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Put the wine to the test!

"Sideways in September."

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Royal Oak's [Vinoteca](#) welcomes wine lovers to join the walk around wine tasting event, which will celebrate Merlot. Since the 2004 movie *Sideways* depicted Merlot in a negative light, many people caught the impression that Pinot Noir is the absolute best wine to choose.

To help bring back the excitement for Merlot, Vinoteca is hosting a wine tasting event on September 23 from 7-9 p.m. The event "[Sideways in September](#)" is set out to change the minds of those who cut out Merlot on their wine list.

Visitors will be offered the opportunity to taste the difference for themselves by sampling 10-15 different wines. And of course, you can't forget to pair up your wine with decadent cheeses and charcuterie.

So, come out and enjoy the Merlot inspired wine tasting stroll. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Vinoteca Wine Bar and Restaurant is located at 417 South Main Street in Royal Oak. Call 248-544-6250 or visit www.vinoteca.com to make reservations for



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