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Inspire Napa Valley Seeks to Help End Alzheimer's

The annual fundraiser, benefiting Alzheimer's and dementia research, takes place May 3-5.

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The second annual Inspire Napa Valley will take place May 3-5.

Napa Valley has no shortage of fundraisers and one of the newest - Inspire Napa Valley - made quite an impression in its inaugural year. Last year, the three day event raised over \$1 million for the Alzheimer's Association and showcased cult wines like **Screaming Eagle** and **BOND**.

The creation of **Kerrin Laz**, former wine director of Dean & DeLuca and owner of the **K. Laz Wine Collection**, the three day event features Champagne-infused parties, a tasting and seminar, an auction, and fried chicken galore.



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Friday night, May 3, the weekend kicks off with the Oakville Neighborhood Block Party. Suffice to say, this isn't the type of block party where you're eating burgers from your neighbor's grill and the bounce house is in the middle of the cul de sac. Taking place at **Rudd Estate**, local chefs will prepare a family-style dinner in an outdoor kitchen while guests sip growers Champagne and eat **Hog Island Oysters** and caviar. There will also be live music.

Saturday's activities include a wine tasting and a seminar led by **Antonio Galloni**, founder of *Vinous*. **Ray Isle**, executive wine editor of *Food & Wine* will be a guest as well as Dr. **Maria Carrillo**, chief science officer of the Alzheimer's Association.



Nothing cures a Napa Valley fundraiser hangover like Ad Hoc's fried chicken.

Saturday night, a walk around tasting of 30 wineries, including **BOND**, **Bryant Estate**, **Continuum Estate**, **Harlan Estate**, **Promontory** and **Realm Cellars**, will take place at The Estate Yountville. It includes a seated dinner, a live auction, and an after party with cocktails from **Savage and Cooke** and **Distillery No. 209**.

The weekend wraps up with a brunch at **Ad Hoc + Addendum**'s garden. The Ad Hoc team will serve up **Thomas Keller's** chicken and waffles, and Bouchon Bakery pastries. Guests can enjoy a hair of the dog with mimosas and a Bloody Mary bar.

It's a big weekend with a big price tag: three day tickets are \$5,000. Individual tickets for the Saturday evening tasting and dinner are \$1,000 a pop. But it's worth the price tag to help fund Alzheimer's and dementia research. Tickets are on sale now: inspirenapavalley.org