

Olive Street: Breweries and wineries offer exquisite dining experiences

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"Most of the college students who come in are young ladies who drift over from Luckey's next door," Wolfe said, referring to the neighboring bar.

Tasters are offered wine in flights, between two and six quarter-glass pours. Along with the flights, Wolfe provides tasting notes detailing the growing region and methods of the wine maker.

"Education and tasting is the best way to learn about wines," Wolfe said. Wolfe will sometimes pick a

theme for his flights.

"I will pick four pinots produced in the same method from one winery in Oregon to showcase the uniqueness of different growing sites," Wolfe said. "Oregon versus Burgundy is another theme I have done to compare the wines of the two regions, since both are famous for pinot noirs."

The Oregon Wine Warehouse boasts about 100 pinot noirs, 35-40 white wines and 30 cabernets and merlots.

"We're in the middle of one of the great wine regions of the world and

offer some of the most exquisite examples," Wolfe said.

Flights range between \$8 and \$11 for four quarter-glass pours, and \$2 and \$6 for one quarter-glass pour. Glasses of wine are available for \$6-\$9 and a bottle for \$13-\$27. Cheese, olives, bread and micro cannery albacore tuna compliment wines at a price range between \$2 and \$12.

For a more in-depth exploration of wine, Wolfe arranges formal sit-down tastings for \$20 and up. Participants try 10 to 15 wines "blind," and then make comments before the grand unveiling.

The Oregon Wine Warehouse is open Tuesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 8 or 9 p.m., and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you like wine, but a hearty meal is also on the agenda, Oregon's at 830 Olive Street offers a fine Italian dining experience with a great atmosphere. Flights of wine and complimentary wine tasting are available every night of the week.

Customers are also welcome to bring in a bottle of wine from the Oregon Wine Warehouse, and uncork it at no fee. The menu features generous portions of dishes like chicken coppacola, which is chicken breast with Italian ham cooked in the wood fired oven; fettuccini de la casa with marinated artichoke

hearts and sun dried tomatoes; and true Chicago deep dish pizza, four inches thick. Menu items range between \$7.95 and \$19.95 in price. Wine ranges on average between about \$12 to \$18 a bottle and \$3.75 to \$6.50 a the glass. Flights of wine are \$6.50.

Oregano's caters to college students with Date Night on Wednesday and Girls Night Out on Thursday. Date Night offers couples a full meal, dessert and a bottle of wine for \$29. On Girls Night Out, girlfriends enjoy two-for-one appetizers from 4 to 6 p.m. and a complimentary bottle of wine with any dinner. The Eugene City Brewery, Oregon Wine Warehouse and Oregano's all offer innovation and fun.

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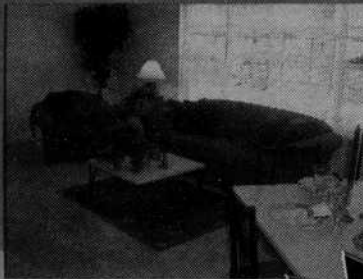
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Market: Come for the food; stay for the entertainment

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From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays from early April to Nov. 12, the market, located on Eighth Avenue and Oak Street about two blocks from Eugene Station, provides community members a place to sell food or art, or to educate visitors about their cause.

"It is fun," said McCall Hall, a freshman at the University attending the market for the first time. "Someone gave me 'nola. It's like granola without the gro."

At the Lane County Farmer's Market, across the street from the Saturday Market, many of the local food vendors offer organic produce, flowers and products from their farms and gardens.

Slusher's Tilth Organic Farm has had a booth at the Market since it was established in 1970. Owner Mary Slusher sells peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables. Slusher said farming is "hard work."

"You have to love being a farmer to do this," she said.

Other vendors sell their own art. Jim Hawkin's first set up his booth, Surf Bum Sand Castle Works, in 1973 when he started selling his carved candles to pay for college. After a 25-year hiatus from the business he came back, hawking his creations at the Market.

"I have another business, but this is my love," Hawkins said.

All art wares and crafts sold at the

fair are required to be manufactured by the vendor who sells them.

"There are some really talented artists here," said Sergio Martinez, a theater arts major at the University.

Some vendors try to inform the public about different causes or political issues.

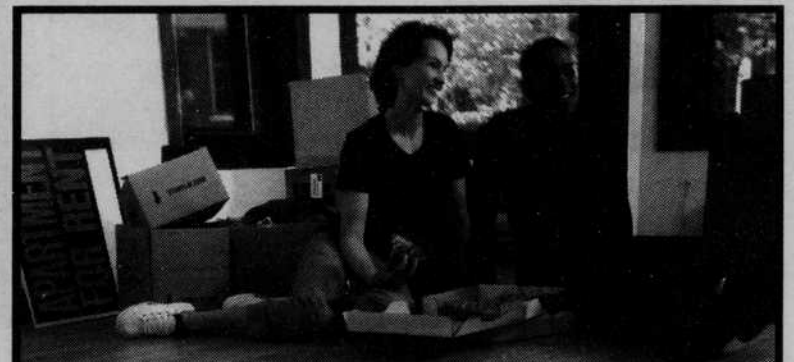
Many visitors come to the market for the variety of free entertainment. It is not uncommon to find a drumming circle or someone reading a speech at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza in front of the Lane County Courthouse. Children often take part in the Market's family-friendly atmosphere.

"I like all the newborn babies and kids here," said Margot Charkow-Ross, a freshman at the University.

One park block features booths of local restaurants like Ritta's Burritos, while a covered eating area provides shelter for the community to eat and rest their feet, and also listen to the entertainment of the week.

In association with the Saturday Market is the Holiday Market, which opens the weekend before Thanksgiving and closes the weekend of Christmas Eve, offering holiday gifts and International food. The Holiday Market is held at the Lane County Fairgrounds inside the Exhibit Hall at 13th Avenue and Jefferson Street.

More information on the Eugene Saturday Market can be found at www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org.



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