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Wine and absinthe and a new restaurant

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Fancy flights — Vino-lovers often rave about the Loire Valley in the heart of France, renowned for the exceptional quality, variety and affordability of its wines. This Thursday, Aug. 13, Ann Arbor's Vinology will offer an outdoor tasting of the valley's famed wines. Tasting includes 6-8 wines with three plated appetizer pairings; \$35 per person plus tax and tip; at 7-9 p.m., at 110 S. Main St., Ann Arbor; 734-222-9841.

Wormwood high — Commune Lounge, the 1920s-style spot (think chandeliers and curtains) downstairs from Bastone in Royal Oak, is now presenting a new menu of Absinthe-inspired cocktails. The lounge opens at 6 p.m. and is open until midnight Monday-Wednesday, 1 a.m. Thursday, and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays. At 419 S. Main Street in Royal Oak.

New eats — Rochester Hills has a new restaurant: Chapman's Mill, on Crooks Road just north of M-59, is a casual bar and restaurant featuring American-friendly fare: steaks, seafood, salads, Black Angus burgers and St. Louis Style Ribs. Drop in for lunch, dinner and late-night meals on their landscaped patio, or sink some drinks at their 30-seat bar. At 2086 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills; 248-293-3366.

