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By Lettie Teague

It's harvest time on the East End of Long Island. That's the annual grape harvest, as well as the second annual Harvest East End, a celebration of the wines of the North and South Forks. The festivities started on September 3rd with various wine seminars (aka 'salons') and private dinners and ends this Saturday the 17th with a big Festival Tasting and gala dinner and auction.



Lenn Thompson

The Harvest East End festival

The event attracts some of the region's top talent (i.e., local star chefs Tom Schaudel and Noah Schwartz), as well as its best wines. In fact just about every local winery will be represented one way or another at the tasting and dinner, both of which take place in Bridgehampton, New York.

I'm on the event's honorary committee (both this year and last), though the real work is all done by the region's winemakers and chefs, as well as the Long Island Wine Council and Long Island Merlot Alliance. I'm particularly interested in attending this year's Festival Tasting, which will showcase the wines of the terrific 2010 vintage on Long Island, many of which I tasted for my column last July.

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