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Spring cheers

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Oenophiles need not travel far to raise a glass with wine experts from the Napa Valley, France and New Zealand. All will be on hand for the March 27-29 "Wine Lovers' Weekend" at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa in Galena, some 150 miles west of Chicago.

Wine aficionados will have their pick of topics, from "the aromas in the glass" and Alsatian minerals to grand cru, Cremant and even winery ownership. In addition, craft brews, chocolate, pastry and port are on the menu for the weekend, which is priced from \$489 per person, covering two nights' accommodations, most meals and all activities, including the Grand Tasting Event at the Galena Convention Center. Tax and resort fee are additional. (800-892-2269; <http://www.eagleridge.com/>, click on Special Events)