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ROOT OF IT ALL The heirloom carrot and cauliflower steak with braised oxtail and sprouted barley ($37) at The Little Nell's element 47, which will be hosting special events during the Classic.

5K FUN Kicking off the Classic early with the traditional road race.

PARTY SCENE

There are **scheduled events**, like the Thursday night opening red-carpet party, the Publisher's Party and the Top of the Mountain Party on Saturday Night. However, to get into these exclusive soirees, you need invites and tickets from Food & Wine and/or its sponsors, and most if not all have sold out at press time

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these parties, it's best to ask around at the tents during the day. You may get lucky and score some access (caribouclub.com, kitchenaspen.com, dancingbearaspen.com). Finally, there are the **insider parties**. Think the Magnum Party, where the sommeliers and winery owners all bring out their big bottles; the 212 House, a revolving house party; the Riesling Party, which kicks off the festivities for wine geeks; and, new and hot, the post-Cochon Chefs' Brunch at Base Village in Snowmass (cochon555.com). *foodandwine.com/promo/events/2016-aspen-classic/classic-main*

Insider Tip: Three words: Network, network, network. It's who you know—but also who you meet—that provides the key to getting in on the food festival's social events.

UNDER COVER The food festival's tents are where the action is and home base for the Best New Chefs.

10 BEST THINGS ABOUT THE FOOD & WINE CLASSIC

Dining (and Mingling) at element 47 at The Little Nell

Executive Chef Matt Zubrod and Chef de Cuisine Patrick Dunn serve up some of the tastiest morsels in town, plated to perfection. And that's exactly what draws the Classic's cognoscenti to the restaurant's tables day and night during the weekend. Got a ressie? *thelittlenell.com/dining/element-47*

Catching Up With Old Friends

From Jacques Pépin to Chris Cosentino, generations of chefs come to Aspen for the Classic each year. It's the best place to see them in their civvies and catch up.

Something in the Air

There's a reason why everyone comes to the Classic—it's Aspen. The fragrance of a Rocky Mountain summer mingles with mouthwatering aromas wafting from the grills in the Cooking Tent.

Running With Chefs and Winemakers in the Celebrity Chef 5K Charity Run

You'll never forget Marcus Samuelsson or Danny Meyer kicking up their heels and leaving you in the dust on the Rio Grande Trail at dawn on the opening day of the Classic. *Rio Grand Place, 7-9:30AM, June 17*

Spying Television Stars in Aspen's Restaurants and Bars

Richard Blais, Anne Burrell, Andrew Zimmern, Tyler Florence: You've seen them on their popular Bravo, Food Network and Travel Channel shows. Suddenly, here they are in Aspen. Commercial-free

Getting a Signed Book for Your Kitchen Shelf

Sure you can get recipes online, but having Laura Werlin scribble a note in your *Grilled Cheese, Please!* book will really get you cooking.

Trysts in the Silver Queen Gondola After the Saturday Night Top of the Mountain Party

Friends become really good friends. No names mentioned (we'll never tell), but the gondola has sparked romance for more than one happy couple.

Getting Invited to Amazing After-Hours Parties (and After-Afterparties)

From the Magnum Party (only big bottles allowed) and the Court of Master Somms soiree to the 212 House, Grand Cochon and the Caribou Club, the town really amps up after midnight.

Starting Sunday With a Glass of Wine

They call it the hair of the dog, but it's just as likely to be a glass of Champagne that gets your motor running again at the Classic Cook-Off first thing Sunday morning.

The Scene in the Grand Tasting Pavilion Courtyard, Especially on Sunday

White tents, blue skies, green slopes and bright smiles on every face. Life is good. *foodandwine.com/promo/events/2016-aspen-classic/classic-main*

on the SCENE

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LUXE ADDRESS

Guests celebrate the next phase of development at Mountainside, Aspen's luxury residence club.

1. MJ Wolfe Faas and Beryl Manuel **2.** Ian Mullin, Pamela Ross and Teddy Farrell **3.** Rachael Bannon, Adam Hoffman, and Travis and Jessie Hjorth **4.** Jody and Sandy McCowen, and Debbie Middleton **5.** May Selby and Teddy Farrell **6.** Mountain Flowers of Aspen transformed the space beautifully with decor and florals.

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THE PARTY Dancing Bear Aspen hosted the exclusive **Mountainside preview party** to usher in the second phase of Aspen's most exquisite Private Residence Club. THE GUESTS Owners, prominent Aspenites and top-selling brokers who were hand-selected by Dancing Bear Aspen brokers came to see the newly unveiled model residence. THE HIGHLIGHTS There was a treasure-hunt feel to the tour, as owners and guests were led through the newly completed residences, penthouse and tunnel, before ending up under the stars on Dancing Bear Aspen's rooftop terrace. There, surrounded by stunning vistas and overlooking Wagner Park, guests sipped specialty cocktails provided by the Carbondale-based artisan Marble Distilling, while sampling sushi from Caribou Club and the exotic Argentinian flavors of Dancing Bear Aspen's resident chef, Talo.

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