

# Time to wine

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More than 50 liquor-licensed establishments and hundreds of galleries, boutiques and shops made this past weekend an experience sure to remember – if you didn't indulge too much. Whether experiencing the downtown walk-about, the Grand Tasting, or any other stop on the three-day Durango Wine Experience, there was something for everyone from well-trained connoisseurs to casual tasters. Even beer lovers got in on the action, with a sampling of some tasty handcrafted brews as well. And by the time the last bottle was uncorked, the communal buzz was palpable, morning-after headaches be damned.



From left, Troy Zabel, Christy Bloomquist and Brad Caskey enjoy fine conversation over fine wines at the White Dragon Tea Room during the walk-about Friday evening.



Hundreds of wines were offered under the big top during Saturday's Grand Tasting.



A wine distributor gives the inside scoop on her inventory at Gallery Azul on Friday night during the walk-about.



White, reds, and pinks all made appearances at the three-day event.