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The *Southern Breeze* Wine + Culinary Festival partners with La Botana to bring the finest wine to the Beaches of South Walton.

Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. September 5, 2008—Wine will flow in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. during the [*Southern Breeze* Wine + Culinary Festival](#). This three day festival will partner with Seagrove’s new restaurant and wine bar, **La Botana**, to bring the finest wine and culinary experiences to the Beaches of South Walton **September 12-14, 2008**. The world class wines featured throughout the weekend at the *Southern Breeze* Wine + Culinary Festival are not readily available in stores, but thanks to La Botana, guests will have the opportunity to purchase these limited wines during the festival. La Botana, the newest restaurant offering fine Latin vintages and small plates, will join the festival as the exclusive wine retailer during the weekend’s events.

This three-day festival features the finest in culinary and wine experiences during an entertaining, educational, and exciting weekend event. Friday night features **Wine Dinners** as a top Gulf Coast chef prepares a five-course gourmet affair carefully paired with five elegant wines from a renowned winemaker. Executive Chef Tim Creehan will partner with Sous Chef Kirsten Collett, creating a gourmet meal paired with wines presented by Ottavio Ruggieri of Terranova Imports at [Beach Walk Crystal Beach](#). Executive Chef Don Derrick and Chef de Cuisine Steve Johnson will match their enticing cuisine with wines presented by Jim Killam of Vineyard Wines aboard the Solaris during a [SunQuest Dinner Cruise](#). On Saturday, guests sample up to 200 noted wines from around the world during the **Grand Wine Tasting** from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Gulf Place Amphitheater. Guests can sample a variety of hard-to-find wines, learn cooking techniques during cooking seminars, and become more familiar with unique wines during seminars presented throughout the day. Sunday’s **Walkabout Brunch** from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at the Gulf Place Amphitheater provides the perfect finale to a one-of-a-kind weekend with specialties from local restaurants matched with champagnes and sparkling wines to complement each delicacy.

Named a top food and wine festival by forbestraveler.com, the *Southern Breeze* Wine + Culinary Festival offers experiences unmatched by any other events of its kind. Tickets are still available to this award-winning event and may be purchased at [La Botana](#) and **Miss Lucille’s Gossip Parlor** in Santa Rosa Beach. Tickets are also available online at [www.southernbreeze.com](#) or by calling 800.595.4849.

The ***Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival*** is a three day event that blends premium wines, food, and Gulf Coast culture into an entertaining, educational, and exciting weekend-long event. The 2009 season will begin in the spring with stops in **Biloxi, Mississippi March 6-8; Baton Rouge, Louisiana April 3-5; and Orange Beach, Alabama May 1-3**. For more information, visit www.southernbreeze.com or contact Karen Kirkland Ochoa at 800-239-9880 or kareno@compassbiz.com.

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