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The Northwest Wine Academy Presents “Weekend Warm Up Series”
End-of-week tastings lead up to June Spring Wine Release Party.

Thursdays and Fridays
May 13 – June 11, 12 – 4 pm

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The *Weekend Warm Up* series features wines from around the world, all of which will be available for tasting and sale. The Academy’s knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer questions about the wines and food pairings.

Thursday, May 13 – Wines from Southern France
Thursday, May 19 & Friday, May 20 – Wines from Spain and Portugal
Thursday, May 26 & Friday, May 27 – The wonderful world of Rosés
Thursday, June 2 & Friday, June 3 – Wines from Italy

The *Weekend Warm Up* series is a prelude to the Northwest Wine Academy’s *Spring Wine Release Party*, which features a variety of events taking place from 12 – 4 pm each day:

Thursday, June 9 – Wine tasting and sale of six new wine releases. Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Roussanne, Sangiovese, Mourvedre and Zinfandel.

Friday, June 10 – Northwest Wine Academy Alumni Showcase, featuring wines from former and current students who now own their own wineries. There will be delicious appetizers to enjoy with the wines.

Saturday, June 11 – Six teams of South’s culinary students will compete to create the best food and wine pairing. Each team will be assigned one of the newly-released six wines and asked to prepare an appetizer that best pairs with the wine.

These events are free and open to the public.

South Seattle Community College's Northwest Wine Academy is a first-of-its-kind program in Western Washington and offers three associate degree and certificate programs – Wine Making, Wine Marketing & Sales, and Food & Wine Pairing. The Academy complements the college's highly regarded and award-winning Culinary Arts program and the new bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management program. .

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