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## **Master Sommelier hosts blind tasting at upcoming Taste of Orange County**

The much-anticipated event will showcase entertainment, wine and food tastings

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The lineup of food-related events and activities for this weekend's Taste of Orange County continues to unfold, offering an epicurean assortment of experiences for even the most jaded palates.

The Taste of Orange County returns after a 16-year absence, and will be held this weekend at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, June 16 and 17.

Michael Jordan, a master sommelier and certified wine educator, will host a "blind tasting," exploring the many exciting and complex flavors of wine, during the event. The

“How to Taste Like a Sommelier” with Master Sommelier wine tasting will be showcased at 1 p.m. June 16 and 3 p.m. June 17.

Southern California’s “Taste of OC” is a premiere food, wine, and entertainment festival that annually features 50 plus restaurants and wineries. Restaurant tastings and cooking demos from top chefs of Orange County help draw in the 20,000 individuals expected to join the festivities.

Jordan is one of 15 individuals worldwide to hold both a master sommelier title and a certified wine diploma. Only 160 professionals in the world hold the title of master sommelier, 118 of those being North American, according to the Court of Master Sommeliers.

The vice president of food and beverage for The Ranch Restaurant and Saloon in Anaheim, Jordan previously ran the Beachcomber Restaurant Group as president. He also held a position with Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Worldwide as wine educator and global manager of wine sales and standards.

Tickets for the “How to Taste Like a Sommelier” master sommelier event are \$49 per person.

Sponsors for the event include JEEP, Santa Monica Seafood, Whole Foods, OC Menus, OC Metro Magazine, OC Family Magazine, and LIVE Orange County, among others.