



Niagara Wine Trail Teams with the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation to Host First Ever Preseason Kickoff Weekend – Aug. 20-21, 2022

Aug. 10, 2022 (Lockport, NY) – Football season is here again! Celebrate with the Niagara Wine Trail and the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation during the first-ever Preseason Kickoff Weekend, Saturday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Presale tickets are \$45 and are available at www.NiagaraWineTrail.org. Proceeds benefit both organizations.

“We are excited to partner with members of the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation, who will be on hand at specific locations throughout the weekend,” said Shane Gustafson, president of the Niagara Wine Trail and owner of Gust of Sun Winery. “Everyone is encouraged to wear their football gear, bring memorabilia to have autographed, and take selfies with the alumni members.”

Buffalo Bills Alumni Appearance Schedule:

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 - 12 noon to 2 p.m.

A Gust of Sun Winery – 4515 Baer Rd., Ransomville, NY 14131

1. Paul Maguire - Buffalo Bills 1964-1970 / Punter / Former NFL & ESPN Sports Commentator
2. Ed Rutkowski - Buffalo Bills 1963-1968 / Positions played: Receiver, Defensive Back, Punt & Kickoff Return, Backup QB. / Rutkowski is also a former County Executive for Erie County, NY

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 - 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Becker Farms / Vizcarra Vineyards – 3724 Quaker Rd., Gasport, NY 14067

1. Booker Edgerson - Buffalo Bills 1962-1969 / Cornerback / Buffalo Bills Wall of Fame Honoree
2. Lou Piccone - Buffalo Bills 1977-1982 / Wide Receiver & Kick Return

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 - 2 to 4 p.m.

Schulze Vineyards & Winery – 2090 Coomer Rd., Burt, NY 14028

1. Ken Jones - Buffalo Bills 1976-1986 / Offensive Lineman
2. Jeff Nixon - Buffalo Bills 1979-1984 / Defensive Back

In addition, guests will receive a limited edition dual-branded Niagara Wine Trail and Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation stainless wine tumbler, as well as three tastes of wine from each participating winery. This self-led weekend also features various football-related activities and merchandise for sale from local vendors. Food trucks and other food options will also be available for purchase. Check www.NiagaraWineTrail.org for more information.

Participating wineries include:

- A Gust of Sun Winery & Vineyard (*Ransomville, NY*)
- Honeymoon Trail Winery (*Lockport, NY*)
- Leonard Oakes Estate Winery (*Medina, NY*)
- Long Cliff Vineyards (*Sanborn, NY*)
- Mayer's Lake Ontario (*Hilton, NY*)
- Schulze Vineyards & Winery (*Burt, NY*)
- Vizcarra Vineyards (*Gasport, NY*)
- The Winery at Marjim Manor (*Appleton, NY*)

For a full schedule of activities at each participating winery or to purchase tickets, visit www.NiagaraWineTrail.org. More information can also be found on the Niagara Wine Trail's Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information on the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation, visit www.BuffaloBillsAlumni.com.

The Niagara Wine Trail celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2022. The organization comprises 14 member wineries, situated between the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario, stretching through Niagara, Orleans and Monroe Counties. Each winery on the trail offers a diverse selection of traditional vinifera style, native, late harvest and ice wines, as well as unique styles such as award-winning fruit wines, meads and ciders. Its mission is to "work together to enhance the wine industry in the region through an array of intimate, authentic and charming guest experiences."