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# Tickets Now Available for Blackberry Nights, the Illinois Valley Wine Trail's Inaugural Signature Event

ILLINOIS VALLEY, Ore. — Tickets are now on sale for Blackberry Nights, an evening celebrating wine, food, art, music, and the flavors of the Illinois Valley.





Presented by the Illinois Valley Wine Trail, Blackberry Nights will take place Saturday, August 8, 2026, and serves as the trail's first official signature event.

Guests will enjoy curated wine pairings featuring participating Illinois Valley wineries, blackberry-inspired cuisine, local artists, live music, and opportunities to connect with fellow wine enthusiasts while supporting the continued growth of the Illinois Valley Wine Trail.

The event showcases the people, businesses, wineries, and creative spirit that make the Illinois Valley a unique destination in Southern Oregon.

## VIP Founder's Packages Available

A limited number of VIP Founder's Packages are available and include:

-  Admission to Blackberry Nights
-  Premium event experiences and perks
-  A 2026 Founder's Edition Illinois Valley Wine Trail Passport
-  Early participation in the inaugural year of the Illinois Valley Wine Trail

Passport pre-sales begin June 21, 2026, with passports available for pickup at participating winery locations beginning July 1.

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available

The Illinois Valley Wine Trail is currently seeking sponsors and community partners interested in supporting Blackberry Nights and the continued growth of wine tourism throughout the Illinois Valley.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses of all sizes and include recognition on the Illinois Valley Wine Trail website, event marketing materials, event signage, and promotional campaigns.

In-kind contributions are also welcomed, including products, services, gift certificates, event support, printing, lodging, food, beverages, and other items that help create a memorable guest experience.

"Blackberry Nights is more than a single event," said Mercy Bordeaux, founder of the Illinois Valley Wine Trail. "It's an opportunity to showcase the wineries, businesses, artists, and hospitality that make the Illinois Valley special while building something that benefits our entire community."

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and passport information are available at:

[www.illinoisvalleywinetrail.com](http://www.illinoisvalleywinetrail.com)

## **Event Details**

Blackberry Nights

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Featuring:

- Wine Pairings
- Blackberry-Inspired Cuisine
- Local Art
- Live Music
- Founder's Edition Passport Opportunities

## **About the Illinois Valley Wine Trail**

The Illinois Valley Wine Trail connects visitors with wineries, events, and experiences throughout Southern Oregon's Hidden Wine Valley. Featuring Deer Creek Vineyards, Bridgeview Winery, Augustino Estate & Vineyard, and Foris Vineyards, the trail celebrates local wine, scenic landscapes, and memorable visitor experiences through seasonal events, educational content, and a year-round passport program.

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