from 12 noon to 5 p.m. each day, rain or shine.

In addition, there will be lively musical performances from Astronaut Jones and Crabdaddy Band, as well as artisan crafters, such as Dots by Dana's handmade jewelry and dot art, I See Spain's ceramic

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pottery from Spain; retail vendors, such as Lularoe, Scentsy and Origami Owl; and food vendors, such as Akamas' gyros and spinach pies, Matty G Dogz's hot dogs and pretzel twists, and Shark Bait's street corn and tater tots, as well as sweet treats from House of Fudge.

Proceeds from the festival will go to benefit Sylvia's Children, a nonprofit improving the conditions for more than 1,000 children in Uganda.

Sponsors for the Fourth Annual Waretown Wine Festival include WJRZ 100.1 FM Jersey's Greatest Hits, and the WRAT.

The festival will be held in the beautiful Waretown Recreation and Lake Area, located at 182 Wells Mill Road.

The cost to attend is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate for those over 21. A two-day ticket is also available for \$25. Tickets are available to purchase through Eventbrite at the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waretown-spring-wine-festival-4th-annual-tickets-41357795279>.

Designated drivers are allowed in for free. No dogs, hovercraft/hoverboards, drones, bicycles or skateboards are allowed during Festival days.

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