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**MINNESOTA MONTHLY FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE  
ANNOUNCES NEW FEATURES AND RETURNING FAVORITES**

**WHAT:** For 16 years, the *Minnesota Monthly* Food & Wine Experience has been known as the most delicious weekend of the year. Filled with 200 fine wines, specialty beers, and gourmet cuisine exhibitors - attendees can taste the best the Twin Cities has to offer throughout the two-day event at the Minneapolis Convention Center, without stepping into a restaurant nor footing the bill.

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

**The Sweet Spot:** Attendees can feed their sweet tooth with chocolates, pastries, and cakes plus see the most unique and over-the-top cake creations at the inaugural Czar of Cakes Challenge.

**The BBQ Pit:** If it can be grilled, marinated, rubbed or charred, attendees can find it at the BBQ Pit and savor the aroma and tastes.

**RETURNING FAVORITES:**

**The Local Chef Challenge:** Local chefs go head-to-head in the Twin Cities ultimate cooking showdown tournament where the winner will receive \$5,000 cash and \$1,000 to Kitchen Window.

**The Reserve:** An intimate tasting of gourmet foods from Parasole restaurants and fine wines valued up to \$200 per bottle (separate \$20 ticket required).

**The Fresh Taste Cooking Demonstrations:** Twin Cities chefs show how they create delicious fare while using local and organic food products in the eco-friendly green kitchen built by renowned Otogawa-Anschel Design Build.

**Wine Seminars:** Learn from celebrated winemakers and experts on tasting different varieties from various regions around the world.

It all kicks off with **Macy's Gourmet Gathering** on Thursday, February 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Macy's Minneapolis.

**WHEN:** For one weekend only:

Saturday, February 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 21, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Minneapolis Convention Center

**TICKETS:** Tickets are on sale for \$65 and available at [www.foodwineshow.com](http://www.foodwineshow.com). For more information and details, visit [www.foodwineshow.com](http://www.foodwineshow.com)

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