

## **Nugget Markets Partners with UCD’s Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science to host the “Best of the Barrel” Fundraiser, celebrating Wine, Beer, and Food**

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Woodland-based local grocer [Nugget Markets](#) and UCD’s Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science partner up to celebrate the world of great food and wine. The Best of the Barrel fundraiser, benefiting RMI’s Food Science Graduate Student Association as well as RMI’s educational outreach efforts, takes place at RMI’s Good Life Garden, Friday, September 28, 5PM – 8PM.

Attendees will enjoy a wide range of signature dishes from Nugget Markets kitchens, as well as a wide variety of meats, seafood and vegetables, all freshly grilled on-site. Beer and cheese pairings, specialty cheeses, and fresh baked breads and desserts will also be offered. At least 100 wine tastings from more than 40 wineries include organic, local, and imported offerings; many of which are from UCD alumni winemakers.

The Best of the Barrel is a fundraising event that began in Davis in the early 1990s, raising thousands of dollars for a large number of local non-profit organizations including the Davis Schools Foundation, Yolo CASA, Vacaville Public Education Foundation, The Keaton Raphael Memorial, Woodland Healthcare, local Rotary clubs and various non-profits throughout the Sacramento Valley. Nugget Markets traditionally hosted Best of the Barrel events at various store locations, but this year’s event will be hosted outdoors at the beautiful RMI Good Life Garden.

“After a four year hiatus, we’re truly excited about this fundraising effort, and we’re delighted to bring Best of the Barrel back to Davis,” says Eric Stille, President and CEO of Nugget Markets. “Our kitchens have always been involved, and the event grew as our kitchens expanded. This year’s wine and food presentation is more tantalizing and delicious than ever. We know our guests will enjoy every bite and taste, all for a great cause.”

“It’s an absolute thrill to partner with Nugget Markets for such a worthy cause,” says Clare Hasler-Lewis, executive director of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science. “We can’t think of a better way to share and celebrate fabulous wine and food with our community.”

Best of the Barrel wine, beer and food celebration tickets are on sale [online](#) through Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and at all Nugget Market locations until the day of the event. Tickets are \$60 each now through September 21<sup>st</sup> and will increase to \$75 each beginning Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to purchase tickets and attend the event.