

# GEORGIAN WINE FESTIVAL

You are invited to experience a weekend immersed in the rich and vibrant spirit of Georgia in this magnificent festival of wine and culture. Enjoy music, supra, wine education & tastings, and Georgia's famed cuisine. Hosted in Dartington Hall, a major cultural destination renowned for its visionary and inspiring events.

The country of Georgia in the Caucasus Mountains is often called 'The Cradle of Wine', and there is archaeological evidence of a continuous winemaking culture dating back 8,000 vintages. Georgia has an incredibly rich culture, with unique styles of polyphonic singing, dance, poetry and myth. Georgian cuisine has been shaped by influences from Asia, Turkey and Persia, and offers a wonderfully diverse set of flavours, with delicious gastronomy and over 500 unique grape varieties not found elsewhere, as well as traditional winemaking techniques using clay pots called Qvevri.

## TICKETS

**The festival will be held over three days. Guests can buy tickets for residential, full-weekend or single events. The weekend festival includes:**

- ~ Festival tasting of 100 Georgian wines to explore and buy.
- ~ Two masterclasses on Georgian qvevri amber wines and unique Georgian grape varieties, hosted by Masters of Wine Sarah Abbott and Justin Howard Sneyd.
- ~ Delicious Supra (the legendary Georgian Feast and toasting) in The Great Hall.
- ~ Polyphonic singing workshops and performance.
- ~ Other events to be announced.

**\*\*\*Please note that accommodation must be booked separately \*\*\***



Dartington's heritage manor house and grounds are set in 1,200 acres in Totnes, Devon. Despite the rural peace and natural beauty, access from major cities is straightforward on the fast intercity rail service to Exeter.



## PROGRAMME

*Enjoy an unforgettable weekend of wine, song and joy immersed in the richness of Georgian heritage and culture*

### Friday 13th October 2023

*Wine, song and stories: Georgian poetry and oral tradition*

### Saturday 14th October 2023

- *Polyphonic singing workshop*
- *Georgian Dance workshop*
- *Georgian Wine Masterclass with MWs Sarah Abbott and Justin Howard Sneyd*
- *Georgian Wine Festival: walk around tasting hosted by wine merchants*
- *Supra in the Great Hall, with tamada, wine and music*
- *Destination Georgia: a space dedicated to highlighting the entourism, eco tourism and cultural tourism opportunities in Georgia*

### Sunday 15th October 2023

- *Polyphonic singing workshop*
- *Georgian Dance workshop*
- *Georgian Wine Masterclass with Sarah Abbott and Justin Howard Sneyd MW*
- *Georgian Wine Festival: walk around tasting hosted by wine merchants*
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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.dartington.org/event/georgian-wine-festival/>

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