

CRITIC'S PICKS

| midnight Nov. 12, 2015 | Updated, 8:07 a.m.

The San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival spans seven days, with dozens of events and scores of chefs and wineries to choose from. Can't decide? Here are some highly subjective suggestions:

Fish Taco TKO

What's more San Diego than craft beer and fish tacos? This taste-off pits 12 restaurants, including Blind Burro, Don Chido, Puesto, Ironside Fish & Oyster, Pacific Beach Fish Shop and City Tacos North Park Taqueria, in a battle for the taco title. Craft beer and live music will pump up the party atmosphere.

6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The Quartyard, 1102 Market St., East Village. \$45.

Expedition: Baja

If you haven't experienced the best of what Baja has to offer, here's your chance. Highlights on this daylong adventure south of the border, led by Baja Wine + Food's knowledgeable and personable Fernando Gaxiola, include stops at such notable Valle de Guadalupe wineries as Finca La Carrodilla and Adobe Guadalupe, lunch prepared by chef Flor Franco, and dinner at Javier Plascencia's groundbreaking Misión 19 in Tijuana. Round-trip transportation provided. 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19 to approximately 12:30 a.m. Nov. 20. \$325. Group meets at the Old Town Transit Center.

Journey of the Senses with Georg Riedel

Many of SommCon's seminars are geared toward industry pros (case in point: "Wine Faults Workshop: Yeast, Bacterial and Sulfur Defects in Wine"), but serious enthusiasts will get a lot out of the explorations of regions or varietals. My pick for the non-pro would be Georg Riedel's comparative glassware tasting. Don't be scared off by the seemingly esoteric topic. Demonstrations by Riedel, the 10th-generation head of Riedel Crystal, are eye-opening, informative and fun. It's not just marketing - different wines really do taste different depending on the shape of the glass. Taste for yourself, with a pinot noir, syrah and cabernet sauvignon. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 20. Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place, downtown San Diego. \$75.

Michele Parente U-T