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At Newport Festival, Wines and Mansions

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Fine food, fine wine and a peek inside mansions from the Colonial era through the Gilded Age, like Marble House are part of the second annual Newport Mansions Wine and Food Festival from Sept. 27 to 29 in Newport, R.I. More than 150 wineries will be represented, and wine specialists like Sergio Esposito of Italian Wine Merchants and Kevin Zraly, who runs the Windows on the World Wine School, will give seminars. Guests include the celebrity chefs and authors Nancy Verde Barr, the former executive chef to Julia Child, and Jacques Pépin, who will be featured at the "Wine and Rosecliff" event. Information: www.newportmansions.org.