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**Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill to Host Fresh Food Fest and  
Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase  
*Order Your Tickets Today for These Not-to-be-Missed Events  
Alongside World-Class Equestrian Competition***

**Baltimore, Maryland** – August xx, 2021 – Tickets are now available for two *not-to-be-missed events* being held alongside the world-class equestrian competition at the 2021 Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill, October 14-17 at the newly constructed Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, Maryland (Cecil County).

The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is one of only two 5 Star three-day events in the United States, and just the seventh worldwide. The event's prestigious 5 Star (CCI5\*) designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing, often described as an equestrian triathlon. In addition to the CCI5\*-L, the event will feature a CCI3\*-L, which is serving as the USEF CCI3\*-L Eventing National Championship, and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse East Coast Championships Presented by Dubarry of Ireland. The four days of Eventing competition will feature Dressage (Thu-Fri), Cross-Country (Sat) and Show Jumping (Sun).

The event will also feature great shopping, demonstrations, live music, kids activities and the **Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest** (Sunday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) with seasonal fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats and seafoods, and much more! There will also be an event for adults only – the **Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify** (Saturday, October 16, 12:00-5:00 p.m.) with a variety of craft beer, wine and spirits from local producers.

**Get your tickets now for both these events at [maryland5star.us/special-events/](http://maryland5star.us/special-events/)!** Be sure to stay tuned for more announcements on retail vendors, food and beverage offerings, and a wide variety of other activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The **Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify** is a thoughtfully curated tasting event featuring local beer, wine and spirits. The Showcase will be held on Saturday, October 16, 12:00-5:00 p.m., providing a unique

opportunity to sample the best and brightest of what local breweries, wineries and distilleries have to offer while taking a break from the breathtaking excitement of the exhilarating cross-country phase of the competition!

“Grow & Fortify is excited to support such a prestigious international competition. With equine playing a major role in Maryland’s value-added agricultural landscape, it was a natural fit,” said Kevin Atticks, Founder of Grow & Fortify. “Our beer, wine, and spirits showcase adds an element of fun and highlights our state’s craft alcohol producers.”

Tickets for the Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify are \$35, but are NOT inclusive of a Saturday general admission ticket to access the cross-country competition and venue infield. Saturday Bundle passes include a General Admission ticket AND a Showcase ticket for just \$50 when purchased in advance of the Event, only \$15 more than a Showcase ticket alone. **Don’t miss out – order your tickets today at [Maryland5star.us/tickets/](https://Maryland5star.us/tickets/)! Already bought your Saturday general admission ticket but would like the bundle instead? No problem! Just give the Maryland 5 Star Ticket Office a call.**

Individuals under 21 years of age will be permitted into the Showcase, but will not be able to participate. Valid ID will be required for Showcase participation and will be checked at the Showcase entrance.

Vendors already signed up for Showcase include:

- Baltimore Spirits Company
- Elk River Brewing Company
- Fiore Winery & Distillery
- Gray Wolf Spirits
- Hidden Hills Farm and Vineyard
- Liganore Winecellars
- Lone Oak Farm Brewing Co.
- LYON RUM
- MISCellaneous Distillery
- Mobtown Brewing Company
- Painted Stave Distilling
- Twin Valley Distillers

Taste something you like? On-site sales will be available from participating vendors! On-site consumption of alcohol purchased at the Showcase beyond its bounds is not permitted, but a complimentary bottle check will be available while you explore the rest of the event, competition and venue! Alcohol is available for purchase inside the competition venue.

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) and Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill are proud to present the **Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest** on Sunday, October 17 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest will feature seasonal fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats and seafood, and much more. Enjoy a beautiful fall morning procuring and sampling fresh products from some of the finest local farmers, growers and makers!

**Admission to the Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest is FREE but a \$0.00 ticket is required for admittance, so reserve yours today!** A Fresh Food Fest ticket does NOT include admission to Sunday's culminating show jumping competition, so don't forget to add a Sunday general admission (GA) ticket or reserved seat ticket to your cart! Pre-event, Sunday GA is \$20 and reserved seats start at \$40. Order your Sunday tickets today at [Maryland5star.us/tickets/](https://Maryland5star.us/tickets/)!

Farmers, growers or makers interested in participating in the event should fill out an application at: <https://maryland5star.us/maryland-5-star-fresh-food-fest/> by September 1, 2021.

Tent and booth space for the Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest are provided free of charge; participants are expected to provide their own furniture to present their goods.

Vendors already signed up for Fresh Food Fest include:

- Millburn Orchards
- Kilby Cream
- Fresh Source Farms
- Elements of Nature Urban Farm
- Dogwood Lane Dairy
- Calvert Farm
- Port House Crab Cakes & Creamery
- Priapi Gardens

For more information on the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill visit [Maryland5Star.us](https://Maryland5Star.us).

### **About the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill:**

One of only two 5 Star events in the United States, and just the seventh worldwide, the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill will continue the storied legacy of Eventing at the new Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, Maryland, located in Cecil County. The prestigious 5 Star (CCI5\*-L) designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing, best described as an equestrian triathlon. The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is produced by The Fair Hill Organizing Committee, an affiliate of the Sport and Entertainment Corporation of Maryland, and in partnership with Fair Hill International. The Maryland Food Bank serves as an event beneficiary.