



Cartecay Vineyards
5704 Clear Creek Road
Ellijay, GA 30536



CHATEAU
MEICHTRY
Early Harvest and Winery
1862 Orchard Lane
Talking Rock, GA 30175



ELLIJAY RIVER VINEYARDS
EST. 2010
111 River Birch Lane
Ellijay, GA 30540



Engelheim
127 Lakeview Road
Ellijay, GA 30540



FAINTING
GOAT
VINEYARDS WINERY
201 Vineyard Way
Jasper, GA 30540



GilmerArts
207 Dalton Street
Ellijay, GA 30540

Ellijay, Georgia

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ELLIJAY WINE COUNTRY AND GILMER ARTS PRESENTS “PLEIN AIR AT THE VINEYARDS”
2016**

Ellijay, GA – Cartecay Vineyards, Chateau Meichtry, Ellijay River Vineyards, Engleheim Vineyards, Fainting Goat Vineyards and Gilmer Arts are proud to host the 2nd annual “*Plein Air at the Vineyards*”. Regional artists, working outdoors, "en plein air" in and around the vineyards over a three day weekend beginning Friday June 10th, and ending Sunday June 12th will create art based on the stunning views of the host vineyards. Works previously created by the artists will be available for purchase during the 3 day event, and the works created during the event will be offered for purchase at the closing reception, in a live auction. Events will include an opening reception on the evening of June 10th, a “Quick Draw” painting competition on the afternoon of the 11th, and a reception and live auction on the event’s closing afternoon/evening.

Portions of the proceeds from sale of the artwork will benefit the Boy & Girls Club of Ellijay, and Gilmer Arts.

On Sunday, representatives of each participating vineyard will select a “Vintners Choice” award winner from the works created by the artist painting at their location. That artist’s work will be featured as part of the vineyards’ marketing efforts.

The public is invited to visit each of the vineyards, watch the artists as they work, enjoy and purchase the artwork displayed, participate in the live auction, and enjoy the beauty that is the Ellijay Wine Country.

Ellijay Wine Country Passports will be available for \$27 presale, \$30 at the event, enabling patrons to visit and sample wine at each of the 5 participating vineyards, as well as participate in all event activities, including the Opening and Closing Receptions. Passports will be available for advance purchase at each vineyard, and at Gilmer Arts, 207 Dalton St. in Ellijay.

For more information, please contact Theresa Miller, event coordinator 404.281.3013.

Visit the Ellijay Wine Country website www.ellijaywinecountry.com, or the individual event hosts at their websites:

www.cartecayvineyards.com

www.chateauleichtry.com

www.ellijayrivervineyards.com

www.engelheim.com

www.faintinggoatvineyardsandwinery.com

www.gilmerarts.org