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people can come for a day -- or take the train from Chicago or Detroit -- how cool is that!" said Mark Dressler, co-organizer of the event, along with Matt Sutherland.

KitchenAid, owned by the Benton Harbor-based Whirlpool Corp., is the prime sponsor.

An early heads up: A day pass will run \$129; two-day pass \$219. The schedule of presenters is not complete, nor are tickets available. But you can keep watch at [www.epicureanclassic.com](http://www.epicureanclassic.com).

## Michigan Wine Month

As declared by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, April is Michigan Wine Month, and it coincides with the release of the **2009 Michigan Wine Country** magazine produced by the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council.

It's the bible for maps, specific driving directions to the wineries, all the latest news and events. Even the ads tell you lots about the wineries and wine-country restaurants and inns.

The listings of wineries, all by region, make it easy to spot the ones that are new. This year, the state is up to a whopping 64 total, including the second winery in the U.P. -- **Threefold Vine**, owned by Andrew and Janice Green, located at a working farm. They grow their own grapes, all hybrids, off their land on the Garden Peninsula. (Read more about this winery next week.)

To request a complimentary copy of Michigan Wine Country, visit [www.michiganwines.com](http://www.michiganwines.com) or contact the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council at (517) 241-1207. Copies are available at wineries.

## Vinoteca and Vinology

The Royal Oak wine bar **Vinoteca** is celebrating Michigan Wine Month with a host of Michigan food items and wines by the glass. Special dishes include

pan-seared duck breast, Finnish beef pasties, grilled salmon and walnut-crusting pork medallions. Featured wines are Shady Lane Cellars Brut 2000, Left Foot Charley Pinot Blanc 2007, and Black Star Farms Arcturos Pinot Noir 2006. Vinoteca is at 417 S. Main St.; call (248) 544-6256.

Sister wine bar **Vinology** in Ann Arbor is touting local wines, too, with a special Michigan Winemaker Dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, featuring Larry Mawby and his bubbies. Mawby will present a seminar on sparkling wines. Cost is \$60 plus tax, and reservations are required. Vinology is at 110 S. Main St. Call (734) 222-9841.