



Wine Tasting Event Details

What is the Mini Grant Program?

The ORAA mini grant program gives a handful of \$300 grants each year to support innovative classroom projects at the Oyster River schools that are not being funded through the district budget. Since its inception in 2010, the ORAA mini grant program has raised nearly \$18,000 to help the Oyster River schools remain a creative and fun place for learning!

Learn more details about the 2019-2020 mini grant projects at www.oralumni.org/mini-grants.html. You can also make a straight donation to your project of choice through this page.

When and where are the wine tastings?

There are 5 different event tastings to choose from! Tastings will take place from 4pm-6:30pm September 2019, November 2019, January 2020, February 2020 and April 2020.

Tastings are held at the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 20 Madbury Road, Durham.

How much do tickets cost ?

Tickets are \$40 per adult (21+ please!) and \$15 per child for each tasting event. Buy tickets online by credit card at www.oralumni.org/wine-dine.html. To pay by check, contact Anita at orhs92@yahoo.com or call 510.708.0747.

How do I buy my ticket?

Each tasting event is limited to only 20 participants so please reserve your spot early! Tickets must be purchased in advance either by credit card via the ORAA website (www.oralumni.org/wine-dine.html) or by check payable to "ORAA". Please contact Anita Mathur at 510.708.0747 or orhs92@yahoo.com if you wish to pay by check.

Can I bring my children?

House space is tight so we encourage you to leave your children at home with a fun and adoring babysitter! If you need to bring them, children are charged a ticket price of \$15 to offset the cost of their babysitter and dinner, which is provided (typically cheese pizza, green vegetable, fruit, popcorn, cookies).

What are the wines? Will there be food?

The tasting will include 4 fabulous wines that have been generously donated by ORHS class of 1991 alumna, Andrea Marquis. Check the event website, www.oralumni.org/wine-dine.html for wine themes. A newsletter will be sent out prior to each tasting with a photo of the wines that will be tasted.

Wines at each tasting will be accompanied by small plate “mini meals” catered by either personal chef Emily Schoonmaker of [Off your Plate Meals](#) or Culinary Institute of America-trained chef Tony Curran.

Who else will be there?

There are a maximum of 20 ticket holders per tasting event. In addition, each wine tasting will be attended by an Oyster River teacher representing one of the mini grant projects. The teacher will give a little talk about the project and answer any questions you have about it. They do also get a free tasting - they deserve it, right?! The event website will tell you which mini grant project will be highlighted on what date.

Which mini grant project does my ticket money go to?

All of the funds raised through wine tasting ticket sales and silent auction bids will be split evenly across all the mini grant projects. However, you can certainly give an additional straight donation at the event to support a particular mini grant project that is close to your heart!

Is this tax deductible?

Ticket sales are not tax-deductible but additional straight donations are! Should you bring an additional donation check (or cash) to the tasting, ORAA will give you a receipt for your donation with our federal tax ID number. Make checks payable to “Oyster River Alumni Association”.

If I can't attend a tasting, how can I still support the mini grant program?

If you can't attend a tasting, you can donate directly to a mini grant project of your choice through the ORAA website: www.oralumni.org/mini-grants.html or by mailing a check payable to “ORAA” to: ORAA, P.O. Box 320, Durham, NH 03824. Please write the number or name of the mini grant in the subject line of the check (refer to the website, www.oralumni.org/mini-grants.html for the grant names and numbers).

Thanks so much and hope to see you there!

Anita Mathur & Steve Wourgiotis

