

The logo for the Sonoma International Film Festival is displayed on a dark, wood-grain background. The word "SONOMA" is written in a large, stylized, green font with a glowing effect. To its right, the words "INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "14TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: APRIL 6-10, 2011" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

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SONOMA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL HOSTS "IT'S SO HOLLYWOOD; IT'S SO SONOMA"

A Red Carpet Event at ESTATE Restaurant

(January 27, 2011, Sonoma, CA) – The nominations are in! Enjoy the Academy Awards® among film enthusiasts and gourmands alike. A red carpet Oscar party will be hosted by the Sonoma International Film Festival at ESTATE Restaurant on Sunday, February 27, 2011.

A perfect opportunity to experience the glamour of Tinseltown's most celebrated awards ceremony right in the heart of Sonoma's wine country, the festive evening starts with a red carpet welcome at 3:30 pm. Gloria Ferrer sparkling wine, Hello Cello Limoncello di Sonoma, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by an elaborate buffet created by the culinary masterminds behind ESTATE and the girl & the fig catering.

Multiple large screens – including one in a secluded 'quiet room' – will showcase a live telecast of the 83rd Academy Awards® presented from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. Study the nominations and prepare your ballot for voting! There will be a ballot contest and prizes for winners.

A silent auction will run throughout the evening. Auction items include get-aways to Maui and Stinson Beach plus unique events like a themed progressive dinner, an outdoor movie & pizza party, and a mini yoga retreat. In addition, a restored antique baby grand piano will be up for auction along with activities such as private tennis lessons and dance classes at The Sonoma Academy of Dance and Arts.

An outdoor tent with bar will also be set up for the festivities. Passed hors d'oeuvres include fontina arrancini, mini calzones and pancetta "BLT" sandwiches. The tables will be tantalizingly decorated with chickpea fries, gnocchi fritti and salt cod croquettes. A sumptuous buffet will feature arugula and watermelon radish salad, truffled mac & cheese, and braised pork shoulder sugo with soft polenta. All followed by a dessert buffet that includes lemon meringue tartlets, brownie bites and mini fig crisps.

Tickets for the event are \$125 a person and can be purchased through the Sonoma International Film Festival's website, by phone, or at the Festival office.

ESTATE is located at 400 W. Spain St. in Sonoma, California.

About the Sonoma International Film Festival

The Sonoma International Film Festival is one of the top destination film festivals in the world and, located in the heart of Wine Country, is uniquely positioned to be a lively celebration of film, food and wine. An annual gathering for film industry insiders, cinema enthusiasts, filmmakers and critics, SIFF is considered among the most scenic and epicurean places to experience the art of film. Founded in 1997,

The Sonoma International Film Festival is a five day international event that takes pride in showcasing emerging talent and featuring unreleased films.

SIFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Festival supports the Sonoma Valley High School Media Arts program established over a decade ago by the Sonoma Film Society. For information, local travel advice and ticket sales, please contact the SIFF headquarters:

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About ESTATE

Housed in a historic building once owned by General Vallejo and located only four blocks from the Sonoma Plaza, ESTATE features rustic, Italian-inspired fare from veteran restaurateur Sondra Bernstein and managing partner, John Toulze – the duo responsible for the success of the girl & the fig. The latest venture to come from this dynamic partnership, ESTATE is set amongst a lush landscape boasting charming period details with modern appeal. Whether enjoying dinner or Sunday brunch, patrons are invited to sample seasonal Italian-inspired cuisine crafted from Sonoma's agricultural bounty.

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