Smithsonian Associates

The Coolest Wines from the Hottest Regions
Spring Wine Adventures: A New Season of Wines
Tasting Kit Pick-Up Instructions

Thank you for registering for "**The Coolest Wines from the Hottest Regions**," which will take place on **Friday, May 22, 2026. Please read these instructions carefully.**

You may pick up your tasting kit(s) on **Thursday, May 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** OR **Friday, May 22**, **from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The pick-up location is **Cowbell Seafood & Oyster** (look for the big blue ceiling) at Union Market, 1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC 20002. Metro: NoMa–Gallaudet U station on the Red Line.

Please note that that Union Market is a vibrant and bustling hot spot, and we recommend arriving by metro. If you wish to drive, there is a free parking lot between 5th and 6th Neal Place, NE—entrance on 6th. Additional backup parking garages can be found in the area. Please visit the restaurant to pick-up your kit(s) only during the recommended windows. Note: Thursday between **11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** is preferred.

Please be prepared with the following info:

1. **NEW**: Your order confirmation, either printed or readily available on your smart phone
2. Your first and last name (please make sure to use the name that was used to register)
3. Number of tasting kits in your order

A staff member will check ID and distribute your tasting kit(s).

Chill: 1-4
Comparison recommendation: Please prepare two glasses

Glass bottle recycling: You may return your glass bottles to **Cowbell Seafood & Oyster** to be washed, sanitized, and reused. Please note that the restaurant can only receive used vials during pick-up windows for Smithsonian classes; the next pick-up dates will be **June 25 and 26.**

Looking forward to "seeing" you!