



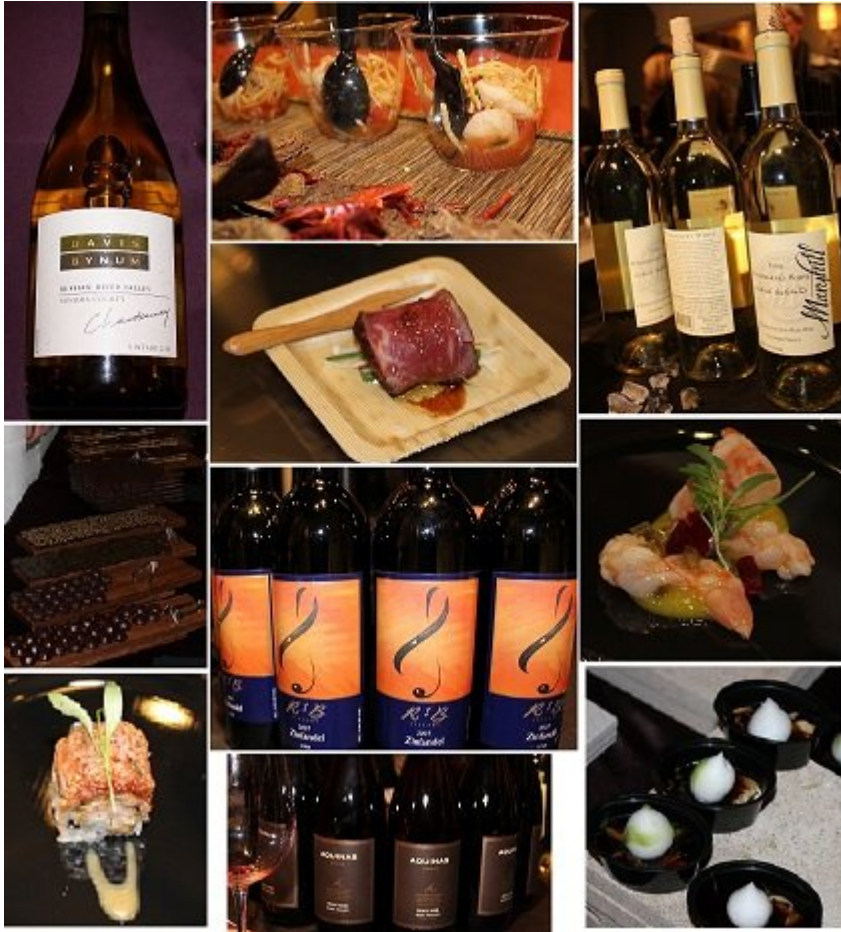
## [CHILL: An International Wine & Culinary Event](#)

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Great wine, delicious food, and beautiful kitchens all in the name of charity...that was CHILL. [LuxeHome's](#) 5<sup>th</sup> annual CHILL was a fabulous evening of wine & food, bringing together the culinary creations of top chefs from more than 40 Chicago restaurants with more than 150 wines spread throughout LuxeHome's maze of showrooms of luxury kitchens and bathrooms. I started the evening with dessert—a chocolate truffle filled with Gran Marnier caramel made by the [French Pastry School](#)—and it only got better from there. We enjoyed shrimp tempura sushi rolls by [Aria](#), lobster dumplings by [Roy's](#), chestnut and duck confit soup by [Keefer's](#), and of course, many great wines.



Pinot Noir was the queen of the ball. The majority of producers at CHILL were pouring Pinot Noir which was fine with me. Pinot Noir is one of my favorite wines to drink with food. It is very versatile, and with Thanksgiving around the corner, it makes for a great Thanksgiving wine. My favorite Pinot Noirs of the evening:

**Domaine Serene [Evanstad Reserve](#) Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2007:** Austere and highly nuanced, Evanstad Reserve is higher in acidity, lighter in body with pronounced toasted oak and a subtle medley of red fruit flavors.

**Merry Edwards [Klopp Ranch](#) Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2009:** Strikes the perfect balance between fruity and earthy. The bouquet of cherry, raspberry, moss, smoke and spice glides over your palate and lingers for a while.

**Kim Crawford [Pinot Noir](#) Marlborough 2009:** Nicely balanced with notes of cherry, raspberry, and smoky oak.



If Pinot Noir was the queen of the ball, then shrimp was the king. Coincidentally, two of my top three eats included shrimp: shrimp ceviche by [Mercadito](#) and shrimp cocktail with mango, wasabi, flor de jamaica noodles, pickled jalapeño, and cilantro by [One Sixty Blue](#). I also loved the prime delmonico by [Michael Jordan Steakhouse](#).

If you missed it, you missed a fantastic event. But, you can meet me there next year. If you did attend, please share your favorite eats and drinks in the comments.